

Achievement Badges

Road Rider

Syllabus



To be taken at D+ to C Test Level

This badge must be passed before the C Test Certificate can be awarded.

This badge is to be completed, at all stages, OFF ROAD using simulated conditions. Members are not to be taken onto the public roads at any point in this assessment. However, the 'Simple Simulated Route' may include PRIVATE roads and tracks, for example on a farm or private estate. A full risk assessment will be required.

It is recommended that all candidates receive a minimum of 5 hours training before being put forward for the Achievement Badge; the training should follow the information found in the Junior Road Rider Book and The Road Rider DVD published by The Pony Club.

Members should be able to demonstrate understanding of the following sections:

- Dress appropriately for the road (horse and rider) **(The BHS minimum recommendation is a hi-viz jacket or tabard for the rider and leg bands on the horse).**
- Know the importance of Be Seen to Be Safe.
- Necessary checks before going on the road.
- Recognition of common Road signs and the importance of Amber at traffic lights
- Quiz comprised of 10 questions (written or oral), score of 8 out of 10 for pass

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Simple Simulated Route (not to be carried out on public roads)

Each exercise to be ridden separately:

- Using a T Junction- Major to Minor and Minor to Major
- Two Left Turns and Two Right Turns
- A Stop and Give way sign
- A Hazard and a Trot over a short distance
- Observation, Road Positioning and Signals
- Correct sequence for making a left or right signal
- Look- Signal- Look Again (Life Saver Look) Manoeuvre
- How to say 'Thank You'
- Show that they can dismount, lead and remount correctly. (Leading from the offside)

Essential Reading

- The Pony Club Junior Road Rider Book and The Pony Club Road Rider DVD
- Young Persons Highway Code
- The Highway Code HMSO
- BHS Ride Safe Guide

Notes for Examiners

- A marking sheet and simple simulated route layout can be found on The Pony Club website.
- Examiners should be 'C' Test Examiners or above and experienced drivers.
- Successful candidates will be awarded the Road Rider Achievement Badge.

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