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Motorcycle Training Courses Help Make Riders Safer *Instructors Needed; Preparation Courses Now Available*

AUSTIN – May marks the month when motorcycle riders across the state are hopping on their motorcycles to enjoy warmer temperatures. But how many of them have taken either a basic instructional course or a refresher if they’ve been away from motorcycling for a while?

During Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) reminds both new and seasoned riders that taking an approved motorcycle safety course can provide the skills necessary for obtaining a Texas motorcycle driver license or endorsement – or can reinforce skills that haven’t been used recently.

But all those motorcycle safety courses require licensed motorcycle instructors before students can learn important skills for protecting themselves while they’re riding their motorcycles.

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). 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.

“If you’re a motorcycle rider who’s passionate about riding – and you want to help educate new riders – we need you to take one of these instructor courses offered by TEEX so you can go on to teach others,” said Brian E. Francis, TDLR executive director.

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 TDLR. Licensed instructors can teach any course in motorcycle operation approved by TDLR.

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The TDLR [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.

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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