



**IAM RoadSmart
National Observer Assessment
Motorcycle candidate guidance document**

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I will be assuming the role of associate for this assessment. The scenario I am setting is that this is my third run and I would like you (the observer) to coach me in an aspect of advanced riding that I will select from the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Rider Course Associate Logbook. You will be notified of the issue(s) that my first two runs with an observer has highlighted for you to work on. This is the first time we will meet with you as my observer.

Please study the IMI National Observer Progress Summary document (NOPS) so you are aware of the criteria against which you will be assessed. I am happy for you to print the NOPS marking guide and use it as an aide memoir during the session.

Important points to remember for the briefing are:-

- To review my knowledge and understanding of IPSCA
- Use good open questions and engage me
- Make sure you brief me on the subject you are covering
- Use references/photos/diagrams from the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Rider Course
- Set clear aims
- Remember the disclaimer before we set off
- Give me your preferred method of conveying the route
- If you intend to use radios please let me know in advance
- Deal with obvious faults on the move and offer help to remedy them
- The expectation is you will need to put at least one short pre-planned mid ride stop in, so research for suitable stopping places along your route

The debrief should reflect the ride, engage me in it.

The observing part of the assessment is allocated approximately 1 1/2hrs. After your briefing the ride should be around 30 – 40 minutes including a mid-ride debrief/briefing followed by the main debrief at the end of the ride. **Your session plan should include ensuring the session runs to the time schedule.**

Once the observed ride and your debrief of me (the associate) is finished I will then assess your riding. Please allow an hour for this which will include pre ride checks, the ride (30 – 40 minutes) including a slow manoeuvre (if applicable) and the debrief.

I am happy for you to use the same route for both parts i.e. your observer session and your assessed ride. You can also choose a different route of the same duration if you prefer.

Please remember you will be asked to sign the document declaration before the assessment takes place.

At the conclusion of the assessment I will ask you a range of questions based on your knowledge of The IAM RoadSmart Advanced Rider Course material, The Highway Code and Roadcraft. Please ensure you have a good working knowledge of these publications.

Enjoy the experience and if you have any queries then please don't hesitate to ask questions.