

Student Parking FAQ for annual permits (September 1- August 31)

Q. When can I apply for student parking?

You can apply anytime during the initial application period. Applications are accepted mid-May through early or mid-June. The allocation of student permits is generally full after the initial assignment process in July.

Q. I want to apply for a parking permit. What are the steps I need to take?

1. You need to meet one or more of the required criteria:
 - Commuting students from outside Madison (beyond one mile of the city transit system).
 - Working students using their vehicle at least three times a week for employment off campus. A signed letter (on business letterhead paper) or email from the employer listing scheduled work hours is required. Applications without this letter are automatically denied.
 - Students with unusual or special needs (must provide justification).
2. If you qualify, you can submit the pre-approval application on the Transportation Services website: transportation.wisc.edu/permits/student-parking/student-parking-application/
3. You will receive an email shortly after applying to indicate the status of your application. If you are approved, further instructions will be provided.

Q. I have an off-campus job, internship, etc. Will I qualify?

You must submit a letter or email of verification directly from your employer to be considered. Send verification to studentparking@fpm.wisc.edu. You will be denied if you do not submit verification.

Q. My bus route is not convenient; can I qualify for a permit?

You will not be approved to apply for a student permit if you live within 1 mile of the Madison Metro bus system. Madison Metro website: www.cityofmadison.com/metro

Q. How often do I need to move my vehicle?

UW permits are not valid for car storage (parked without moving for more than 72 hours). Stored vehicles are subject to citation and/or tow at the owner's expense.

Q. Is my permit valid during special events (football, basketball, etc.)?

No. Base lot permits are not valid when lots are staffed for special events. You will receive an email from Transportation Services with specific details if you are being asked to relocate for a special event. There are no exceptions. Please plan accordingly when making your lot choices.

Q. What are the lots and costs for student parking?

Lot options are 34, 41, 46, 59, 76, and 83. **There are no additional lot choices for students.**

If you are unfamiliar with the locations of these lots, reference the interactive campus map. map.wisc.edu Permit costs can be found on the rates and policies webpage: transportation.wisc.edu/rates-and-policies/

Student permits are the same price of base lot permits. The cost is prorated daily. If you do not purchase a permit before September 1, you will pay the prorated cost. If you do not need the permit for the entire academic year, you can return it for a pro-rated refund.

Return/cancellation information: <https://transportation.wisc.edu/permits/#Cancel>

Q. I will be moving to a different address next year not on a bus line. Can I be entered into the parking application system now?

We will not be able to process your application until your living arrangements for the next academic year have been finalized.

Q. When and how do I find out if I have been assigned a permit?

You will only receive an email in mid/end of July if you are offered a permit. You must log in with your NetID to accept and purchase your permit. This must be done by the noted deadline or the permit will be offered to the next student on the waitlist. You will remain on the waitlist until you receive an offer via email. Permit offers are made approximately every two weeks.

Q. How do I get my permit?

Permits accepted and purchased on or before August 24 are sent to the confirmed mailing address. Permits accepted and purchased on and after August 25 must be picked up in Room 124 of the WARF Building (610 Walnut Street) after 11 a.m. the next business day.

Q. When do I have to pay for the permit?

Payment is due in full when you purchase your permit. Contact the student transportation coordinator at studentparking@fpm.wisc.edu if you are waiting for financial aid to pay for your permit.

Q. I only need parking for a few weeks or a month, are there any options available?

Daily permits are available in a variety of lots; daily permits may be purchased at a UW Transportation Services office: transportation.wisc.edu/contact-us/

Hourly parking is available at gated campus parking facilities (pull a ticket) and in some timed parking stall locations (pay by phone); more visitor parking info: transportation.wisc.edu/visitor-parking/

Monthly parking is occasionally offered in a limited number of lots based on space availability. There are no monthly parking permits available for the months of September and October.

** You are required to return your parking pass for a prorated refund if your circumstances change and you no longer meet one of the criteria. Students with off-campus jobs may be required to re-submit employment verification at any time throughout the year.