

COMMONLY ASKED MOTORCYCLE QUESTIONS

1. How do I register for a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) class?

Before registering for a class, see your unit (CO, BN, or BDE) Motorcycle Mentor Program Coordinator. Go to the registrations website at <https://imc.army.mil/airs> on a government computer. Select all/west region, select JBLM, select month, select course, and submit your request for registration.

2. Can my family members take the course?

No. Only Active duty personnel, Guard, and Reserve, and DAC that ride a MC as part of their daily duties can attend. Guard and Reserve must be on active duty and bring a letter stating that to the class, even if it's only for the dates of the class. This is considered mandatory military training.

3. How much does Basic Rider Course, Experienced Rider Course, and Military Sports Rider Course cost?

Free – which is why they are in such high demand.

4. What do I need for the course?

During the COVID -19 epidemic, regardless of the course you take, you will need to bring your own PPE: helmet, full fingered gloves, face covering, long sleeved shirt, long pants, over the ankle boots (not high tops).

5. Will taking the MSF course give me my motorcycle license?

No. The MSF courses do not have state licensing authority. After successful completion of the training you will receive an MSF card, which depending upon your state driver's license, you will need to take/send to your state licensing office to receive the MC endorsement. Go to the drivers licensing authority website for your state to find the exact requirements. Typically, you have 180 days from the date on the card to do this.

6. How does this website work?

This is an Armywide website maintained by the Army Safety Center. When you sign up for a class you'll need to select a region (West), a location (JBLM), and what type of class you're looking for. Once you've identified that a calendar pops up with dates for the classes. If the class date is "grayed out" then the class is full. Click on an open class date to see additional information on the course. Always look at both the "Registered" and "Pending" numbers. Registered equates to how many personnel are already registered for the class; Pending is how many personnel have already submitted a request for that class date. If the number total for both are over 12 (the max amount of students per class), then go to another class date as this one is full.

7. Why won't the registration site work from my home or phone?

The site is CAC enabled and must be used from a Government computer. Air Force and other services personnel must contact the Joint Base Safety Office to be manually registered.

8. What class do I need?

See your unit Motorcycle Mentor. Under the progressive motorcycle program outlined in AR 385-10, chapter 11, paragraph 11-7a(5) all riders must complete the Basic Rider Course, Experienced Rider Course, Military Sports Rider Course or Advanced Rider Course; and Motorcycle Refresher Training if deployed for more than 180 days. Sustainment training is required every five years. Motorcycle Refresher Courses are conducted at the unit level

9. What class do I need for my particular MC?

All service members/riders are required to take the Basic Rider Course (BRC) once. Small cc standards, Enduros, touring/cruisers, and adventure bikes will take the Experienced Rider Course within 12 months of

completing the BRC. Sport bikes, hyper standards, sport touring and sport related bikes take the Military Sports Rider Course, also must be taken within a year of the BRC. If you have a three wheel spyder or similar type of vehicle, take the BRC. It is highly recommended that you take a three wheel course if available in your area. If you have any questions about your type of motorcycle, call the Joint Base Safety Office, 253.966.0632.

10. If I don't see any open classes, how do I get a seat?

Keep checking the registration website. Classes are loaded on or about the last week of the month for the following month or you can come in as a walk-in standby (see Q15)

11. Why aren't there more classes?

The contract performance work statement for JBLM outlines a target number of classes. In addition, JBLM has only two full time contracted instructors and one part-time instructor. This also limits how many classes can be done.

12. Why do you only have classes out one month in advance?

Historically, no show rates for students when they try and plan more than one month ahead are astronomical. Mission changes and personal matters make scheduling so far in ahead difficult.

13. Can I register for multiple classes in order to make sure I get a seat?

No. The registration software will only allow one registration per person per type of course until that date has lapsed.

14. I signed up but haven't received any response on my status.

You can check the status of your registration by going back to the website, click on the "Students" tab, and putting in your first/last name and SSN. Each registration must be manually approved, so don't expect a response as soon as you put in your request.

15. Can I walk in and get a seat if no one shows up?

Yes. We offer a walk-in stand-by for any open seats or seats not filled by registered students. This is done on a first-come, first-served basis. DO NOT SIGN UP AS A STAND-BY ON THE REGISTRATION WEBSITE. If you do, you will not be able to register for a firm class date until after the stand-by date has passed.

16. If I am pulled from a class can my buddy finish the course? Can someone take my place?

No. A standby person will get the slot if you can't come at the beginning of the course. The slot goes empty if you get pulled during the course.

17. What do I need to ride on post?

There is no difference between riding on or off the installation. The requirements for Q7 above are for all instances of legal on-road riding. Items you should always have on you when riding your motorcycle: endorsed license, registration, insurance, and proof of attendance of mandatory motorcycle training courses (training completion card). As far as PPE, JBLM requires helmet, eye protection, full fingered gloves, long sleeved shirt, long pants, and over the ankle footwear.

18. If I take the course downtown can I be reimbursed?

No. There is an Army contract in place to provide the service to you. However, if you take a course off-installation and it is approved by the state you're licensed from, that is just as good as taking the class on the installation. You don't have to do both. You just won't get reimbursed for taking the class off the installation.

19. I am coming back from deployment. Can I reserve a class for my unit?

No. Returning unit schedules are too fluid with many changes. Personnel may sign up from their deployed location, if computers are available for them to do so.

20. I recently bought a motorcycle. Can I get into a course next week?

Probably not. During the summer, JBLM BRC classes are typically full one week from posting. Since the office provides the motorcycles, there is no need for you to bring your own to attend the BRC. If you plan on riding a motorcycle or think you may want to, then sign up for a class well in advance.

21. Do I need to wear a reflective vest while I ride my motorcycle?

No. It is no longer required by AR 385-10; however, if your unit or service requires it, you must abide by their direction.