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Successful Compulsory Motorcycle Basic Training Course

Two years after its introduction, HM Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce the success of the Compulsory Motorcycle Basic Training Course.

In September 2013, the Ministry for Traffic in conjunction with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department launched the Compulsory Motorcycle Basic Training Course. The course ensures that every person receives basic instruction on safe use of motorcycles and demonstrates a minimum level of skill and competence before being permitted to drive on our roads. This compulsory training procedure was introduced as part of Government's commitment to prevent serious injuries and accidents caused by inexperienced drivers and was also intended to review safety, riding both on and off the road.

The essential training components required to carry out the complete motorcycle CBT are currently being provided by HM Government free of charge. These include the supply of motorcycles and mopeds, instruction on the aims of the CBT, the theoretical knowledge, practical on-site and on road training and unlimited training until the applicant reaches a safe standard of on-road riding.

The training course is delivered by qualified motorcycle instructors that are approved by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department.

The Minister for Transport, Traffic and Technical Services the Hon Paul Balban said:

"Two years have elapsed since I, together with my traffic team, introduced the Motorcycle Compulsory Basic Training Course. I am pleased to announce that since its inception, there have been approximately 700 people who have received and passed the basic training course. This confirms the success of the course. Parents are constantly thanking and giving their appreciation to the committed staff. The peace of mind afforded to parents as a result of this course is immeasurable."