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Motorcycle Instructor Preparation Courses Now Available

AUSTIN – Motorcycle instructor preparation courses are now available in Texas.

To become licensed as a motorcycle instructor in Texas, a person must complete an instructor preparation course administered by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). The course is now available for registration at [TEEX's website](#). Motorcycle schools licensed in Texas can contract with TEEX to conduct any TDLR-approved instructor training course at their own facilities, under the supervision of TEEX.

“Motorcycle safety is an important issue in Texas. We need more instructors available to teach the thousands of Texans who want to ride motorcycles, and this course provided by TEEX will ultimately help make our state safer,” said Brian E. Francis, TDLR executive director. “If you’re a motorcycle rider who’s passionate about riding – and you want to help educate new riders – we need you to take this course and become an instructor.”

The TEEX course prepares instructor candidates to teach motorcycle safety to students wanting to qualify to obtain a motorcycle driver license or endorsement. Once candidates successfully complete the course, they will be eligible to obtain a [Texas Motorcycle Instructor License](#) from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). Licensed instructors can teach any course in motorcycle operation approved by TDLR.

“TEEX is pleased to continue its long history of serving the needs of Texans by providing high-quality vehicle safety training. We are looking forward to the return of civilian rider training to our campus along with our police motorcycle operator program,” said John M. Ray, PhD, Director of the TEEX Institute for Law Enforcement and Protective Services Excellence.

TDLR took over the Motorcycle Safety and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Operator Safety programs on Sept. 1, 2020. Senate Bill 616 (Texas Legislature 86th Regular Session) transferred the programs from the Texas

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Department of Public Safety to TDLR, which already oversees the [Driver Education and Safety \(DES\)](#) program.

The [Motorcycle Safety program](#) regulates and licenses instructors and schools that conduct motorcycle operation and safety courses. The ATV Operator Safety program regulates and licenses instructors who conduct courses on safely operating off-highway vehicles including all-terrain vehicles.

TDLR's DES program includes traditional driver education, the parent-taught driver education program and the Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness program, a court-mandated course that focuses on the effects of drugs and alcohol on driving.

About TDLR

TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 40 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 1,000,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's [website](#) for more information and resources. You can search the [TDLR licensee database](#), and also find [past violations](#) in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

About TEEX

TEEX makes a difference by providing training, developing practical solutions, and saving lives. Home to some of the world's top training facilities, the emergency preparedness campus in Bryan/College Station includes the Brayton Fire Training Field, Disaster City® and the Emergency Operations Training Center. Customized TEEX training programs develop practical solutions for each client's need through hands-on instructional facilities for public utilities, law enforcement and unexploded ordinance training at the home campus or at customer-specified locations worldwide. By placing safety and well-being above all and by focusing on prevention and response, TEEX has become a comprehensive training provider through more than 80 years of extension training. Working with other agencies and encouraging involvement has led to better fire safety and emergency response, cleaner drinking water, better roads and infrastructure, improved homeland security, safer workplaces, heightened public safety and security, new therapeutics manufacturing and the evolution of cybersecurity. Through innovative programs and adaptive outreach, TEEX services are created to train the people who expand the security, occupational and economic development of Texas and beyond.

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