

At what age can I legally start riding?

The minimum age for riding a motorcycle on public roads (includes forest roads and tracks) is 18 years.

Do I need a licence?

You are legally required to have a motorcycle licence (or Learners Permit) to ride on public roads. This includes the roads and tracks in State forests and State parks. The **earliest** you can apply for a motorcycle Learners Permit is at **18 years of age**.

Unlicensed riders are limited to private land¹ and motorcycle club venues (for information on a club near you call Motorcycling Victoria ☎ 9482 5422).

What about registration?

To ride on public roads (includes forest roads and tracks), your motorcycle **must** be road registered and roadworthy. You have two registration options:

Full registration - enables you to ride your motorcycle on any open public road.

Recreational registration - permits you to ride on open public roads located outside suburbs and built-up areas (as defined by speed zones of less than 100km/h) with a road classification code² between 3000-3999 or on roads NOT shown in the VicRoads Country Street Directory.

Other roads such as freeways and arterial roads (code 1000-2999) and main roads and tourist roads (code 4000-5999) cannot be ridden on.

Motorcycles that can't be registered

Quad bikes (ATVs) cannot be legally registered for road use as they do not meet relevant safety standards.

Motocross bikes, pit-bikes and mini-bikes are not designed for registration and do not have the equipment (lights, horn, etc) required for registration.

Check with VicRoads (☎ 131 171) before you buy.

Is my motorcycle too noisy?

The maximum legal exhaust noise is 94 dB(A). Most motocross bikes and bikes with exhaust baffles removed exceed 94 dB(A). Replacing your standard

muffler with an accessory one may also take you over the legal limit.



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Where can I ride my motorcycle?

Victoria has approximately 36,000km of roads through State forest and park open to the public and available for use by licensed riders on registered bikes.

You can ride on any of these roads open³ to the public, but it is illegal to drive off formed roads.

- Respect the environment - stick to open public roads
- Do not ride on walking tracks and illegal singletrack
- Respect the rights of other bush users
- Reduce noise near houses, picnic and camping areas
- Slow down for horses, walkers and cyclists

For more information

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for managing Victoria's State Forests. For further information contact DSE's Customer Service Centre on ☎ 136 186 or visit DSE's website at <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/trailbikes>

To access interactive downloadable maps of the public road network, visit www.dse.vic.gov.au and type 'Forest Explorer Online' into the search bar.

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¹ Some council bylaws may prohibit or limit the use of such vehicles on private land, so check with the relevant local council.

² Roads classification codes are shown in the RACV VicRoads Country Street Directory

³ A limited number of park and forest roads are closed for management purposes (ie. Management Vehicles Only) or may be seasonally closed for safety, adverse weather or to protect them from winter damage. These roads will be signposted with barriers.