

## BASIC RIDERCOURSE<sup>SM</sup> (UPDATED) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Because the BRC (updated) is modularized and allows for multiple delivery options, initial information may seem a bit overwhelming. Once a jurisdiction determines the delivery option it will use, implementation becomes easy to understand.
2. The preferred delivery option is the e3x5x10 program, which uses the MSF Basic *eCourse*, a 5-hour formal classroom, and 10 hours of range.
3. For a snapshot comparison of the BRC 2013 and BRC (updated), see the segment titled SNAPSHOT at the end of this document.

### GENERAL

#### 1. What is the BRC (updated)?

- A modularized, electronic-delivery-aided learn-to-ride program
- As an option, the online MSF Basic *eCourse* is used as a prerequisite for some formal instruction
- Has new range exercises (a total of 14 exercises plus a new skill test)
- The skill test aligns with the MSF Rider Skill Test (RST) used by many state DMVs
- Has an expanded Rider Handbook and RiderCoach Guide
- The classroom has Level I and Level II components, but not like in the BRC 2013. In the BRC (updated), Level I refers to the content of the Rider Handbook (and MSF Basic *eCourse*), and Level II refers to the new behavioral content.

#### 2. What is the primary option for implementing the BRC (updated)?

- The e3x5x10 program, where “e3” refers to the online MSF Basic *eCourse*, “5” refers to the all-new Level II behavioral content, and “10” refers to the new range exercises

#### 3. What is the primary alternate option for implementation?

- The 5x5x10 program, which is used if a jurisdiction is not ready for the MSF Basic *eCourse* and has the capability to offer a 20-hour program
  - i. The first “5” refers to the Level I formal classroom (which is an alternative to the MSF Basic *eCourse*); the second “5” refers to the all-new Level II behavioral content, and “10” refers to the new range exercises

#### 4. Can a BRC 2013 or BRC (updated) enrollee complete the MSF Basic *eCourse* if it is not required?

- Yes, an enrollee may still complete it as a personal activity

#### 5. Are other BRC (updated) options available?

- Yes. See RERP requirements on RETSORG for details

#### 6. What if a program does not want to adopt the new curriculum immediately?

- The BRC 2013 will be supported indefinitely with the exception of the 7.1 Rider Handbook and training aids. The new Rider Handbook is backwards-compatible and will be supplied once the existing inventory of Rider Handbooks is gone. RiderCoaches will be sent a BRC 2013 Insert Kit for using the new Rider Handbook. The Kit contains the new Rider Handbook, the slide presentation, new classroom lesson plans, and new RCG materials. (See the FAQs for the Rider Handbook 2014 on RETSORG for more information about the BRC 2013 Insert Kit.)

#### 7. Can a site offer both the BRC 2013 and the BRC (updated)?

- Yes. New RERP and range documentation is required before new range work can begin, and RCs must be certified for the BRC (updated)

#### 8. How is knowledge testing used in the BRC (updated)?

- There are three knowledge tests, and they may be used separately or in any combination
  - i. The MSF Basic *eCourse* knowledge testing: a test after each of the 12 sections
  - ii. Level I student knowledge testing: a 25-item multiple choice test over Rider Handbook content

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iii. Level II student knowledge testing: a 25-item multiple choice test over the Rider Handbook content, Level II content, and range exercise content

**9. How is skill testing used in the BRC (updated)?**

- The skill test uses the Rider Skill Test (RST) evaluations plus a curve evaluation

**10. How can jurisdictions implement the BRC (updated)?**

- Request adoption through MSF Training Systems or RERP Department
- Coordinate timelines and costs through MSF

**11. How is the MSF Rider Enrollment System integrated with the BRC (updated)?**

- Seamlessly and comprehensively
- Alternate registration systems can be accommodated

**12. When will a state or site be able to implement the BRC (updated)?**

- As soon as an implementation plan is developed by the jurisdiction and RERP requirements are met
- Sites will need jurisdictional approval

**13. How will RERP be affected?**

- There will be a RERP Addendum to address the BRC (updated)
- Sites will need to ensure their RERP agreement is current and ranges have been recognized by MSF for the new curriculum

**14. What does the Site Kit consist of and what is its cost?**

- A site will have to purchase a Site Kit
  - i. A Site Kit is designed for a 12-student class; if more than 12 students are in the classroom, additional Site Kits are needed
- Consists of 2 wall charts, 4 eye charts, 6 rulers, 4 floor mats, 2 decks of large playing cards, one pair of Fatal Vision® Goggles (if needed), one roll of floor tape, and DVD with slide presentation and student materials (wall charts require the use of dry erase marking materials)
- Cost for a complete kit is \$275. If a site already has goggles from the BRC2 Kit, the cost is \$185.

**15. What does the RiderCoach Guide contain and what does it cost?**

- Contains a Rider Handbook, DVD with data files (slide presentations and select course forms), and Range Cards
- Cost is \$75

**16. What is the replacement cost for individual items in the Site Kit or RiderCoach Guide?**

- Visit the MSF Online Store for availability and latest pricing

**17. How will MSF's Quality Assurance (QA) system work with the BRC (updated)?**

- Integrated into the Rider Enrollment System (RES)
- A new program for Quality Assurance Specialist certification is now available
- Visit RETSORG or contact MSF's Quality Assurance and Research department for information

**18. How will the MSF Q-Center be used for the BRC (updated)?**

- The Q-Center is now a part of an overall Professional Development Center

**19. How long does it take the typical student to complete components of the BRC (updated)?**

- Times are nominal and may vary
  - i. MSF Basic eCourse: approximately 3-4 hours
    - MSF Basic eCourse graduates have permanent access, may repeat the MSF Basic eCourse at any time with no additional fees, and are able to print out a new completion certificate with a new date

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- ii. Level I classroom (if MSF Basic *eCourse* is not used): 5 hours
- iii. Level II classroom: 5 hours
- iv. Levels I and II range, plus skill test: 10 hours

### 20. What is the cost of the MSF Basic *eCourse*?

- \$19.99 is the one-time cost
- Once completed, the course may be repeated indefinitely

### 21. Is the MSF Basic *eCourse* required for enrollment in the BRC (updated)?

- No, but it is the preferred method of delivery for Level I content
- If not required for local programs, it may be completed by BRC enrollees anyway

### 22. How long is the MSF Basic *eCourse* certificate valid?

- For 30 days from the date on the printed certificate

### 23. How are walk-ins handled?

- Determined by local policies and procedures
- The RERP Addendum contains additional information

### 24. How will a person pay for the MSF Basic *eCourse*, and does this affect BRC (updated) tuition?

- Determined by jurisdictional policies and procedures; there are options that do not affect tuition

### 25. How will release of the BRC (updated) affect other MSF *RiderCourses*?

- As courses are revised, content will be adjusted to align more closely with the BRC (updated)

### 26. Are results from the MSF100 included in the BRC (updated)?

- Not directly, but as results become known, new information will be provided

### 27. Will compact, alternate, and adjusted ranges work with the BRC (updated)?

- Yes. Some range diagrams will be available in RETSORG

## RIDER HANDBOOK AND CLASSROOM

### 1. What is different about the Rider Handbook?

- In color and has expanded content with more images and illustrations
- Has 175 study questions
- Includes 10 activity sheets for Level II classroom use

### 2. What is different about classroom methods?

- The read-and-report chunking method with small groups is still used
- A slide presentation is used for classroom discussion

### 3. How many slide presentations are there?

- Five, and which slide presentations are used depends on the delivery option chosen:
  - i. Slide Deck A: used for Level II content
  - ii. Slide Deck B: used for Level I content if Level II content is not part of the program
  - iii. Slide Deck C: used for Level I content if Level II content is part of the program
  - iv. Slide Deck D: an optional slide deck that provides a Level I classroom review
  - v. Slide Deck E: an optional slide deck that provides preliminary range information
- Note: Slide Deck B is the one used in the BRC 2013 RCG Insert Kit

### 4. How is a slide presentation delivered?

- Two formats are provided on the DVD
  - i. A standard PowerPoint® show (pptsx) presentation that uses a computer
  - ii. The same slide program is formatted for use in a standard DVD player

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### RIDERSOACH

1. **Will RiderCoaches certified in the BRC 2013 have access to BRC (updated) curriculum materials in RETSORG?**
  - Only if certified in the BRC (updated)
2. **Can a RiderCoach be certified in only select components of the BRC (updated)?**
  - No, the certification process includes all aspects of the BRC (updated) because it is a national certification
3. **What must currently active RiderCoaches do to become certified in the BRC (updated)?**
  - Successfully complete a 3-day Transitional RiderCoach Preparation course (T-RCP)
    - i. Includes electronic and in-person professional development activities
    - ii. Addresses all of the new BRC (updated) content and delivery options, whether or not a jurisdiction adopts all the new material
    - iii. The site must be RERP approved for the new curriculum, and have a Site Kit
4. **What is the cost of a 3-day T-RCP?**
  - If conducted by MSF, there is a tuition fee of \$300 per RiderCoach
  - If conducted by a local jurisdiction using an appropriately certified RCT, the tuition may vary
  - In addition, each RiderCoach must have their own RiderCoach Guide, which is \$75
5. **What is in the RiderCoach Guide?**
  - New Rider Handbook, new Range Cards, and DVD with all slide presentations and select course forms
6. **What is the process for a 3-day T-RCP?**
  - Submit the required application (see RETSORG for forms)
  - Upon acceptance, enroll in a T-RCP, and pay applicable fees
  - Complete pre-course activities, including:
    - i. The MSF Basic eCourse (at no cost for the enrolled RiderCoaches)
    - ii. A home-study assignment
  - Pass an online (or on-site) qualifying knowledge test
  - Attend the formal portion of a T-RCP, which includes:
    - i. Skill test
    - ii. Familiarity with materials (content and processes)
    - iii. Peer teaching (classroom and range)
    - iv. End-of-T-RCP knowledge test
    - v. Qualitative assessment
7. **When will a RiderCoach Trainer Preparation Course be offered for RiderCoaches to become RiderCoach Trainers?**
  - Information and applications will be posted on RETSORG when details are available
8. **Will there be RCTPs for the 2013 BRC?**
  - Only if demand dictates. None are scheduled at this time

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### RIDERSOACH TRAINER

#### 1. How are RCPs for the BRC 2013 affected?

- RCPs will be conducted one of two ways
  - i. Old: BRC 2013 materials: black cover Rider Handbook 7.1 (based on program inventory, no longer available from MSF), black cover RCG, grey cover RCTG
  - ii. Old/new: BRC 2013 and new RH (revised classroom with current range exercises)
    - Requires a new BRC 2013 RCG for RCCs
      - a. Order via MSF website or by calling the MSF Order Desk
    - Requires a new BRC 2013 RCTG for RCTs
      - a. Order via MSF website or by calling the MSF Order Desk
- RCPs are not conducted using the BRC 2013 Insert Kit, which is available only to currently certified RCs
- RCTs must ensure they and their RCCs have the appropriate materials

#### 2. How do current RiderCoach Trainers become certified in the BRC (updated) as a RiderCoach Trainer?

- By successfully completing a 7-day Transitional RiderCoach Trainer Preparation course (T-RCTP), which includes:
  - i. Successfully completing a T-RCP (the first 3 days of the T-RCTP)
  - ii. RCTG familiarization (1 day)
  - iii. One of two options for conducting a (3-day) T-RCP
    - Plan A: Student teaching a T-RCP with up to 14 RCs (on a full size range). This is appropriate for a jurisdiction to transition up to 6 RCTs and 14 RCs at the same time. A jurisdiction may allow RCTs and/or RCs from another jurisdiction to fill available space
    - Plan B: Peer teaching a T-RCP with up to 14 RCTs (on a full size range). This may require inter-jurisdictional cooperation and planning
- RCTs may take a separate T-RCP if desired (separate fees apply), but still must attend a complete T-RCTP

#### 3. What is the cost for the 7-day T-RCTP?

- For RCTs, the fee is \$500, plus materials (\$75 for the RiderCoach Guide; \$50 for the RCTG)
- For RCs (under Plan A), the fee is \$300, plus materials (\$75 for the RiderCoach Guide)
- Once certified, an RCT (or jurisdiction for which they work) determines the tuition fee for a T-RCP or RCP

#### 4. What is the process for a T-RCTP?

- Application (available on RETSORG)
- Acceptance via appropriate endorsement (local administration and MSF)
- Enrollment and payment of fees: \$500 tuition plus materials (\$125 for RC Guide and RCTG)
- Pre-Course activities, including completion of the MSF Basic eCourse and a home-study assignment
- Qualifying knowledge test (online in the Professional Development Center or on-site)
- Fully participating in a T-RCTP, which includes
  - i. Successful completion of a T-RCP to earn certification as a RiderCoach (first 3 days)
  - ii. Familiarity with RCT materials
  - iii. Student Teaching (Plan A) or Peer Teaching (Plan B) a T-RCP
  - iv. End-of-T-RCTP Knowledge Test
  - v. Qualitative assessment

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### SNAPSHOT

#### BRC 2013 and BRC (updated) Comparison

##### Primary Options for BRC (updated)

1. **e3x5x10**
  - 3 hours of pre-course (online MSF Basic eCourse)
  - 5 hours of new classroom behavioral content
  - 10 hours of new range exercises
2. **5x5x10**
  - 5 hours of classroom for Rider Handbook coverage (LI)
  - 5 hours of classroom for new classroom behavioral content (LII)
  - 10 hours of new range exercises (MSF Basic eCourse becomes a non-required student option)
3. **5x10**
  - 5 hours of classroom for Rider Handbook coverage (LI)
  - 10 hours of range, either old or new range exercises

##### BRC (updated) Components

1. **Rider Handbook Content (2014 LI)**
  - a. Via the MSF Basic eCourse
  - b. Via formal classroom
2. **Knowledge Tests: 3 available**
  - a. MSF Basic eCourse sections (12); test after each section
  - b. LI Student Knowledge Test
  - c. LII Student Knowledge Test
3. **Classroom Slide Presentations**
  - a. Slide Deck A: LII classroom content
  - b. Slide Deck B: LI classroom content when NOT using LII
  - c. Slide Deck C: LI content when using LII
  - d. Slide Deck D: Review of LI classroom content
  - e. Slide Deck E: Range preparation
4. **Level I range**
5. **Level II range**
6. **Skill Testing (RST + Curve)**

See FAQs in the RETSORG library for more information.

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## CLASSROOM

### 2013

5 Units  
Levels I & II: Rider Handbook  
11 Training Aids  
126 Study Questions  
64 pages

#### Rider Handbook

Unit I: Course Introduction  
Unit II: Introduction to Motorcycling  
Unit III: Preparing to Ride  
Unit IV: Street Strategies  
Unit V: Wrap-Up

#### Rider Handbook Equivalency

Units of BRC 2013	Sections of BRC (updated)
I	1
II	2, 6
III	3, 4, 5, 16
IV	7, 8, 9, 10, 11
V	12, 13, 14, 15

### 2014

Online MSF Basic eCourse (Rider Handbook content)  
Level I: Rider Handbook (16 Sections)  
175 Study Questions  
84 Pages  
10 activity sheets for LII  
Level II: Behavioral component  
LI and LII classroom use slide decks  
175 study questions

#### Topics/Additions:

- Hazard perception development
- Behavioral topics
- Self-assessment
- Situational awareness
- Choices and values

#### Rider Handbook (and MSF Basic eCourse)

Section 1: Course Introduction  
Section 2: Motorcycle Types  
Section 3: Controls & Equipment  
Section 4: About Basic Operation  
Section 5: Preparing to Ride: The Four Preps  
Section 6: Risk & Riding  
Section 7: Basic Street Strategies  
Section 8: Strategies for Common Riding Situations  
Section 9: Basics for Emergencies  
Section 10: Special Riding Situations  
Section 11: Rider Impairments  
Section 12: Select Topics (not part of eCourse)  
Section 13: Key Safety Concepts (not part of eCourse)  
Section 14: Knowledge Test (not part of eCourse)  
Section 15: Next Steps (not part of eCourse)  
Section 16: Range Preparation

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### RANGE

#### New for BRC (updated)

- Fewer exercises with more time per exercise
- More repeated-splits
- Adds simulated practice demonstrations
- More curve practice
- More traffic mix
- Uses Rider Skill Test (RST) as major part of skill test (2-part test, with curve evaluation added)
- Makes use of larger cones in select cue areas

#### BRC 2013 Range Exercises

- 1: Motorcycle Familiarization
- 2: Using the Friction Zone
- 3: Starting & Stopping Drill
- 4: Shifting & Stopping
- 5: Adjusting Speed & Turning
- 6: Controls-Skills Practice
- 7: Cornering (not using oval)
- 8: Matching Gears to Speed (not used)
- 9: Stopping Quickly (end of Level I)
- 10: Limited-Space Maneuvers
- 11: Pressing to Initiate Lean (not used)
- 12: Cornering Judgment
- 13: Negotiating Curves
- 14: Stopping Quickly in a Curve
- 15: Obstacles & Lane Changes
- 16: Avoiding Hazards
- 17: Skills Practice

#### Skill Test

- Eval 1: U-turns
- Eval 2: Swerve
- Eval 3: Quick Stop
- Eval 4: Cornering

#### Primary additions to BRC (updated):

1. Frequent, formal self-assessment
2. Higher-order behavioral concepts
3. Perceptual, social, and emotional topics
4. Personal choice and rider character
5. Risk offset concept

#### Site Kit

1. DVD with Slide Presentation Decks
2. Rider Wall Charts (2)
3. Floor Mats (4)
4. Large Playing Cards (2 decks)

#### RiderCoach Guide

1. DVD (slide presentations and other materials)
2. Range Cards
3. Rider Handbook

#### BRC (updated) Range Exercises

- 1: Motorcycle Familiarization (adds static demo)
- 2: Using the Friction Zone
- 3: Starting & Stopping Drill (pre-shift speed in Pt. 2)
- 4: Shifting & Stopping
- 5: Basic Skill Practice (Pt.2: Perimeter is split)
- 6: Pressing to Initiate Lean and Adjust Lean (SLPR-SSS)
- 7: Stopping More Quickly & Tight Turns from a Stop
- 8: Stopping Distance Demonstration (end of Level I)
- 9: Limited-Space Maneuvers
- 10: Stopping in a Curve
- 11: Curve Judgment
- 12: Multiple Curves and Lane Changes
- 13: Crossing an Obstacle & Swerving
- 14: Skill Practice

#### Skill Test (RST + Curve)

- Eval 1: Cone Weave & Normal Stop
- Eval 2: Turn from a Stop & U-turn
- Eval 3: Quick Stop
- Eval 4: Obstacle Swerve
- Eval 5: Curve

6. Search-Setup-Smooth as a curve strategy
7. Escape paths added as a Search category
8. Knowledge test opportunities: *eCourse*, LI, LII
9. Visual acuity, field of vision, reaction time

5. Fatal Vision Goggles (1)
6. FloorTape (1 roll)
7. Eye Charts (4)
8. Rulers (6)