

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE – TRANSPORT, HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO.8 INQUIRY INTO THE MOTORCYCLE LICENSING PROCESS IN QUEENSLAND 2012.

In accordance with recommendation 12 of the Committee’s report, the following table provides an update on Government’s progress in implementing the supported recommendations. Due to the broader program of work currently being undertaken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads to enhance motorcycle safety this will be the final implementation update on the THLGC recommendations. Future reporting on the Department’s activities relating to motorcycle safety will occur through TMR Annual Reports.

Recommendation	Response	Government Response	Implementation Status
<p>1. Research & Evaluation That the Department of Transport and Main Roads:</p> <p>(a) commission an independent evaluation to determine the efficacy of the Q-Ride and Q-SAFE motorcycling licensing system and that the findings be publicly released; and</p> <p>(b) undertake regular and consistent road safety research to identify and evaluate the benefits of enhancements and changes being made to the motorcycle licensing system.</p>	Supported in Principle	<p>Commission independent consultant late 2013 to develop evaluation framework.</p> <p>Commencing an evaluation of the motorcycle licensing system will be subject to the outcomes from the evaluation framework project.</p>	<p>ONGOING- Evaluation framework was not commissioned (2013) due to impending changes to motorcycle licensing system.</p> <p>Longitudinal study commenced (2014) on riders risk taking attitudes and safety perceptions as they progress through the current licensing system. Data collected as part of this project will be used as baseline data for future evaluations of the motorcycle licensing system.</p>
<p>2. Review Knowledge Test The committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads review the current rider knowledge test with a view to increasing the number of questions and broadening its scope to include an assessment of knowledge of broader motorcycle skills and attitude.</p>	Supported	December 2013	COMPLETED - Implemented 21 March 2014 (enhanced knowledge test from 5 questions to 30).
<p>3. Pre-Learner The committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads introduce compulsory pre-learner off road training and assessment as part of the Q-Ride training and assessment process in Queensland.</p>	Supported in Principle	This will be a phase two initiative. Implementation of phase two initiatives will commence in 2014.	ONGOING - Off-road practical pre-learner training and assessment course being investigated as prerequisite to learner licence. Consultation with community and industry is currently being undertaken prior to any motorcycle licence reform being undertaken.
<p>4. Pre-learner The committee recommends that the pre-learner training and assessment (proposed in recommendation 3) incorporate specific risk taking and hazard perception training and assessment as a required component.</p>	Supported in Principle	Government Response as provided in Recommendation Three.	ONGOING - See Recommendation Three.
<p>5. Three Steps to Safer Riding Program The committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads support CARRS-Q to conduct further evaluation of the 'Three Steps to Safer Riding' program with the view to introducing hazard perception testing and attitude towards risk training as an adjunct to the Q-Ride training course and/or assessment.</p>	Supported	TMR is currently assisting CARRS-Q in its evaluation. With regard to pre-learner see Recommendation Three.	COMPLETED – Crash, infringement and licensing data provided to CARRS-Q which is undertaking the evaluation of the 'Three Steps to Safer Riding' program.

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<p>6. 'Ride On' DVD The committee recommends the Department of Transport and Main Roads include the Ride On DVD as a compulsory component of the proposed pre-learner off road training/assessment process and that there be a formal assessment of comprehension of the material contained in the DVD prior to a learner commencing training on a motorcycle.</p>	Not Supported	Not applicable - not supported.	N/A
<p>7. Further Assessment after 6 months The committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads introduce an additional requirement for riders to undergo a further assessment of their basic motorcycle skills by a Q-Ride registered service provider at least 6 months after receiving their RE licence.</p>	Not Supported	Not applicable - not supported.	N/A
<p>8. Q-SAFE Restriction The committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads restrict QSAFE to areas that are not serviced by Q-Ride and that all riders be encouraged to undertake a competency-based training course wherever possible.</p>	Supported	December 2013	COMPLETED - Implemented 1 January 2014.
<p>9. Q-SAFE Enhancements The committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads introduce the following additional pre-requisites for being granted a learner licence under the Q-SAFE system: (a) pass the improved written road rules test; (b) be tested on comprehension of the Ride On DVD; and (c) pass a motorcycle specific Hazard Perception Test.</p>	Supported in Principle	<p>a) See Recommendation Two. b) See Recommendation Six. c) On-going.</p>	ONGOING - Queensland is supporting a national project co-led by Western Australia and New South Wales to a national Hazard Perception Test with motorcycle specific elements for all jurisdictions.
<p>10. Returning Riders The committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads develop a public education campaign specifically designed for returning riders.</p>	Supported	<p>Updates to the Motorcycle Safety Website and the Queensland Motorcycle Riders' Guide will be implemented by December 2013. Publicity will occur during 2014.</p>	<p>COMPLETED - Implemented as part of the licence reform package in May 2013.</p> <p>Returning riders content updated on TMR website and Riders Guide in January 2014.</p> <p>In June 2015 'The Perfect Ride' campaign was launched to encourage skill refreshing for motorcycle riders.</p>
<p>11. Returning Riders The committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads implement a mechanism or procedure to encourage appropriate skills refreshment for riders returning after an extended break from riding.</p>	Supported in Principle	See Recommendation Ten.	COMPLETED - See Recommendation Ten.

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<p>12. Reporting The committee recommends the Minister for Transport and Main Roads report to Parliament annually on the implementation of agreed recommendations in this report until such time as all the agreed recommendations are fully implemented.</p>	Supported	Annually.	ONGOING – Future reports will be included as part of the Department of Transport and Main Roads Annual Reports process.