



Frequently Asked Questions:

FIM Licences, Start Permissions, Insurance and Rider Release

When do I need a FIM Licence?

You need a FIM Licence when:

- You are competing *outside* of New Zealand in a motorcycling event that is on the FIM International Calendar and has an IMN (International Meeting Number).

You will not need a FIM Licence if;

- The event is in another country and does not have an IMN.

Do I need to hold a current MNZ licence as well?

Yes, you need to hold a current Championship licence to be eligible to apply for a FIM Licence.

What information do I need to complete for my FIM Licence?

You will need to complete a FIM licence application form found on the MNZ website. You will need to have information from the event/s you are intending to compete in:

1. Name of the event
2. Country where the event is
3. Dates of the event
4. International Meeting Number
5. Medical (more information below)

How do I know what an International Meeting Number (IMN) is and how do I find it?

The IMN is confirmation that the event has been registered with the FIM and makes the event eligible to have FIM licences issued for it.

Events have to meet certain high standards in order to be registered on the FIM Calendar.

The organiser of the event is responsible to apply for the IMN. The organiser should be able to tell you if the event has an IMN and what the number is. Sometimes it appears on the entry form or supplementary regulations of your chosen event.

How do I know what type of FIM Licence I should apply for?

The event organiser will be able to let you know the type of licence you require to enter their event, or it should be on their entry form or supplementary regulations.

If they are not able to tell you this, then contact the MNZ Office and we will work through with you to ensure that you are applying for the correct licence.

Do I need to complete a medical?

Yes a medical must be submitted with a FIM licence application, these are then valid for the calendar year in which you apply for the licence. If you are over 50 years old, you are required to pass a exercise tolerance electrocardiogram, and this is valid for 3 years.

What Insurance do I need?

From 1st January 2019 the FIM Riders' Insurance Scheme comes into effect which means that FIM Licences will automatically come with insurance cover. You do not need to organise your own personal accident insurance as you will have in the past.

You will however need to organise your own insurance if the overseas event is not on the FIM Calendar and does not have an IMN.

What if the event I am competing in does not have an IMN?

This means that you will be required to race using your MNZ Championship licence and a Start Permission, instead of an FIM Licence.

What is a Start Permission?

A Start Permission is a certificate of assurance from your governing body (MNZ) to the governing body in the country in which your event is, to confirm that you have the appropriate licences to race and insurance to the level required by the FIM.

How do I obtain insurance if I am not getting a FIM Licence?

Motorcycling New Zealand's broker is Aon New Zealand. Contact Jason to organise your personal accident insurance:

Jason Bodmin

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The minimum FIM standards for insurance are as follows. In some instances the insurance provider may advise that you require top-ups to this insurance, depending on the country that you are intending to compete in – especially for repatriation cover.

70,000 Euro	Permanent Disability
15,000 Euro	Medical & Dental
35,000 Euro	Fatality
7,500 Euro	Repatriation

How do I apply for Start Permission?

To apply for a Start Permission you need to contact the MNZ office with the following information;

- Your name (as it appears on your MNZ licence)
- Your date of birth
- Your MNZ Licence number
- The name of the event(s) that you are competing in
- Evidence or certificate of Insurance cover for the event(s) that you are competing in

A start permission can be issued for entire championships, so it is important that you provide all the information at the same time if you are planning to do an entire or selected rounds of a championship or series.

How long does it take & is there a cost associated?

There is no cost to have a start permission issued. A start permission does not take long to complete, however we ask that you request the start permission at least *14 days* prior to requiring it.

The start permission will take longer to complete if your insurance is not in place.

What is a Rider Release?

A rider release is a document that clears you from all obligations to Motorcycling NZ so you can obtain a national licence in another country. It is important to recognise that you cannot hold two licences from two different countries at the same time.

When you return to NZ, the other country will release you back to MNZ.

How do I obtain a rider release?

You can request a rider release by contacting MNZ.

Alternatively, you can have the governing body in the country you are going to notify us that you need a rider release.

You are required to submit your MNZ Licence to the MNZ Office where it will be held until you are released back to MNZ. You will also be placed on the Restricted Riders list.