Business Parking Guide

Guide to using scheme A business permits and scheme B business permits within Camden



For further information on parking within Camden, please refer to our parking information section on our website, at **camden.gov.uk/parking**



Business permits in Camden



Business permits

We explain the different types of business permits.



Resident permit bays and business permit holders

We explain which vehicles may park within a resident permit bay.



Parking in Camden

Learn about different types of parking bays and locations and who can use them.



Public and bank holiday enforcement

We explain public and bank holiday enforcement.

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The business scheme A permit provides businesses with a designated parking bay(s), situated as close as possible to the business, whilst taking into account traffic movement and road safety.

Business scheme A permits are available to those businesses based south of Euston Road (controlled parking zones CA-C, CA-D and CA-E) that have an operational need for a vehicle for the viability of the business.

A designated business bay will be created and a permit(s) issued to the business to allow parking in that bay.

Business scheme A permits can only be used for commercial vehicles.

Business permit holder AO45 only Mon - Fri 8.30 am - 6.30 pm Saturday 8.30 am - 1.30 pm

> This above bay is restricted to permit holder A45 only. This means that only this permit holder can park in this bay during its hours of operation..

> If you hold a business permit which is not A45 you are not permitted to park in this business permit holder bay during its hours of operation. Outside of the bays hours of operation, the bay is available to anyone, free of charge.





essential operational need for a vehicle for the viability of the business.

Scheme B business permit holders do not have a designated bay for their own use as with the business scheme A permits.

Scheme B business permits can be used within permit holder only bays within the controlled parking zone it is valid for. It is the permit holders' responsibility to ensure that they are using their permit within the correct zone.

In the above photo, the bay is restricted to scheme B business permit holders and resident permit holders whose permits are valid within controlled parking zone CA-H.

Please note you are unable to use your scheme B business permit in bays restricted to resident permit holders only. This is explained in more detail on the following page.

O2 Resident permit bays and business permit holders



Resident permit bays are the most common type of bays and are restricted for residents of the borough and their visitors. The hours of restriction of the bay are clearly stated on the time plate for the bay.

In the example picture, only CA-D resident permit holders can park Monday-Friday between 8.30am-6.30pm and on Saturday between 8.30am and 1.30pm. Outside of these hours, the bay is available to anyone, free of charge.

The remainder of this guide focuses on other common restrictions within the borough, and focuses mainly on loading and unloading restrictions. You may find this helpful for the operation of your business when loading or unloading within Camden.

Did you know?

A business permit does not allow the holder to park within resident permit bays during their hours of operation. In terms of loading or unloading, a vehicle may load or unload for a maximum of 20 minutes within a resident permit bay. Vehicles may also load and unload for a maximum of 20 minutes within a paid for parking bay.

What is considered loading/unloading?

Loading/unloading involves the continuous movement of goods to and from your vehicle, and checking and signing any associated paperwork. Stopping for a chat, shopping or having a cup of tea will not be considered loading/unloading.

O3 Code 01: Parked on a restricted street during prescribed hours

Please note: If there are kerb chevrons / blips on the road please refer to the explanation for code 02.

Single yellow lines mean the road is restricted at certain times – these times are indicated on the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) entry time plates. Double yellow lines mean that the road is restricted at all times. In terms of loading and unloading you can load or unload for up to 40 minutes if the vehicle is over 3.5 tonne or 20 minutes if the vehicle is less than 3.5 tonne.

Before 11am and after 6.30pm you can load or unload for an unlimited time period.

In terms of general parking, you cannot park your vehicle on yellow lines when they are restricted.



Mon - Fri 8.30am - 6.30pm Saturday 8.30am - 1.30pm

Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm

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What is the difference in restrictions between single and double yellow lines?

Both single and double yellow lines are restricted in the same way. The only difference is single yellow lines are restricted at certain times (which are stated on the Controlled Parking Zone entry time plate) and double yellow lines are restricted at all times. Double yellow lines do not require a time plate – it is expected that all drivers are familiar with this restriction as it is explained within the Highway Code. **O3** Code 02: Parked or loading / unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force

Loading restrictions are indicated by kerb chevrons / blips which are yellow lines painted onto the kerb.

When there are two kerb chevrons this means that loading or unloading is not permitted at any time.

There is no legal requirement to have a time plate for this restriction.

O3 Code 02: Parked or loading / unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force

Single kerb chevrons / blips mean no loading at certain times. A time plate will indicate when the loading restrictions are in force.

A single yellow line and a single kerb chevron / blip will have a time plate made up of two sections.

The yellow section of the time plate refers to the hours that the single yellow line is restricted.

The white section of the time plate explains when the loading restrictions are in force.

When there are double yellow lines and a single kerb chevron / blip the time plate will only have a white section. The times on this time plate state when the loading restrictions are in force.

No loading Mon - Sat 8.30 am - 6.30 pm

O3 Code 47: Stopped on a restricted bus stop or stand

A Penalty Charge Notice may be issued if any part of a vehicle is parked within a bus stop / stand.

A bus stop can be identified by its road markings and will have an associated time plate. Bus stops / stands have a cage marked around the length of the stop / stand and have a thick yellow line along the kerb that runs the length of the stop / stand. The word bus stop / stand will be painted on the road but this may only be at one end of the stop / stand.

If any part of a vehicle is parked within a bus stop a Penalty Charge Notice may be issued. This would include your back wheel.

We have a responsibility to keep the entire length of a bus stop/ stand clear to enable buses to pull into and leave from the bus stop/stand. This is for the safety of passengers and to allow buses to offer an efficient transport option to the public.

O3 Code 62: Parked with one or more wheels on or over a footpath or any part of the road other than a carriageway

Loading is permitted for a maximum of 20 minutes **but only** if there is no other way the loading or unloading could be carried out and only when someone responsible for the vehicle can be left with the vehicle at all times. In addition to this, when the vehicle is parked on the footway, loading or unloading is only exempted if there is no other parking option. If you are able to park elsewhere, such as on a single or double yellow line (where no loading restrictions are in force), this would be the preferred parking option.

Please note: If you park on the footway where a loading restriction is in force then you are liable to receive a Penalty Charge Notice. Vehicles must not be parked on the footway where there is a loading restriction in force.

Did you know?

Parking on the footway is explained in the Highway Code?

"244 - You MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs."

Did you know?

Footways are not intended to bear the weight of a vehicle?

Footway parking can cause damage to the footway and kerb which is costly to fix.

O3 Code 99: Stopped on a pedestrian crossing or crossing area marked by zigzags



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For safety reasons you are not allowed to park on zigzag markings or pedestrian crossings at any time. You are not allowed to load or unload on zigzag markings or pedestrian crossings at any time.

OA Public and bank holiday parking

We operate a consistent approach to public and bank holiday parking enforcement.

While not all parking restrictions apply, enforcement will still take place where there is safety and traffic flow implications or where the vehicle is causing an obstruction.

Bus lanes and moving traffic restrictions (such as box junctions and banned turns) are enforced as normal on these holidays.

CCTV

Moving traffic contraventions will be enforced 24/7 throughout the holiday period, with the exception of 2 specific locations:

Laystall Street – pedestrian zone. Grafton Road – motor vehicles prohibited area.

Parking

The table below shows what restrictions apply on public and bank holidays:

Do parking restrictions apply?	
Yes	
Double yellow lines	Coach bays
Where a loading ban is in operation*	Diplomatic bays
Bus stops	Dedicated disabled permit holder bays
Footway parking	Blue and green disabled badge
Zig-zag lines	holder bays
Parking across a dropped footway	Electric vehicle charging bays
Double parking	Suspended bays
Car Club bays	Cycleways
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Resident bays	Doctor's bays
Shared use (resident or p&d) bays	Loading bays
Single yellow lines**	Market trader permit bays
Pay and display bays	Motorcycle bays
Business permit holder bays	

 * indicated by a single/double yellow line with adjacent kerb chevrons and a nearby sign stating the hours during which loading is not permitted
**except where kerb chevrons indicate that a loading ban is in operation as outlined above