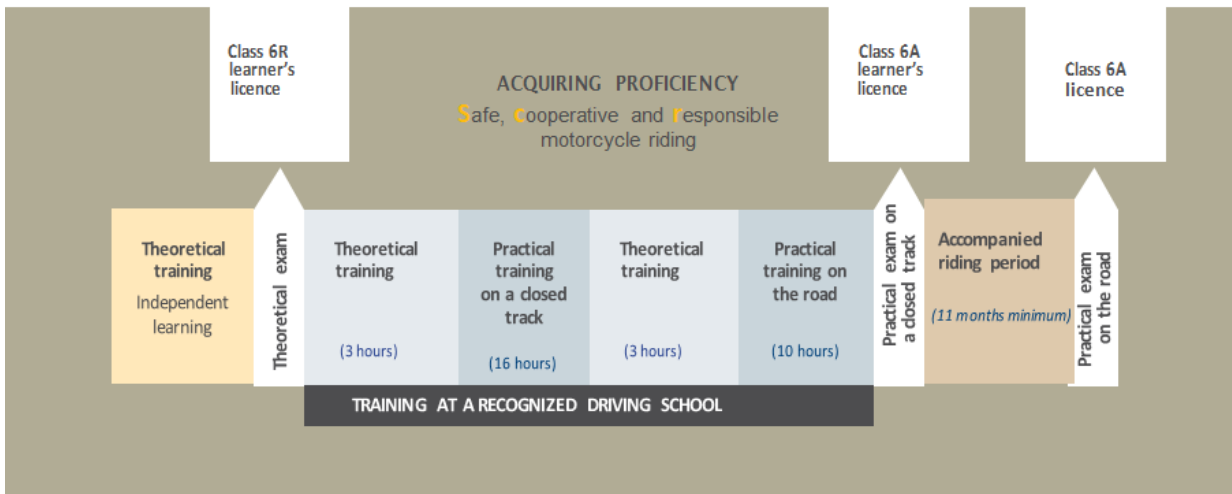


News Bulletin from the AQTr # 4 – 2016: Message from the SAAQ
2016 Motorcycle Season

This news bulletin is to share information on various sections of the training as well as on the exams of motorcyclists-to-be.

1. ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM – OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE

2015 was a transition period towards the new Road Safety Education Program – Operating a Motorcycle. Since this period was actually too short to come to conclusions and lead to some changes, the SAAQ wants the Program to be applied as is for 2016.



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However, since there is no compulsory training to follow before taking the 1st theoretical exam of the SAAQ, it is important to remind that driving schools are allowed to offer preparation training for this exam. The Operating a Motorcycle Guide should therefore be used since the questions of the theoretical exam are related to its content.

Also, driving schools have to give the six hours of theoretical training prescribed by the Road Safety Education Program – Operating a Motorcycle (Preparing for Practical Training on the Closed Track & Preparing for Practical Training on the Roadway). For instance, a driving school that has given 3 hours of theoretical training in preparation for the 1st theoretical exam will need to give in total 9 hours of theoretical training to the customers.

- The potential applications of the RSEP – Motorcycle that were made in 2015 will be maintained during the 2016 season:

Program Regulations of the RSEP – Motorcycle	Potential applications
In-class Theoretical Training	
<i>The in-class theoretical training Preparing for Practical Training on the Roadway must be completed after the practical training IV on a closed track.</i>	<i>The in-class theoretical training Preparing for Practical Training on the Roadway could be completed after the practical training II on a closed track.</i>
Practical Training	
<p>On a Closed Track</p> <p>A maximum of eight (8) hours of practical training on a closed track can be given within a seven-day period, starting on Sunday.</p> <p>On the Roadway</p> <p>A maximum of six (6) hours of practical training on the roadway can be given within a seven-day period, starting on Sunday.</p>	<p>When pairing¹ the practical trainings on the closed track and on the roadway, it will be possible for the student to follow maximum 10 hours of practical training within a seven-day period, starting on Sunday.</p> <p>For instance, it will be possible to do the trainings III and IV on a closed track (for a total amount of 8 hours) and the 1st on-the-road session (for a total amount of 2 hours) within a period of 7 days, starting on Sunday.</p>

- Moreover, in order to make the management of the RSEP – Motorcycle easier, and to adapt the training to the customers' needs, the SAAQ allows these changes:

Practical Training Part	Initial Norms of Application of the Program	Changes that were Made
On closed track circuit	▪ 16 hours	▪ 16 hours minimum
On the road	▪ 10 hours	▪ 6 hours minimum
On closed track or on the road		▪ 4 adjustable hours according to the learner's needs (these 4 hours can be done either on closed track or on the road)
Total number of training hours	▪ 26 hours of practical training	▪ At least 26 hours of practical training

¹ If the on-closed-track and on-the-road practical trainings are not paired, the maximum durations prescribed by the Program must be respected (8 hours of practical training on a closed track and 6 hours of practical training on the roadway).

2. OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE GUIDE

The 2nd edition of the Operating a Motorcycle Guide will be available in mid-February 2016. This updated edition offers explanations and additional precisions.

3. THEORETICAL EXAMS

Success rates are followed quite closely in order to make sure that exam questions are clear and precise enough.

More precisely, questions which success rate is too low will be analysed and studied. If required, clarifications are given to these questions.

In order to help learners to pass their motorcycle theoretical exam, it is strongly advised to refer them to the content of the news bulletin which was published by the AQTr on July 2, 2015².

4. PRACTICAL EXAMS (ON CLOSED TRACK AND ON THE ROAD)

In the light of the 2015 motorcycle season experience, a few adjustments will be made to the practical exams (on closed track and on the road) in the next few weeks.

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5. AUTOMATIC MOTORCYCLES

The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) would like to inform that automatic motorcycles must not be used for practical training, neither on the closed track nor on the roadway.

It is important to remind that these motorcycles are not accepted for taking the practical exams (nor on closed track or on the road) of the SAAQ.

² [News Bulletin from the AQTr #20 – 2015](#): Message from the SAAQ – 2015 Theoretical Exam for Motorcycle