

Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists.

Pre-test checklist.

In order to assist associates in preparing for the advanced motorcycle test, we have prepared some guidance notes on the test process and a few reminders that may prove useful.

If you haven't already received a test application form, you will find one on the library page of the WHAM website at http://www.wham-motorcycling.org/obslibrary/iam_test_form.pdf. It can be printed off for completion, and details of where to send it will be on the form. If you have any difficulties in accessing or completing the form, do not hesitate to contact your observer, who will be happy to help.

Owing to the large area covered by WHAM, tests can be conducted at a number of different locations and this will be influenced by the availability of an examiner in your chosen area. The application form has a section in which you are asked to name a preferred location for the test and your observer will be able to advise on the current available options. Upon receipt of the application form, IAM Head Office will allocate an examiner who will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient meeting place and a suitable time and date for the test. Every effort will be made to conduct the test in the area you'd prefer.

If there is likely to be a delay before the test can be conducted, please keep your observer informed and you are strongly advised to meet up for a refresher ride nearer the test date.

- Keep reading the training manual 'How to be a better rider' and the Highway Code to maintain your knowledge and keep it fresh. The examiner won't be testing you on them but it is better to be prepared.
- If you aren't familiar with the test meeting point, it would be wise to locate it beforehand and work out how long it takes to get there, rather than having to panic on the day.
- Make sure that your bike has been checked over (MPOWDER) before the event. Also, it gives a better impression if you turn up on a bike that is clean and in kit that is suitable. Don't forget to clean your visor.

On the day.

- Take both parts of your driving licence, your insurance certificate and, if your bike requires one, a valid test certificate. In the event of bad weather, make sure that your documents are protected from the elements.
- Make sure that you are fed and watered before you start and, if possible, take something to drink with you.
- Allow plenty of time to get there and aim to be at the meeting point no later than 5 minutes before the arranged time.
- When you arrive at the meeting point, try to park your bike so that it is facing in the direction you will be leaving.

The Test itself

Your examiner will be a serving or retired class 1 police motorcyclist. He will give you instructions on the route or tell you how he intends to give you directions during the test. He will be looking at the overall standard of the test so you should ignore any mistakes you might make during the first few miles. So Relax and treat it as another observed ride. The examiner will be looking for safety, smoothness, system and finally speed, so don't be afraid to make progress.

Remember –After the test, let your observer know how you got on.