

Regulations for the Registration and Parking of Motor Vehicles and Bicycles

All vehicles and bicycles are brought onto University sites at the owner's risk and the University undertakes no responsibility for their safety and security.

The University is an independent institution incorporated under Royal Charter and is empowered under that Charter to make Regulations and to do all such acts and things as may be requisite to further the objects of the University as a place of education and learning.

The University's premises are inadequate to provide for all vehicles which staff, students and visitors might wish to bring to the University, and the University Council has approved the following Regulations in order to ensure orderly and, in so far as it may be possible, equitable use of vehicles allowed under licence whether real or implied to enter the University's premises.

Definitions

The following terms shall have the meanings specified:

'Academic Sites'

means any Premises owned or controlled by the University which is not Halls of Residence or Sports Grounds.

'Car Parking Manager'

means the authorised representative of the University with responsibility for managing car parking facilities on University Premises.

'Contractor'

Means any person or firm that supplies materials, labour or a service to the University and includes any firm, company or person sub-contracted to do so.

'Disabled Person'

means any holder of a 'Blue Badge' (government approved parking badge for Disabled Persons) or a person whose Permit has been over stamped as 'disabled' for appropriate medical reasons by a member of Staff duly authorised by the University.

'Halls of Residence'

means University premises (other than private houses) provided for the accommodation of students and staff whether or not board is also provided.

'Premises'

means any land or buildings in University ownership or under the control of the University including land or buildings occupied by private individuals or companies whether as tenants or licensees, including open space, car parks, roads, footpaths or covered by buildings of any kind.

'Vehicle'

means a mechanically or electrically propelled vehicle with two or more wheels but not a pedal cycle unless an engine of any kind has been fitted thereto, and also includes Trailers, Caravans, Motorhomes, Boats etc.

'Permit'

means a document issued by the University Estates and Facilities Department for the authorised parking of a motor vehicle.

'Sports Grounds'

means those Premises at Wide Lane and at the Boat Hard at Monks Brook which are in University ownership or control.

'Staff'

means any or all employees of the University of Southampton who are not Students.

'Students'

means any or all Students registered for courses of study with the University whether on a fulltime or part-time basis.

'Visitor'

means anyone other than Staff or Students with a bona fide reason for visiting the University but not any contractor or employee of a company based on the University's Academic Sites or Halls of Residence where the employee or company has agreed to abide by these Regulations. Without affecting the generality of the foregoing but for the avoidance of doubt "Visitor" includes any member of the University as defined in Statutes Section 2 other than Staff and Students and other persons receiving remuneration from the University.

1. Background

These Regulations apply to Staff, Students, Contractors and Visitors. These Regulations apply to all Academic Sites or Halls of Residence. Any infringement of these Regulations may lead to disciplinary or other steps being taken by the University against any member of Staff or Student concerned. Visitors contravening the regulations shall if possible be warned and have their attention drawn to the Regulations. The Regulations form part of the application for the issue of a Parking Permit and applicants are required to give an undertaking to abide by and observe these Regulations.

2. General

All users of vehicles and bicycles on University sites must comply with traffic signs and notices, whether permanent or temporary and comply with instructions given by Transport Team or Security Staff. Continuous parking of vehicles between 23:00 hours and 06:00 hours on academic sites is not allowed unless the Car Parking Manager has given express permission. Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas on University Sites and in parking spaces that are marked on tarmac, kerbstones, barriers or bollards. Each vehicle must be parked entirely within one parking space unless the Car Parking Manager has given prior approval. Only Blue Badge or University Disabled Permit holders are authorized to park vehicles in spaces marked as disabled bays.

3. Parking Permits

All Motor Vehicles on University Sites must display a valid Parking Permit which is clearly and entirely visible from the front of the vehicle. At Academic Sites, this is from 08:00 hours to 17:00 hours unless parking in the Pay and Display Car Park or the Reserved Visitors' Car Park. Parking on Academic Sites without a valid Academic campus Parking Permit is not permitted unless, at weekends or from 17:00 hours (16:00 hours at Avenue Campus) to 00:00 hours on Monday to Friday. Parking Permits are required at all times on Halls of Residence Sites. A Parking Permit will be invalidated if the vehicle does not have valid vehicle tax or MOT. The issue of a Parking Permit does not guarantee a parking space at University Premises. It is the University's policy to issue more Permits than there are spaces available at Academic Sites. No Permit will be issued to anyone who has an outstanding parking charge notice (PCN). Staff and Students living up to 3 miles from their main University base (as calculated by the applicable University's online car parking system accessible on SUSSED) are not eligible for a Parking Permit unless evidenced exceptional circumstances are approved by the Car Parking Manager. The decision to grant a Permit to those Staff and Students living within a 3-mile zone resides with the Car Parking Manager. All information provided to the Transport Team by Staff and Students on their relevant application forms must be true and accurate. Permit holders must immediately inform the Transport Team of any changes in their details such as vehicle details and address via the University Portal 'SUSSED'. It is prohibited to alter, tamper, duplicate or forge a Permit in any way. It is also prohibited to transfer a University Parking Permit to another vehicle that is not owned or used by the Permit holder.

Holders of a University parking Permit are not authorized to park in spaces reserved and marked for the use of official vehicles, designated office holders, visitors or spaces reserved by bollards, signs or cones. Only Permit holders who have a Gower Permit are authorized to park in the Gower Car Park on Salisbury Road (or other designated car park). Permits must be returned to the Transport Team Office if the Permit holder or a sharer on a Permit ceases working or studying at the University, or if the permits are no longer required. The University reserves the right to refuse permit holders access to spaces in car parks as and when required, in order to accommodate bona fide visitors and special events. Students may not park vehicles at Highfield, Boldrewood, Avenue or Winchester School of Art without a valid Permit except with prior authorization by the Car Parking Manager or if they are a blue badge holder. Undergraduate students are not permitted to park at Halls of Residence sites unless authorized beforehand by the Car Parking Manager for exceptional circumstances.

Only one car per Permit number may be parked on any university site at any one time. If more than one vehicle is found on site displaying a Permit with the same number at the same time, a parking charge notice will be issued to all vehicles displaying the Permit.

4. Lift Sharing Permits

Members of Staff may opt for a Lift Sharing Permit; all car sharers must be registered on the application. The principal applicant is responsible for payment of the fee. All sharers must meet the parking regulations criteria.

5. Rules for Motor Cycles

Two-wheeled vehicles do not require Parking Permits but must be parked only in parking areas designated for such vehicles.

6. Visitors

Visitors to Highfield may use the Pay and Display Car Park or the Reserved Visitors' Car Park if their host School or Department has pre-booked a space. It is the host's responsibility to apprise the visitor beforehand of the University's parking arrangements and Regulations. Alternatively, visitors to all Academic Sites may be provided with a one-day only visitor's Permit, which should be hung from the rear view mirror with the appropriate date scratched off when the vehicle is properly parked on Academic Sites. No visitor has a legal right to park on University Academic Sites and must not do so if appropriate provision has not been made. Visitors to Halls of Residence must display an appropriate Permit which is available from Halls of Residence Receptions.

7. Contractors

In order to park at the University a contractor must display a valid Parking Permit, obtained from the University's Estates and Facilities department.

8. Enforcement of the Car Parking Regulations

The Enforcement Team and Security Services are responsible for enforcing the parking regulations under the direction of the Director of Estates & Facilities.

9. Parking Offences

Contravention of the regulations will occur in the following situations:

- Failure to display a current Car Parking Permit
- Causing an unnecessary obstruction
- Parking on double yellow lines or in a reserved or restricted area
- Parking in a disabled bay without an appropriate Permit or in an access route
- Parking overnight on academic sites without permission from the Campus Parking Manager
- Parking in an unmarked area of a designated car park
- Failure to conform to traffic signs and notices
- Failure to conform to pay and display notices
- Failure to follow parking instructions from Car Park Attendants and Security Officers
- Failure to park in or wholly within a marked bay

10. Penalties

Persons who breach these Regulations may be given a parking charge notice (PCN) of £50, or £75 for a serious offence. The PCN must be paid within twenty working days from the date of the PCN being issued. A discount of £25 is given on PCN's paid within ten working days of the PCN being issued. Holders of parking Permits who park vehicles in spaces reserved and marked up as disabled bays may have their permits summarily withdrawn at the discretion of the Director of Estates and Facilities. In such circumstances, a pro-rata reimbursement of the charge made for the Permit may be considered by the University.

The University reserves the right to have removed any Motor Vehicle parked on University Premises which is in contravention of the Regulations. The University has the right to recover from any person who breaches these Regulations legal or administrative costs incurred by the University in addition to any PCN imposed under the Regulations. Nothing in the Regulations shall in any way inhibit or restrict the University's other legal remedies against persons who breach these Regulations.

11. Appeals Procedure

The grounds for a PCN will be clearly stated on a ticket attached to the relevant vehicle. Appeals may be made on the basis that the relevant grounds stated on the PCN can be demonstrated to be materially incorrect or inaccurate or if exceptional circumstances were prevailing at the time of the offence. Appeals must be made within ten working days of the issue of the PCN to the Car Parking Manager who will then consider the appeal. The Car Parking Manager has the power to waive the PCN, reduce the level of a PCN, or uphold a PCN. If the PCN is upheld, it must be paid within twenty days of the PCN issue date. In the event that the appellant is dissatisfied with the Car Parking Manager's findings, a further appeal may be made to the Associate Director, Transport & Sustainability.

12. Failure to Pay a Parking Charge Notice

In the event of a member of Staff breaching these Regulations and failing to pay a PCN properly imposed or to reimburse the University's expenses that sum or sums will be invoiced. In the event of a Student breaching these Regulations and failing to pay a PCN properly imposed or to reimburse the University's expenses, then the University will treat the sums or sums involved as any other debt to the University. Any Contractor with outstanding PCNs incurred pursuant to these Regulations will be invoiced and/or may have the outstanding fees offset against payments otherwise due by the University to the Contractor.

13. Non-University Permits

Parking Permits issued to the occupants of buildings/offices leased by the University will be subject to the University parking terms and conditions and the Permit terms and conditions of the issuing company (e.g SCC, SGH). Data may be shared with the relevant Parking Team for the purpose of managing and enforcing parking within their car parks.

USE AND PARKING OF BICYCLES

(Applicable both to students and to staff who are hereby notified that all bicycles parked on University land are parked there at their owners' risk.)

1. Cyclists are required to observe and to comply with the regulations concerning the movement of traffic on the University sites, including those relating to the one-way system on the Highfield Site.
2. Cycling on footpaths and grassed areas on the University sites is prohibited.
3. Bicycles do not require parking permits.
4. Bicycles should be parked in designated areas where clips, stands or other facilities are provided. Bicycles stored in Cycle Sheds on Academic Sites and Halls of Residences must be removed at the end of the current academic year unless prior authorisation has been given to leave it there. Under no circumstances may bicycles be taken into buildings or parked where they are liable to cause obstruction, e.g. near ramps for use by disabled people, attached to railings or at entrances to buildings.
5. Bicycles that are found in buildings or parked where they are liable to cause obstruction may be removed or impounded. Bicycles left on University Sites, or in any University Cycle Shed without authorisation after the end of the current Academic year will be treated as abandoned. Notices will be affixed to bicycles thought to be abandoned and after 28 days, they will be removed and disposed of by the University. Security chains and other devices will be cut if necessary. A charge will be made for the recovery of an impounded bicycle. The maximum charge shall be authorised by the University Executive Group from time to time.

Cases of non-compliance with any of the above regulations may result in offences being referred to the Chief Operating Officer who will take appropriate action.