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Queen's University
Belfast

A GUIDE EXPLAINING THE PROPOSED CHANGES



What are the changes?

From November 2011, the current flat rate car parking charge is being replaced with a banded system based on carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, with lower emissions vehicles attracting lower tariffs.

Why change the current flat rate charge?

Queen's is committed to improving its environmental performance and fundamentally changing the way it works so that it becomes an environmentally sustainable low carbon organisation. This commitment is underpinned by the University Travel Plan, a key aim of which is to reduce the impact of University related traffic on the environment and the local community.

Car travel by staff to and from the University inevitably produces significant levels of CO₂ and the new charging system is one of a number of measures designed to raise awareness of sustainable travel and to encourage staff to adopt alternatives to single-occupancy car journeys.

Personal car travel is the single biggest source of personal CO₂ emissions in the UK (DECC 2009)

The future cost of car parking will be based on the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) produced by individual staff vehicles. Staff who own vehicles which produce low levels of CO₂ will pay less for their annual permit than staff who drive vehicles that produce greater levels of CO₂.

What are the new charges?

The new charges are based on the Driver Vehicle Agency (DVA) tax and CO₂ emissions bands, as shown in the table below (the vehicle tax cost is shown for information only), which have been grouped into six categories. The current flat rate University parking charge of £288 (full-time staff) has then been weighted according to emissions levels to give the new rates for 2011/12. As before, the charge for part-time staff will be half of the full-time rate.

University Permit Bands	Vehicle Tax Cost	CO ₂ g/km	Charging % of 2010/11 Tariff	Car Parking Charges with effect from November 2011	
				Per Annum £	Per Month £
A	£0	Up to 100	50%	144	12
B	£20 / £30	101–120	100%	288	24
C	£95 / £115 / £130	121–150	100%	288	24
D	£165 / £190 / £210	151–185	108%	312	26
E	£245 / £260	186–225	117%	336	28
F	£445 / 460	226 and over	117%	336	28



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How do I know which charging category my car falls into?

For cars registered after March 2001, the CO₂ g/km figure is shown on your Registration document (V5). This information can also be found on the DVLA website: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/OwningAVehicle/HowToTaxYourVehicle/DG_10012524 (for information, car dealers are now required to display, on or near vehicles, the fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions of all new car models).

Typical examples of cars in each band

University Permit Bands	Examples of Typical Cars (Diesel)	Examples of Typical Cars (Petrol)
A	Ford Fiesta 1.6TDCi	Fiat 500 Twin Air Start/Stop
	Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 CDTi ecoFLEX	Toyota iQ 1.0i
	VW Golf 1.6 TDI Bluemotion Start/Stop	
B	BMW 320d Efficient Dynamics	Audi A1 1.2 TFSI
	Ford C-MAX 1.6 TDCi 110PS DPF	Chevrolet Spark 1.2 LS, LS+, LT
	Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi DFP	Citroen C1 1.0i
	Peugeot 207 SW 1.6 HDi 92PS	Fiat Panda 1.1 Active ECO
	VW Polo 1.6 TDI SE, SEL	
C	BMW 520d SE, M Sport	Ford Mondeo 1.6i Ecoboost Stop/Start
	BMW X3 xDrive 20d SE, M Sport	Honda Jazz 1.4 ES, ES-T, Si
	Citroen C3 Picasso 110PS Exclusive	Lexus RX450 Hybrid SE, SE-I
	Vauxhall Insignia 2.0CDTi 160 PS	Nissan Juke 1.6i 2WD Visia, Tekna
	VW Touran 1.9 TDI Bluemotion Tech S	Peugeot 508 1.6 VTi 120PS SR
D	Audi Q5 2.0TDi 143PS Start/Stop SE	Audi A5 Coupe 2.0TFSI Quattro SE, Sport
	Ford Kuga 2.0TDCi 2WD Zetec	BMW 523i SE, M Sport
	Land Rover Freelander 2.2 TD4 S, GS	Ford Grand C-MAX 1.6i 150PS Ecoboost
	Nissan X-Trail 2.0dci Acenta	Mercedes E200 CGI Coupe Blue Efficiency
	Suzuki Grand Vitara 1.9 DDis	VW Golf 2.0TSI 210PS GTI
E	Audi Q7 3.0 TDI Clean Diesel SE	BMW Z4 3.0 sDrive 35i M Sport
	VW Touareg 3.0 V6 TDI SE	Kia Sportage 2.0 KX-3
F	Mercedes ML300 CDI SE, Sport	BMW X5 xDrive 50i SE
		Porsche Boxter 3.4 S

What if I own a vehicle registered before 1 March 2001?

Following DVA practice, vehicles registered before 1 March 2001 will be banded as follows:

Below 1,549cc: University Permit Band C At or above 1,549cc: University Permit Band E



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How will the University calculate my car parking charge?

The DVA will provide the University with the CO₂ g/km details of all vehicles for which staff hold a permit. Estates will then advise you of your parking charge prior to the annual permit renewal process in November 2011, based on current registered vehicles. Where staff currently transfer their permit between two or more vehicles, and where these fall into different bands, the charge will be based on the car with the higher emissions.

What if my vehicle details are incorrect?

Instructions on how to remove incorrect vehicle details and add new (updated) vehicle details are available within a list of 'Frequently Asked Questions' at:

www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/EstatesDirectorate/Services/CarParking

What is car park revenue used for?

As well as the management and maintenance of University car parks, income generated from parking charges is used to promote the objectives of the Travel Plan. This includes, in particular, the implementation of a range of initiatives to reduce dependence on car use by staff and students through the promotion of public transport, cycling and car sharing.

**For more information, and a list of 'Frequently Asked Questions',
please visit our website at:**

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