

## **ECO-FRIENDLY PARKING PERMIT GUIDANCE NOTES**

### **Why has this scheme been introduced?**

The purpose of the scheme is to encourage motorists to consider purchasing vehicles that are less harmful to the environment when they next change their vehicle. Having more vehicles with lower emissions will help to maintain the air quality in Jersey.

### **Which vehicles qualify for the ECO-Friendly Parking Permit?**

From 1 February 2018 only Electric Vehicles (EV) or Plug in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) with Co2 emissions of less than 50 g/km are eligible to register. This does not apply to vehicles registered to companies, it is only applicable to vehicles registered to individuals. A period of 12 months free parking from the date of first registration to an individual in Jersey will apply followed, where applicable, by half price parking until 31 December 2019.

### **What is a plug in hybrid electric vehicle?**

A plug in hybrid electric vehicle conforming to the scheme is a motor vehicle that uses rechargeable batteries, or another energy storage device, that can be recharged by plugging it in to an external source of electric power as well as an on-board internal combustion engine and generator.

### **How do I know if my vehicle qualifies?**

The local dealer who sold you the vehicle will be able to supply you with this information. Alternatively you can check your vehicle by logging onto [www.vcacarfueldata.org.uk/search/search.asp](http://www.vcacarfueldata.org.uk/search/search.asp), where you will be able to check by vehicle make and model.

### **I am going to buy a new vehicle. How will I know if it will qualify for an ECO Friendly Parking Permit?**

Your local dealer will be able to advise you about the level of emissions your new vehicle produces. Many manufacturers now indicate which band level of emissions their vehicles fall into by a pictorial display, details of this can also be found on [www.vcacarfueldata.org.uk/green-label/index.asp](http://www.vcacarfueldata.org.uk/green-label/index.asp)

### **Why were these vehicles chosen for the 50% discount?**

The scheme is intended to have a further positive knock-on effect of improving Jersey's air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Looking forward electric vehicles are the best option for the future and our environment.

### **Why would it not be possible to issue a badge according to a vehicle's emissions and discount parking on a sliding scale?**

The scheme has been developed to be simple and straightforward to interpret, operate, and enforce, within existing resources. A sliding scale of charging

would have been very difficult, if not impossible to administer. Certainly such a scheme would have required additional staff resources.

**Does the ECO Friendly Parking Permit cost anything to obtain?**

There is no charge to obtain an ECO Friendly parking permit. Once issued with a permit you are able to purchase the reduced price Paycards and Season Tickets from the Car Park Administration Office at Sand Street and start to save money on your parking. You can also use the PaybyPhone option to benefit from the half price parking as this will recognise your vehicle registration number.

**How much money can I save?**

The reduced price Paycards and Season Tickets are currently half price.

**Where can I use an ECO Friendly Parking Permit and reduced price Paycards/Season Tickets?**

You can use an ECO Friendly Parking Permit and reduced price Paycards/Season Tickets in any of the chargeable Car Parks operated by Growth, Housing and Environment and on any of the chargeable on street parking areas in Jersey.

Details of these can be found on the States of Jersey Website at [www.gov.je/environment/greenerlifestyles/greenertravel/motorvehicles/pages/ecofriendlyvehicles.aspx](http://www.gov.je/environment/greenerlifestyles/greenertravel/motorvehicles/pages/ecofriendlyvehicles.aspx) There is no difference in the parking regulations for ECO Friendly Parking Permit Holders – the maximum permitted periods in the short stay car parks remain the same, the car parks where Season Tickets and the Half Permits can be used are the same.

**Where can I buy the reduced paycards and season tickets for use with an ECO Friendly Parking Permit?**

They can only be purchased from the Car Park Administration Office at Sand Street.

**Does the PaybyPhone option work with qualifying vehicles?**

Yes, if your vehicle is registered in the scheme and has a valid permit you are able to get the half price parking by using PaybyPhone.

**When did the scheme start?**

The scheme started on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008.

**How will the scheme be paid for?**

Income from car parking charges goes into the Car Park Trading Fund, which is used to pay for the cost of the provision, upkeep and staffing of car parks. Currently the reduction in income from the introduction of this scheme can be borne by the Fund.