

Operation of States Of Jersey Parking Paycard Scheme.

The States of Jersey currently operates a paycard scheme for payment of parking, both in the car parks and also for on street parking areas.

Paycards come in 3 denominations, 1, 2 and 4 Unit value, with parking being charged by the unit – normally 1 unit per hour or part thereof, but with a small number of areas being at 1 unit for 2 hours. The paycards are a scratchcard design, with 5 sections covering Day, Month, Date, Arrival time Hour and Arrival time Minutes in 5 minute segments. The price per unit is determined by the Minister for Transport and Technical Services from time to time. Parking is payable at the commencement of the parking period using sufficient paycards to cover the time required. All parking in car parks and on street is chargeable between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday, excluding Bank Holidays.

Currently, paycards are produced and shipped to the nominated storage facility of the Transport and Technical Services Department, which is situated at Bellozanne. The Car Park Administration Office at Sand Street Car Park then arrange for supplies to be delivered to their own storage, from where supplies are collected by the representatives of the current contract holder for distribution to the contracted retailers.

All the paycards have an individual and unique identifying serial number, which is used to track the item through to being supplied to either the Parking Control Administration Office, or to a retailer. The retailer will either pay the distributor at the time of delivery, at the retailer discounted rate, or will have their stock holding replenished by the distributor and settlement is then received by the distributor in accordance with the terms of the retailer agreement. The stock holding is normally on a sale or return basis with an agreed stock level being placed in the retailers premises after the completion of an agreement to the contractor's satisfaction, and then periodically sold stock is replaced and settlement is made for this sold stock by the retailer.

The distributor provides a detailed statement of all deliveries made every month to the Finance Section of Transport and Technical Services Department, and payment is made in accordance with the terms of the contract for all deliveries made during the accountable month.

The distributor currently operating the contract employs 2 staff on a part time basis, who are responsible for servicing the retailers requirements. There are approximately 130 retailers who operate throughout the year and a number of seasonal outlets which varies from year to year. These are normally Hotels, Guest Houses, seasonal kiosks and tourist attractions. The outlets are situated throughout the Island, with a majority being situated in or around St. Helier.

The contractor also is requested to undertake, at the expense of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services, a full stock take of all stock held by the retailers when price changes are implemented. This is notified in advance to the contractor in order that suitable arrangements can be made for the stock take operation. The cost of this would be invoiced by the contractor and settled by the Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

The contractor also ensures that any display posters, information leaflets or similar which may be required by the Minister for Transport and Technical Services are produced and distributed to all the contracted retailers.

Based on the past 4 years figures an average of 6,000,000 paycards are produced each year, with a varying split between the denominations. The 1 unit Paycard is the most commonly used and normally 4,000,000 are produced each year of this denomination.

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