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# RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT

## Your guide to applying for a permit

### You will need this form if you:

- are applying for a permit;
- are replacing a permit that has been lost, stolen or destroyed;
- have changed your vehicle (even if this is only temporary);
- have changed your vehicle's registration plate;
- have changed your address; or
- have changed your name.



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## About this guide

This application guide contains extra information to help explain what you need to know to fill in the application form correctly:

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## 1 How to make your application

The Resident permit application guide contains essential information and instructions that all applicants should read and understand.

First time applicants should complete the application form and provide the necessary documents.

Existing permit holders will be sent a renewal reminder letter about four weeks before the current permit runs out. Eligible residents will be offered the opportunity to renew their permit online, however this option is not available to everyone at this time.

Apply for a permit by post, in person or via the night safe as described in sections 2 to 5.

We will return your form to you if you have not filled it in properly or enclosed the relevant original documents to support it. This will delay us in issuing your permit.

Please call the Customer services line for advice if you are experiencing difficulty in obtaining any of the required documents for your permit application.

You are responsible for applying for a new permit before your current permit runs out.

## 2 Applications by post

You can post your form to the address provided in section 3. Remember to enclose the completed and signed form with all the relevant original documents, together with your payment (see section 5).

Allow at least ten working days to apply for a permit by post. You can renew your permit any time in the four weeks before it expires.

If the recorded delivery option is not specified, we will return your permit and documents to you by normal post. We only post permits to your home address in the Royal Borough.

## 3 Applications in person

You or your representative can bring your completed and signed application form and documents to the Customer Service Centre to obtain your permit.

During very busy periods you may have to wait for up to one hour before being served. The busiest times are at the beginning and end of the month, on Mondays and during the lunch-time period.

The Customer Service Centre is located at:

Customer Service Centre  
Residents Parking  
The Town Hall  
Hornton Street  
London W8 7NX

### Opening hours:

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm

### Contact us by:

- telephone: 020 7361 4381 from Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm
- fax number: 020 7368 0276
- email: [residentparking@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:residentparking@rbkc.gov.uk)
- web: [www.rbkc.gov.uk/parking](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/parking)

## 4 Applications by night safe

You can leave your completed and signed application form and original supporting documents in the night safe (an “Out of hours” letterbox) 24 hours a day. It is situated to the left of the north entrance to the Town Hall in Holland Street. See section 5 for payment details.

Please allow at least ten working days to apply for a permit through the night safe.

## 5 How to pay

Payment by **post** or by **night safe** should be made by a completed cheque or postal order. If paying by cheque, please write your name and address on the back and make it payable to ‘R.B. of Kensington and Chelsea’. **Do not send cash or credit cards in the post.**

At the Customer Service Centre you can pay in cash, by cheque (made payable to ‘R.B. of Kensington and Chelsea’), or by credit or debit card (not American Express or Diners Card).

**Permit fraud contact number 020 7361 4231**

## 6 Resident Permit Charges

<b>Vehicle Permits</b>					
<b>A. Vehicles registered before March 2001 (engine capacity)</b>					
If your vehicle was manufactured before March 2001 the charge is calculated by the engine size shown on your Vehicle Registration Certificate (under section 4, P.1 for the cylinder capacity)					
Permit period	Weekend Only	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months
Engine size not over 1549cc	£36	£25	£38	£63	£104
Engine size over 1549cc	£49	£33	£51	£83	£138
<b>B. Vehicles registered from March 2001 (emission ratings)</b>					
If your vehicle was manufactured from March 2001 the charge is calculated by the CO <sub>2</sub> emissions figure shown on your Vehicle Registration Certificate (under section 4, V7 for CO <sub>2</sub> emissions ratings)					
Permit period	Weekend Only	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months
Band 1 – up to 100 g/km	£23	£15	£24	£40	£66
Band 2 – 101–120 g/km	£31	£21	£32	£53	£88
Band 3 – 121–150 g/km	£36	£25	£38	£63	£104
Band 4 – 151–165 g/km	£41	£27	£43	£69	£115
Band 5 – 166–185 g/km	£45	£31	£47	£77	£127
Band 6 – 186–225 g/km and vehicles over 225 g/km registered from 01/03/2001 up to 22/03/06 (inclusive)	£49	£33	£51	£83	£138
Band 7 – over 225 g/km and registered from 23/03/06	£57	£38	£59	£97	£161
Fully electric vehicles are classed as Band 1					
<b>C. Emission band unknown</b>	n/a	£28	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>D. Supplementary charges (non-refundable)</b>					
Permit period	Weekend Only	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months
Diesel vehicles ( <b>pre</b> Euro V vehicles)+	£6	£1.65	£3.85	£7.50	£15
Second or subsequent permit within a household (price per permit)	£23	£6	£15	£29	£57.50
+ Diesel vehicles manufactured before January 2011 are not exempt from a diesel surcharge					
<b>E. Motorcycle Permits</b>					
Permit period	3 months	6 months	12 months		
Motorcycle Permit (to park in motorcycle permit bays only)	£0	£0	£0		
Combined Motorcycle Permit (to park in motorcycle and resident permit bays)	£32	£53	£88		
Combined Motorcycle Permit (reduced for holders of an ARTC*)	£28.50	£45	£73		

\*Discount provided for holders of an Advanced Rider Training Certificate (ARTC). Proof in the form of a certificate from the following list will be required:

1. British Motorcycle Federation
  - Blue Ribband
2. Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
  - Scooter/Moped Training
  - Advanced Motorcycle test
3. UK Advanced Motorcycle Training
  - OxOCN Course
4. Institute of Advanced Motorists
  - Any
5. Bikesafe London
  - Scooter Safe
  - Standard

## 6 Resident permit charges

### F. Proof of Engine Capacity or Vehicle Emissions

This information can be found in the Vehicle Registration Certificate (VRC).

**If your vehicle was registered before 1 March 2001** the price of your permit will be based on the engine capacity.

**You will need to provide your original Vehicle Registration Certificate (VRC)** as proof of the engine capacity. This information can be found on the VRC under Section 4, reference P.1

If the vehicle is a lease or hire car and you are unable to provide a copy of the vehicle registration certificate, you will need a letter from the lease/hire company confirming the engine capacity.

If your vehicle is classed as a van or as a private light goods, the vehicle registration certificate (VRC) may not show a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions figure, in which case you will be charged according to the engine capacity. This information can be found on the VRC under Section 4, reference V.7

**If your car was registered on or after 1 March 2001** the price of your permit will be based on the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of your vehicle.

**You will need to provide your original vehicle registration certificate (VRC)** as proof of your vehicle emissions. This information can be found on the VRC under Section 4, reference V.7.

If the vehicle is a company or hire car and you are unable to provide a copy of the vehicle registration certificate, you will need a letter from the lease/hire company confirming the vehicle emissions.

**If you cannot provide proof** of CO<sub>2</sub> vehicle emissions or engine capacity, we can issue you with a one month permit to give you time to obtain the relevant documentation. The charge for a one month permit is £28. This charge can be off-set against the cost of an annual permit when you provide the necessary proof.

**If your vehicle is fully electric**, the VRC will not show a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions figure. These vehicles will be charged as Band 1. Charges for Hybrid vehicles are based on vehicle emissions.

### G. Supplementary Charges (non-refundable)

#### Diesel

There is an extra charge for diesel fuelled vehicles manufactured prior to January 2011. Please see the payment chart for details.

Any diesel vehicle registered from January 2011

onwards will comply with the Euro V standard and is therefore exempt from the diesel surcharge.

### Second or subsequent permit holder in a household

There is an extra charge for your permit if any other person in your household already holds a valid Resident Parking Permit. It is the responsibility of householders to decide who will be the primary permit holder, and who will be the second or subsequent permit holders. Please see the payment chart for details of the extra charge.

## 7 Who qualifies for a permit?

You can only get a permit if your **main home** is in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and **meets this definition:**

- You have no other residence where you live and sleep more regularly;
- The specified residence does not consist of a bed or makeshift bedroom in the back of an office or shop;
- The specified vehicle is registered to the specified address;
- you have surrendered and no longer hold any other valid parking permit granted in respect of residence in any other local authority.

but must also meet all of the following conditions:

- a) the relevant Council Tax is paid at your address in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and
- b) the address is your sole or main home, and
- c) you reside at the address for more than 4 days and nights a week for 13 weeks in row, and
- d) you hold a valid Driving Licence, and
- e) you do not already hold a resident parking permit for another car or for another motorcycle in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea or in any other local authority, and
- f) your address is in the resident parking permit scheme and is not part of a permit free development.

A resident is entitled to one parking permit for a car and one permit for a motorcycle.

## 8 Who does not qualify for a permit?

You will not qualify for a resident parking permit if:

- you own a property in the borough but live elsewhere; or own a second (but not main) home in the borough;
- you work in the borough but live elsewhere;
- you are a tourist;

- you are a member of staff, or a guest, in a hotel;
- you are domestic staff (for example a nanny), but live outside the borough;
- you want to supervise builders in a property you plan to move into;
- the vehicle is not registered with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA); or
- you borrow or share a vehicle; or
- you have three or more unpaid PCNs (parking tickets) issued by us or on our behalf or
- the vehicle is designed for more than 12 passengers (not including the driver), and is longer than 548.6 centimetres (18 feet) and higher than 208.3 centimetres (6 feet 10 inches) or
- you own or occupy property in a permit free development or
- you own or occupy property in a private road, for example “The Billings”.

## Documents needed to apply for a resident parking permit

### 9 Proof of where I live

You are required to provide two proofs of residency to obtain your resident parking permit. Select these from the following options:

#### a) Electoral Register

If your name appears on the currently published electoral register (not the draft register) you can use this as one proof of residency. You can see if your name is on the electoral register at any library in the Royal Borough or you can telephone Electoral Registration on 020 7361 3444.

#### b) Council Tax Bill

If your name appears on the Council Tax bill for your address in the Royal Borough you can use this as one proof of residency, as long as the billing address is also your home address in the Royal Borough.

Please note that if your name appears on both the Electoral Register and the Council Tax bill for your address these will count as the two proofs of residency you require. You do not need to provide documents to prove this as we can verify these details for you.

#### c) Other documents

If your name appears only on the Electoral Register or only on the Council Tax bill, you must provide one more original document from the list below.

If your name does not appear in both the Electoral Register and the Council Tax bill, you must provide two original documents from the list below.

They must clearly show your name and address. We do not accept photocopied, faxed or scanned documents. **We do not accept gas, electricity, phone, cable or water bills.** The documents we accept are:

- i) Driving Licence showing your name and address
- ii) Current Council or Housing Trust rent book or statement
- iii) Home Contents Insurance policy
- iv) Current Benefits or Pension statement (relating to the current year)
- v) Alien Registration Card
- vii) Firearms Certificate
- vii) Tenancy agreement (not handwritten, and valid for the duration of the permit you require)
- viii) Current Bank or Building Society statement (dated within the last 3 months. We do not accept credit card or online statements)
- ix) Solicitor's letter of completion dated within the last three months. Please note we will issue a three month permit only if this is one of your proofs of residency. This will give you time to produce the two proofs we need to see when you renew your permit.
- x) Accredited Diplomats can provide a letter from their Embassy as one of the proofs of residency.

#### Living-in staff (e.g. nannies, chauffeurs)

You will need to provide a current contract of employment which shows that you have to live in the Royal Borough as part of your job. When you renew the permit, you will also need to provide one item to prove where you live (see Section 9).

**We will only issue a maximum of a three-month permit.**

## Proof of vehicle ownership and drivers licence

### 10.1 Vehicle ownership

You are required to show proof of ownership of the vehicle from the documents listed in part (a), or (b), or (c) below. You must show original documents, not photocopies, scans or faxes.

- (a) provide the original Vehicle Registration Certificate (VRC) showing your name and address, or if you are hiring the vehicle please provide your contract hire agreement showing your name and the name of the lease-hire company, or

(b) for a recently purchased vehicle:  
If you have just bought the vehicle and you have not yet amended the name and address on your VRC, we can send the Vehicle Registration Certificate to DVLA Swansea to change it into your name. We will post it by recorded delivery and provide you with a photo copy. Alternatively you will need to provide

- (i) the Sales Invoice or New Keepers Supplement, **and**
- (ii) the Insurance cover note, or

(c) for a company vehicle (including a vehicle owned by a partnership or sole trader)

You will need to provide a letter on the company's official letter headed stationery naming you as a fulltime employee, or partner, or director or sole trader who has exclusive use of the vehicle. The letter should be signed by the company secretary or someone with similar authority; it should not be signed by you. In addition you must provide one of the following:

- (i) the Vehicle Registration Certificate, or
- (ii) the lease/hire agreement or schedule, or
- (iii) if the company have just purchased the vehicle please provide the Sales Invoice and the Insurance cover note, and we can issue a three month permit. We do not issue a permit for more than three months until you can provide the original Vehicle Registration Certificate showing the company name and address.

### **About foreign registered vehicles**

In the UK the law requires a resident's vehicle to be kept off road until it has been properly registered and taxed with the UK authorities at DVLA, Swansea. Anyone who claims to be exempt from these DVLA regulations will not be eligible for a Resident Parking Permit.

However, if you have arrived within the last few weeks to reside in the UK and you own an EU registered vehicle in your name, you would be entitled to a permit for up to 6 months, but during that time the vehicle must be registered with DVLA.

### **We will not issue permits to foreign registered vehicles under any other circumstances.**

Please allow approximately two to three weeks to register a foreign registered vehicle with the UK authorities.

## **10.2 Driving Licence**

You must show a valid driving licence showing your full name. We accept the photo card or the paper counterpart.

If you hold a provisional driving licence we may ask for further evidence that you are entitled to drive the vehicle and are learning to drive.

If you hold a Driving Licence that was not issued in the UK, it must show your full name and must be valid in the UK. Please note that a foreign Driving Licence issued outside the EU is not valid after one year of your residency in the UK.

For further details please call the **Driving and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA)** on 0870 850 0007, or visit this website for further information: [www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring)

## **About your existing permit**

### **11 Changing your address or name**

If you change your address within the Royal Borough while your permit is still valid, you can continue to use the same permit but you need to let us know the new address so we can update our records. You must sign and complete a new application form and produce one item from section 9 to prove where you live.

If you change your name you must sign and date a new application form and show proof that you have changed your name, for example a marriage certificate, deed poll or decree nisi divorce certificate.

### **12 Permanent change of vehicle or number plate**

**Do not alter your permit if you have changed your vehicle or number plate.** You must return your current permit and provide proof that you own or use the new vehicle. The documents we accept are listed in section 10. In addition, you must also show your driving licence and produce one proof of your address from the documents listed in section 9.

### **13 Temporary change of Vehicle**

We do not give permits to borrowed vehicles except when your vehicle is off the road because of an accident or major repair, or if it has been stolen.

In these cases we can give you a permit (valid for up to one month only) for a temporary replacement vehicle that may not be registered in your name.

You must produce your original permit with a letter from the garage or insurance company to confirm the damage or major repair and the dates that you will be using the temporary vehicle.

If you have borrowed the vehicle, you will also need to provide the vehicle registration certificate for the replacement vehicle, and a letter from the owner saying that you will be the only person using that vehicle.

You must also produce your driving licence and one proof of address from the documents listed in section 9.

**You must display both the temporary permit and your normal permit in the temporary vehicle.**

## 14 Lost, stolen or destroyed permits

### Lost or destroyed permits

If your permit has been lost or destroyed or damaged and you need a replacement for the same vehicle, there will be a £25 administration fee (or £6 for the combined permit). The replacement permit will be valid for the life of the permit that was lost or destroyed. If you need a replacement permit for a different vehicle, you will have to pay the fee as well as the cost of a new permit, even if time was left on the old one. There is no fee to issue or replace a motorcycle only permit.

**We reserve the right not to reissue a permit.**

### Stolen permits

If your permit has been stolen, you must provide a crime reference number. We will charge a £10 administration fee (or £6 for the combined permit) for giving you a replacement.

If you do not have a crime reference number, we will treat this as a lost permit.

There is no fee to replace a motorcycle only permit.

Please note that administration fees are non refundable.

## 15 Returning a permit for a refund

If you no longer need your permit, or are no longer eligible for a permit, you must return it to us at the address in section 3. We will send you a refund within 28 days. If you do not return the permit, you will be breaking the rules of the Resident Parking Scheme and committing an offence.

We will refund any unused time if you return your permit without being asked. We work this refund out from the day we receive the permit in our office.

We will not give you a refund for a one-month permit, or if the refund would be less than £5.

## 16 Misuse and abuse of the Residents' Parking scheme

The council treats abuse of the Residents' Parking Scheme seriously. Abusing the scheme includes:

- allowing non-residents to use your address to get a permit;
- selling a vehicle displaying a permit;
- holding a permit for more than one borough;
- deliberately understating a vehicle's height or length;
- providing false information to get a permit;
- producing or displaying fake permits;
- or failing to return a permit when requested to do so.

## 17 Reporting fraudulent permit holders

We try to make sure that only residents hold a current permit. People who live outside the borough are not entitled to get a permit. If you think that someone is using a resident parking permit they are not entitled to, please call the **Fraud contact number 020 7361 4231**.

This number is unmanned, please leave a message with details of your allegation and we will act upon it. You may leave an anonymous message if you wish to do so. We will keep your details confidential.

## 18 Resident parking booklet

The Resident Parking Permit Scheme booklet is available separately. It contains important information on how, when and where to park with your resident parking permit and will help you avoid receiving a penalty charge notice.

**You are responsible for parking the vehicle in accordance with the conditions set out for permit holders.**

It is important that you read and understand the instructions and conditions that apply to your permit application. Please continue overleaf to the Declaration.

**Please read each point below carefully. You will sign to say you have read and understood these terms and conditions fully at the end of this form.**

**Warning:** It is an offence to give untrue or misleading information or to withhold information. If you do so we may prosecute you and you may face an unlimited fine or a term of up to 10 years imprisonment or both.

- I confirm that the address shown in section B on the form is my main home, as defined in section 7 of these notes.
- I confirm that I am the user and the keeper of the vehicle specified in section C of this form, and I will not allow non-residents to use my permit to park in the Borough. If I stop living in the Borough or stop keeping and using the vehicle, I will return my permit immediately. If not, I will be committing an offence and may lose any refund that would be paid for a returned permit.
- I confirm that the vehicle with the registration given in section C of the form is not designed for more than 12 passengers (not including the driver), and is less than 548.6 centimetres (18 feet) long and less than 208.3 centimetres (6 feet 10 inches) high.
- I confirm that if the permit is for use on a company vehicle I will return the permit if I either stop living in the Borough or I am no longer employed by the company. I understand that the permit remains the property of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.
- Neither I nor the vehicle hold another Resident Parking Permit for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea or any other local authority. I understand I may only hold one Resident Parking Permit for one car or van in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and one Resident Parking Permit for one motorcycle in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.
- I understand and accept that you may ask to visit my home or carry out further investigations, including contacting any relevant people, before or after issuing a permit to make sure I have given the correct address. If I refuse, I understand it is likely that you will not give me a permit or will withdraw my permit. In these circumstances, I also understand that my vehicle may be removed if it is parked in a resident parking bay.
- I understand that you will use the personal information I have given in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. You will use the information I have given to issue resident parking permits. I accept that you will pass this information to other council departments and the DVLA, for this and related purposes.
- I understand that you have to protect the public funds you handle, so you may use the information I have provided on this form to prevent and detect fraud. You may share this information with other bodies who handle public funds for these purposes only.
- I understand that if I pay for a resident permit and payment is subsequently reversed by the bank for any reason, the permit will be considered to be invalid and I risk having my vehicle ticketed, clamped or removed.
- In certain circumstances, the Royal Borough may require you to produce further evidence to support your application. This may be in addition to any documentation described within this application form. This is in accordance with the Traffic Management Order 1999, No.96 (Schedule 1 – Part III).
- I understand that if I abuse the Residents' Parking scheme my permit will be withdrawn and I may not be able to get a further permit for at least one year. In serious cases I may never be allowed a further permit and could be prosecuted. (Please refer to Part 16 of the Resident Parking Permit guide to your application where we describe what constitutes 'abuse' of the Residents' parking scheme.)
- I have read and understood the instructions and notes with this application form. I understand and accept that you may prosecute me if I have given any information on the form which I know is wrong or untrue.

**You should keep these notes as you may need to refer to them in the future.**