



## **Additional Sport Bike and Experienced Rider Training is Now Available at Ft Campbell**

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In October 2011 AR 385-10 “The Army Safety Program” was revised requiring motorcycle riders to take continuing motorcycle education.

The new requirements state that all motorcycle riders (Soldiers) are required to complete advanced motorcycle training consisting of either the Experienced Rider Course (ERC) or the Military Sportbike Rider Course (MSRC) **within 12 months following completion of the BRC. Note: There is no minimum wait time requirement; you may register for the ERC or MSRC after completing the BRC.**

If you ride a sport bike you take the MSRC. If you ride any other type motorcycle you take the ERC.

Soldiers may take the civilian equivalents in lieu of the Army provided ERC/BRC2 or MSRC, at no expense to the government, within 12 months following completion of the BRC. Every three years following your advanced training you must repeat the training for the motorcycle you are riding.

This change increased the annual training requirement for the ERC and MSRC but there was no additional support given for the new requirements. Classes filled quickly creating an excessive wait time (2 to 3 months) for training.

Because of the long wait time the CG requested additional trainers to support the installation’s large demand. This request is being supported and the installation now has 156 additional MSRC and 122 ERC seats available to fill 1 – 17 Aug 12. Please support the commander in his effort to get everyone up to the Army’s motorcycle safety standards. Students must request training through the Army IMCOM Registration System (AIRS) at <https://apps.IMCOM.army.mil/airs>.

**Note: Soldiers use their “own” bikes for the ERC and MSRC.** Your motorcycles must pass the T-CLOC inspection. The inspection checklist can be downloaded at <http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/t-clocsinspectionchecklist.pdf>

Soldiers must wear the following Personal Protective Equipment.

Helmet. Helmets must meet DOT Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Standard 22-05, British Standard 6658, or Snell Standard M2005 in accordance with DODI 6055.04, April 20, 2009. All helmets shall be properly fastened under the chin.

Eye protection. Eye protection must be worn and shall be designed to meet or exceed ANSI Z87.1, reference (z) for impact and shatter resistance includes goggles, wrap around glasses, or a full-face shield (properly attached to a helmet). A windshield or fairing does not constitute eye protection.

Foot protection. Foot protection must be worn and includes sturdy over-the-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable leather or ballistic-type cloth athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn).

Protective clothing. Protective clothing must be worn and includes long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material. Motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar, or Cordura and containing impact-absorbing padding are strongly encouraged. Riders are encouraged to select PPE that incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material.

Soldiers will wear a brightly colored reflective vest or reflective belt at all times on or off post. The vest or belt will be worn on the outside of all outer garments. If the reflective belt is worn it will be worn over the shoulder, diagonally across the chest. Civilians are encouraged to wear brightly colored reflective style vests in order to enhance rider visibility.

Additionally all Soldiers must have proof of insurance, a valid driver's license with motorcycle endorsement, the motorcycle registration and a BRC card.

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