

Media Release

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SAFE DRIVERS, RIDERS REWARDED WITH BIG LICENCE DISCOUNT

The Andrews Labor Government is rewarding safe riders and drivers with the reintroduction of the Safe Driver Discount – returning for the first time for all road users since it was cut by the Coalition in 2013.

From today motorists who have incurred no demerit points or committed other road safety offences for three years prior to their renewal will be rewarded with a 25 per cent discount on their next licence renewal.

Launching Motorcyclist Awareness Month, Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll said road safety isn't just about penalising riders and drivers who do the wrong thing – it is also about rewarding those who do the right thing.

Under the discount, car, motorcycle, and heavy vehicle licence holders of all ages will benefit from the 25 per cent discount, saving up to \$73 on a new ten-year licence.

The Safe Driver Discount builds on other Labor Government initiatives to reduce costs for motorists and promote road safety.

Aspiring L-platers are now saving up to \$51.40 in licence and online testing fees. While learner drivers going for their P-plates will save up to \$133.30 in licence and online hazard perception testing fees.

The renewed focus on motorcyclist safety comes as 42 riders have tragically lost their lives already in 2022– an increase on the 30 lives lost at this time last year. More than half of these crashes involved another vehicle, re-enforcing the importance of sharing the roads.

Spearheaded by Victoria's Motorcycling Community Engagement Panel (MCEP), the inaugural Motorcyclist Awareness Month begins as the weather warms up and more motorcyclists take to the road with drivers and riders urged to look out for each other and share the road safely.

Motorcyclist Awareness Month was developed in collaboration with the Transport Accident Commission, Department of Transport and Victoria Police and aims to remind motorists that road safety is a shared responsibility and that everyone has a role to play in keeping the roads safe.

The Safe Driver Discount will be automatically applied to eligible licence renewal notices issued from today. Due to the six-week lead time for renewals being sent out this means customers who have a licence expiring from 13 November onwards will see the discount applied.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"We're rewarding riders and drivers who do the right thing on our roads with a big discount on their registration."

"This has been a tragic year on our roads and the Motorcyclist Awareness Month and Safe Driver Discount are just two of the many different approaches we're taking to drive down road trauma."

Quote attributable to TAC Head of Road Safety Samantha Cockfield

"Motorcyclist Awareness Month is a timely reminder to all Victorians on the importance of sharing the road - if we look out for one another and be patient, we'll go a long way toward reducing road trauma."

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