

POL01/16-DRIVING A MOTORCYCLE OF UP TO 125CC WITH A CATEGORY B DRIVING LICENCE

PROCEDURES

1	OBJECTIVE
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Introduction

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licence) Regulations as per Subsidiary Legislation 65.18 stipulate that a person should undergo a driving test to obtain the Category A1 driving licence.

Definition of Category A1 motorcycles in Subsidiary Legislation 65.18:

(a) Motorcycles with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cc, of a power not exceeding 11kilowatts (kW) and with a power/weight ratio not exceeding 0.1kW/Kg;

(b) Motor tricycles with a power not exceeding 15kW the minimum age for obtaining or holding a driving license for this category should be that of 18 years of age.

With the new Policy coming into effect as of the 1st January 2016

In accordance with Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on Driving Licenses Member States may grant the following equivalence;

Category A1 motorcycles under a licence for Cat B. However, this is only valid on national territory and shall not indicate on the driving licence that a holder is entitled for such vehicles.

2	TRAINING
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- 2.1 Persons must be in possession of a valid Category B driving licence;
- 2.2 Persons must undergo practical training with a professional licensed motoring school with Category A requirements and approved by Transport Malta. The training shall consist of ten (10) hours training, comprising of 30% theory and 70% practical. Training will include basic vehicle controls and ancillary controls. Only two-wheel motorcycles may be used during training. The guidelines to become an approved training provider for this training will be issued and approved by Transport Malta;
- 2.3 The training should be specified for auto transmission (restricted only and certified to drive automatic transmission) or semi-automatic (restricted only and certified to drive semi-automatic transmission) or manual (open to drive manual, automatic or semi-automatic motorcycles);

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- 2.4 Training should be covered by an adequate insurance and it is the responsibility of the training provider (motoring school) to provide such coverage;
- 2.5 The motoring school will issue a certificate once the training has been successfully completed. The certificate should bear the name, surname and Identity Card number of the individual. This certification should be presented to Transport Malta together with the valid driving licence in order for Transport Malta to endorse the code on the client's driving licence.

3 CONDITIONS

As of the 1st January 2016, holders of a Maltese driving license in Category B, can ride a motorcycle having a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cc if powered by an internal combustion engine and having a power rating not exceeding 11 kilowatts (kW) and with a power/weight ratio not exceeding 0.15 kilowatts (kW) per kilogram if it is powered by an electric motor on Maltese territory.

- 3.1 FULLY, SEMI AUTOMATIC and MANUAL motorcycles may be driven under this scheme. However, if the candidate undertakes the training course stated hereunder on a fully or semi-automatic motorcycle, he/she will only be allowed to drive a fully or semi-automatic motorcycles. Whereas the candidate undergoing training on a manual motorcycle, he/she will be allowed to drive manual, fully or semi-automatic motorcycles;
- 3.2 Cannot carry a pillion (Insurance to note on Policy);
- 3.3 The driver should have a valid insurance certificate issued once the ten-hour training is completed and driving licence endorsed by Transport Malta with a national code 111;
- 3.4 The driver must carry the newly endorsed (by Transport Malta) driving licence at all times;
- 3.5 New Category B drivers with a probationary driving license (3 years), who lose their driving license due to accumulation of penalty points or drivers whose licence will be withdrawn by court, will automatically lose the right to drive a motorcycle in this category;
- 3.6 Any motorcycle falling under the category of 125cc of a power not exceeding 11kilowatts (kW) and with a power-weight ratio not exceeding 0.15kW/kg will not be allowed by Transport Malta to be modified.
- 3.7 No motorcycles are allowed to be driven under this scheme if they exceed 11 kilowatts (kW). If the number of kilowatts is not shown on the motorcycle's registration certificate (logbook), the candidate is obliged to provide such information from the manufacturer or his representative by means of an endorsed declaration of the manufacturer or representative. Transport Malta

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will not approve/authorise any motorcycle modifications to exceed the 11 kilowatts (kW) .

4. Other Conditions

- 4.1 A licence holder with a Category B driving licence issued within a Member State should exchange his/her foreign driving licence with a Maltese one prior to undergo the ten hour training and certified by Transport Malta in order to be able to drive the motorcycle under this scheme. This policy is aimed only for persons having their normal residence in Malta.
- 4.2 Non-EU residents will have to undergo the normal procedures of obtaining the Category B Maltese driving licence prior to benefit from this scheme; it is to be noted that non EU residents are allowed by law to drive a vehicle in Malta for one year from their date of entry once they have a valid driving licence.
- 4.3 Drivers who want to carry a pillion cannot drive a motorcycle under this Category. In order to be able to carry a pillion, he/she will effectively need to obtain a Category A1 driving licence.