

Module Two in brief

Module Two (MOD 2) is the on-road aspect of the two-part DVSA practical motorcycle test and is facilitated at designated test centres throughout the UK. Following on from Module One – this test examines rider skill and safety in commonly encountered road conditions, plus practical understanding of the highway code. While test routes vary, the test format is the same and takes around 50 minutes to complete.

The Module Two syllabus is relatively complex and adopting a DIY approach is not particularly wise! Booking sufficient instruction with a DVSA certified training school will nearly always result in improved levels of preparation, confidence, safety, skill and a higher probability of a first-time pass.

What to take

Tests can be cancelled, and test fees are lost when candidates arrive late or fail to take the following:

- CBT certificate: in date and correctly filled out.
- UK driving licence: full or provisional photo-card.
- Theory test certificate: in-date pass (valid for two years).
- MOD1 pass certificate: same expiry as theory test certificate.
- Motorcycle: the same specification as used for the MOD1 test.

What to wear

It is recommended that riders wear leather motorcycle boots, armoured textile or leather motorcycle trousers and jacket, a motorcycle helmet that meets minimum safety standards, motorcycle gloves and a high-visibility vest. Wearing body worn airbag protection (airvest.co.uk) offers significant extra protection.

Failing to wear the correct clothing may result in a cancelled test.

Dr Ian Mew of Intensive Care Medicine and Air Ambulance Critical Care said: "Based on 25 years of PPE research, wearing the right clothing won't save your life if you're in a serious bike accident; you need to ride safely to do that. But the risk of sustaining life-changing injuries is significantly reduced with a good quality jacket, trousers, gloves and boots – particularly when fitted with body armour".



"If mistakes are made, leave them behind. Dwelling on faults can lead to prolonged riding problems. Put any mistakes behind you, relax and continue with the test."

Laura Smith
CBT, DAS & ERS Instructor
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Minimum acceptable clothing requirements are:

- Motorcycle helmet: to British safety standards.
- Sturdy footwear: to support and protect ankles.
- Denim trousers: heavy denim (no holes/tears).
- Denim jacket: heavy denim (no holes/tears).
- Sufficient layers: for protection & weather appropriate.
- Motorcycle gloves: good quality/condition.
- Missing documentation.
- Failing to cancel a false indication.
- Failing to carry out necessary 'lifesavers'.
- Actions that cause another vehicle to brake or swerve.
- Using the wrong lane.
- Failing to stop for pedestrians at a zebra crossing.
- Failing to stop at a red traffic light.

Rider faults and fails

The examiner can allow 10 minor faults that don't impact on candidate, road user or pedestrian safety.

Examples include: positional errors, late indicating and in certain circumstances, missing an observation.

More than 10 minor faults will usually result in a fail, as would one major fault. Major faults include:

- Failing the eyesight test.

Joining a dual carriageway



"Get yourself organised in plenty of time and have everything ready. Failing to do this will result in unnecessary stress and can lead to a test fail."

Paul Barrett, Motorcycle Instructor & Advanced Rider

Pre-ride checks

Small things matter, and the candidate should locate their key in the ignition before putting on their gloves. Once on the bike, the side stand should be stowed away, as the motorcycle could cut-out when first gear is selected. With the keys in the ignition and the side stand up, adopt the safety position prior to starting the engine. Visually check that the engine cut-out switch is in the correct position.



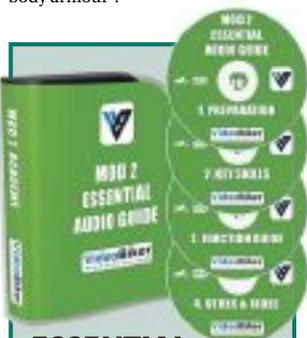
Carrying out a left turn

Before riding off, candidates are advised to re-check mirror position. With the engine started the examiner will give a radio check and allow the volume to be adjusted. With pre-ride checks complete, the examiner will direct the candidate to ride out of the test centre to commence the Module Two Test.

We will discuss the key aspects of the Module Two Test in a future article, but in the meantime, the essential audio guide is recommended.

"If your visor is steaming up, open it slightly to clear the misting. If the view is impeded, safe decisions cannot be made."

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ESSENTIAL AUDIO GUIDE

This comprehensive 21-track audio book, covering all aspects of Module Two, is available free-of-charge and is a useful training enhancement tool for all Module Two test candidates. Get the Essential Module Two Audio Guide audio guide at VideoBiker.co.uk (it's free).



Taking the eyesight test

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Don't forget to take your documents with you