

RIDERCOACH PREPARATION (RCP) COURSE FAQs

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the motorcycle operator training program in Texas. We are looking for dedicated individuals to teach basic and advanced motorcycle operator training courses. Dedication is necessary because the title of RiderCoach carries with it many responsibilities. RiderCoaches are expected to develop professional facilitation skills along with evaluation and coaching abilities, set an example for your course participants and other riders, keep up to date on rider skill training techniques and maintain a high level of professionalism and riding proficiency. Below are some common questions regarding the RiderCoach process.

What is a RiderCoach?

RiderCoach is another name for Instructor. RiderCoaches conduct basic and advanced training courses using curriculum from the [Motorcycle Safety Foundation \(MSF\)](#). RiderCoaches use adult learning principles to facilitate courses in a low threat and positive learning environment. This is not a lecture-based course, so the term RiderCoach better describes what you do ... coach riders.

What are the requirements to become RiderCoach?

Review the minimum requirements below to verify you are eligible for consideration to become a RiderCoach. Requirements must be met at time of application submittal.

Verify you meet the minimum requirements as outlined in excerpts of the Texas Administrative Rules, Section 31.3:

- be a high school graduate or possess a valid GED
Include copy of High School diploma, GED certificate or College Degree with application.
- possess a current valid motorcycle license for at least two years
- be free from addiction to alcoholic beverages or drugs
- be physically able and mentally competent to conduct correct classroom and on-cycle instruction, including technically correct riding demonstrations
- hands-on CPR training from a nationally recognized provider
- hands-on Basic First Aid or Trauma First Aid training from a nationally recognized provider

Note: CPR and First Aid training courses must be attended in person and provide hands-on skills practice. Certification will only be accepted from Providers that meet or exceed the curriculum standards of American Red Cross, American Heart Association, DOT or NHTSA.

Review the websites below to determine if you meet the driving record and criminal history minimum requirements as outlined in the Texas Administrative Rules, Section 31.2 (b).

- Driving offenses: No more than 9 points. [DRIVING RECORD EVALUATION](#)
If you do not have a Texas driver license, or have had a Texas motorcycle license for less than two years, submit with your application a copy of your out of state driving record and a letter/document from your previous state of residence showing the date you received your motorcycle endorsement.
- Criminal offenses: Criminal history search includes felonies, criminal offenses involving moral turpitude, tampering with governmental records, driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, or an offense committed as a result of criminally negligent operation of a motor vehicle. [MORAL TURPITUDE](#)
Print the Directions to Complete Background Check document from the Applications link on our website then call the Motorcycle Safety Unit at (512) 424-2021 to request your Agency Number.

How do I apply to become a RiderCoach?

Review the requirements above to be sure you meet the minimum standards, and if so complete the application and mail it to our office along with copies of the necessary documentation. Faxed or Scanned applications will not be accepted.

When will I know if I'm accepted in the RCP?

All applications will be reviewed as they are received. You will be notified upon receipt of your application then again meet the minimum standards. Payment will not be required until 90 days prior to the start of the RCP.

How long is the RCP?

The RCP is 10 days over 3 weeks.

Week 1 - Wednesday through Sunday

Week 2 - OFF

Week 3 - Wednesday through Sunday

What does the RCP cost?

The course costs \$200 and includes instructional material (RiderCoach Guide). Applicant is responsible for expenses related to meals, mileage and lodging.

When do I pay for the RCP?

Payment will not be required until 90 days prior to the start of the RCP. Upon receipt of payment you will receive a RiderCoach Guide along with a pre-course assignment. This assignment must be completed and returned two weeks prior to the start of the RCP.

What is covered during the RCP?

During the RCP, RiderCoach Trainers will go over the specifics of teaching the MSF's Basic RiderCourse and give you a few days to practice teaching your peers before you teach novice students.

What are the requirements for successfully completing a RCP?

- Complete a pre-course assignment
- Attend all classroom and range sessions
- Pass a riding skill evaluation
- Pass a knowledge test
- Receive positive feedback on a Qualitative Assessment
- Receive a satisfactory evaluation on classroom and range teaching assignments in an actual basic motorcycle operator training course to be conducted during the final weekend of the RCP

Upon successful completion of the RCP, RiderCoaches are "nationally certified" by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and "state approved" by the Texas Department of Public Safety Motorcycle Safety Unit to facilitate the MSF Basic RiderCourse in Texas.