

Assessment – Masters Mentor QA Bike

Candidate Information

Candidate	Mr Paul BEATTIE
Candidate ID	00275921
Examiner	Mr Dave COX
Assessment Date	07/07/2026
Make	BMW
Transmission	Manual

NO Assessment Criteria 3.1.1

Assessment Criteria Result: Competent

Demonstration of an advanced riding technique including:

Explain an advanced riding technique	
Analyse and break it into easily achievable parts	
Demonstrate each part of the technique with explanation	
Deliver on road guidance session demonstrating the above	

Comments (if not competent):

Masters Assessment Criteria

Total Score: 26

To achieve a 'Pass', a score of 39 or less must be recorded. To achieve a distinction, a score of 29 or less must be recorded.

Competence Levels 1-3

1 – commended 2- satisfactory 3- requires development

Safety	1	Gear Changing	1	Restraint	1
System	1	Use of Gearbox	1	Progress	1
Observation	1	Acceleration Sense	1	Smoothness	1
Anticipation	1	Braking	1	Human factors / Concentration	1
Planning	1	Steering	1	Courtesy	1
Positioning	1	Mirrors / Rear Observation	1	Legality	1
Hazard Management	1	Signals	1	Slow manoeuvring	1
Eco Driving	1	Cornering	1	Knowledge	1
Vehicle Sympathy	1	Overtaking	1		

Results

Result	Distinction
Masters Pass Breakdown	Distinction

Comments:

For this Masters Mentor QA (Motorcycle), I played the role of the associate, and the scenario was based around positioning for bends and corners.

Paul is a very experienced rider and instructor at advanced level, also he is an experienced National Observer and Examiner for IAM RoadSmart. He is also a Skills Day Instructor.

Weather conditions for the assessment were dry and sunny, the road surfaces were dry. Visibility was excellent.

The route for the test included a variety of road types and speed limits, A and B roads in both rural and urban environments, dual carriageway and a section of motorway. Total assessment time was approximately 85 minutes.

Traffic throughout the ride were light to moderate.

I am satisfied that the associate was contacted within the appropriate time frame, and was given sufficient information as to the date, time, and location of the meeting venue, which was appropriate with all amenities available.

Paul arrived early for the meeting, he was appropriately dressed, on a clean machine and presented a very positive image of himself and IAM RoadSmart.

A naturally very professional, polite, and personable individual, Paul was welcoming to the candidate, demonstrating a very warm and friendly manner throughout the QA session.

It was not surprising given his experience that Paul is well versed in the requirements of the QA.

I am satisfied that he can make effective use of open questions to understand the associate's background, goals, and concerns etc.

He is able to demonstrate that he fully understands the importance of reviewing the previous guidance sessions, requesting the previous run sheets and development plans, and discussing any practice and progress made by the associate.

He is well practised in making good use of the ARC Handbook and the need to ask good open questions to check the associate's knowledge and understanding of IPSCA, as well as making effective use of the ARC Handbook.

He is also welcome to the idea of focussing on the ARC Handbook Competency Sheets to fully explore both the associate's knowledge and understanding of the session aims and objectives, using the competency sheets to effectively break down the subject matter into easily manageable and understandable chunks. He is therefore well able to adapt this to the Masters programme.

The eyesight check and document disclaimer were dealt with effectively.

During the Candidate's ride, Paul understands the need for clear and unambiguous route direction, he also fully understands that the associate's personal space should be respected at all times and that a suitable following distance should be observed.

Following the associate's ride, Paul is well able to conduct an encouraging and complimentary debrief and to deliver a de-brief focussing on the aims and objectives of the guidance session.

Again, he is very experienced and fully understands the importance of honest and accurate feedback and the need to complete a simple yet effective development plan to ensure the Candidate is prepared for the next guidance session.

As an experienced Observer and Examiner, Paul was able to deliver and safe, smooth, and systematic, ride demonstrating both the standard and consistency required of the Master Rider and was worthy of the Masters Pass with Distinction awarded.

He demonstrated excellent observations, anticipation, and planning throughout, ensuring that all hazards were identified, prioritised, and dealt with effectively.

Consistency was the key and the ride was safe and legal at all times, systematic and with some excellent use of progress and restraint.

This excellent forward observation, anticipation and planning allowed for the execution of several very well considered overtakes on those occasions when overtakes did present themselves.

This excellent planning was particularly demonstrated when overtaking two vehicles when approaching a right hand bend with a small area of invisibility. Paul deliberated and ensured the overtake could be completed safely before executing the manoeuvre in text book fashion.

Paul made very good progress, he always accelerated smoothly and briskly to the posted speed limits and maintained these speeds when safe and appropriate to do so. He showed good acceleration sense throughout the ride which meant that the brakes were rarely used but utilised the brake light when necessary to give information to other road users when required.

Full use of road space was made where the carriageway width was reduced, whilst still maintaining good safety margins. He clearly understands the characteristics and performance of his motorcycle and was able to put this knowledge to good effect.

Courtesy was extended to other road users and consideration given to vulnerable road users such as cyclists, as described.

In summary, this was a very high standard Master Mentor (Motorcycle) QA with a very experienced and competent rider. I am pleased to state that Paul demonstrated all the required competencies and fully met the criteria necessary to be successful at the Master Mentor QA and was also able to demonstrate the necessary quality and consistency required of the Master Rider at Distinction level.

Thank you, Paul for everything you do for IAM RoadSmart, it is greatly appreciated.

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