

ECOFRIENDLY 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 ECOFriendly Parking Permit?

Any vehicle that has been certified as having a low exhaust emission that produces less than 100 grams of Carbon Dioxide per kilometre, or if the vehicle is a hybrid vehicle less than 120 grams of Carbon Dioxide per kilometre.

What is a hybrid vehicle?

A hybrid vehicle conforming to the scheme is a motor vehicle that uses an electric motor to assist a conventional engine,, uses energy from braking to charge it's batteries, and can drive at times using only the electric motor.

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, 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 ECOFriendly 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

Why were vehicles in band A chosen for the 50% discount?

The scheme is intended to encourage dealers and manufacturers to make very low emission vehicles available, as well as encouraging Islanders to look for vehicles which produce very low emissions. Other Governments and organisations are implementing similar schemes, so more vehicles which conform to the scheme are likely to become available in the future.

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.

Why were hybrid vehicles in band B included in the scheme?

Hybrid vehicles which can operate on electric power in congested traffic conditions will help lower the levels of local air pollutants, such as nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide in town, and other congested sections of Jersey's road network.

Does the ECOFriendly Parking Permit cost anything to obtain?

No, the permit is issued free of charge to all applicants whose vehicle qualifies. When you are issued with a permit you will be 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.

How much money can I save?

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

Where can I use an ECOFriendly Parking Permit and reduced price Paycards/Season Tickets?

You can use an ECOFriendly Parking Permit and reduced price Paycards/Season Tickets in any of the chargeable Car Parks operated by the Transport and Technical Services Department and also 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/TransportTechnicalServices/Transport/Parking

There is no difference in the parking regulations for ECOFriendly Parking Permit Holders – the maximum permitted periods in the short stay car parks remains 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 ECOFriendly Parking Permit?

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

When does this scheme start?

The scheme starts on 1st 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.