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### Who is affected by this parking strategy?

This parking strategy affects staff, visitors and tenants who park at metropolitan public hospital sites.

### I currently have a parking permit. Will I need to reapply?

Yes. You will need to apply for a new permit when your current permit expires.

### How are parking permits assigned?

Onsite parking permits at all metropolitan public hospitals are assigned according to priority. For a full list of priority categories and rationales please click on the link below.

[http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/Access\\_and\\_Parking\\_Strategy.pdf](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/Access_and_Parking_Strategy.pdf)

#### Priority 1 includes:

- Patients & Visitors
- Rotating Shift Workers
- Medical Consultants
- Emergency On Call Staff
- Healthcare employees working between campuses more than three times a week
- ACROD permit holders (with a current ACROD permit)
- Medical Certificate Holders
- Couriers and Other Service Vehicles
- Government Vehicle Scheme (GVS) and Senior Officer Vehicle Scheme (SOVS) Pool Vehicles
- Voluntary Transport Drivers
- Volunteers

#### Priority 2 includes:

- Car Poolers
- Demonstrated Primary Carer needs
- Journeys where comparative total travel time via public transport exceeds private travel time by more than 45 minutes per journey
- Journeys where public transport is not available

#### Priority 3 includes:

- Staff who only work Monday to Friday, between 7:00 am to 6.30 pm.

### Many hospital staff members are shift workers and public transport will not always be an option for us. Will we be forced to use public transport?

Under the strategy, staff working shifts are in Priority Group 1 for parking and will have access to parking for the majority of their shifts. See 'How are parking permits assigned?'

We understand that public transport is not an option at some locations and at certain shift times. However we encourage staff to use public transport where it is available and appropriate.

We are working on improving public transport access, facilities and parking so that there are enough parking bays for priority parkers at metropolitan public hospitals.

### What will the revenue from parking be used for?

Revenue received from parking is used to fund:

- building car parks
- maintaining car parks
- repairs to access roads and pathways
- lighting and signage

### Will people who ride scooters and motorbikes have to pay for parking?

No. You will however be required to register your motorbike / scooter. Parking for scooters and motorbikes will be reviewed in the future.

### If I have a parking permit does it guarantee a parking space?

No, but only authorised permit holders will be able to access specific permit zones.

At all hospitals, parking permits will be issued according to priority and the number of available bays.

As the number of people wishing to park at a site at any particular time may vary, a parking space cannot always be guaranteed.

### How do I pay for parking?

Currently applicable parking fees are paid by 'pre-tax' payroll deductions via the Health Support Services (previously HCN).

If you work at a metropolitan hospital site but are not a hospital employee, a payment system may be set up with your employer, or you can pay your fees by invoice or by EFTPOS.

For more specific information relating to Pay As You Go (PAYG) payment options refer to the [PAYG FAQs](#).

### How much will I have to pay?

Please refer to the parking fee chart online.

[http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/parking\\_fees.pdf](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/parking_fees.pdf)

With the exception of Cat A sites which have fixed price increments, prices will only increase in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to keep pace with inflation.

### Are the parking fees the same at all the metropolitan public hospitals?

The parking fees at metropolitan public hospitals will vary, depending on their access to different modes of travel, including public transport, walking and cycling.

Please refer to the parking fee chart online.

[http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/parking\\_fees.pdf](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/parking_fees.pdf)

### What is Pay As You Go (PAYG) parking?

An equitable payment system where you only pay for the parking you actually use.

The PAYG parking system has been introduced to all metropolitan public hospital sites at which staff pay for parking.

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Under the PAYG system, people who are authorised to park onsite will be given a smart card which can be loaded with credit. When you access the hospital car park the smart card is scanned upon entry and exit and the applicable parking fee applied.

Currently at most metropolitan public hospitals, you pay for parking by automatic fortnightly salary deduction via HSS.

The PAYG parking system now in place provides for reduced parking rates at certain times:

- 6pm – 6am Monday to Friday (25% off the weekday rate)
- 6pm Friday – 6am Monday (25% off the weekday rate)

Refer to separate [PAYG FAQs](#) for more specific information.

### When will the PAYG system be introduced?

PAYG parking was rolled out to staff at FH and RPH in 2016 and KEMH staff transitioned across in November 2017. Staff who are primarily based at FSH or QEII MC also have access to PAYG via their respective Parking Departments.

### I work and park at multiple sites – do I have to pay at all of them?

Yes, however you will only be paying for what you use at each site. Currently FSH and QEII MC operate independent PAYG systems that cap fees at a daily rate.

At RPH, FH and KEMH you will have one smart card to access your allocated areas at all 3 sites. Parking fees under this PAYG system will be charged at an hourly rate capped to a daily maximum. The maximum parking fee you will pay in any 24-hour period will be the daily rate of the hospital you attend that has the highest parking fee.

Please refer to the parking fee chart online.

[http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/parking\\_fees.pdf](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/parking_fees.pdf)

### Can we car pool?

Yes. We actively encourage sharing the cost of parking and travel.

If you have been allocated a parking permit, you can even rotate whose vehicle is used for the car pool. Please note there must be a minimum of two WA Health staff members in a given car pool and all parties are required to adhere to specific car pooling guidelines.

### What is a travel plan and why does each metropolitan hospital site require one?

A travel plan is a package of measures aimed at reducing the adverse environmental impacts of single vehicle use.

It aims to reduce our dependence on single occupancy vehicle travel by encouraging greater use of car sharing, public transport, walking and cycling.

For a travel plan template click below.

[http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/Travel\\_Plan\\_Template\\_Web.doc](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/parking/docs/Travel_Plan_Template_Web.doc)

### What benefits can a travel plan bring to hospital sites?

The travel plan aims to contribute to the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of all who use the hospital sites by reducing:

- car use, especially single occupant car use
- car parking pressure
- air pollution
- traffic congestion

The travel plans will ensure that each hospital site can continue to develop and serve the community well and in a sustainable way.

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### Who is responsible for day-to-day management of the travel plan?

The MAPD TravelSmart team is responsible; however staff are welcome to contribute to developing and implementing a travel plan. Please email [travelsmart@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:travelsmart@health.wa.gov.au) for further information.

### Where can I get information on public transport?

- Visit the Transperth website [www.transperth.wa.gov.au](http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au) where you can access a journey planner, public transport timetables and ticket information.
- Call 13 62 13 for all Transperth general enquiries, service and ticketing information.

### Are parking fees tax deductible?

No. An Australian Taxation Office (ATO) ruling indicates that travel to and from work is classed as private use of a vehicle and therefore any associated expense is not a tax deduction.

If you are a Health Employee at RPH, FH or KEMH parking fees may be deducted from your pre-tax salary. When you apply for a parking permit, you have the option of filling out an HSS deduction form to request pre-tax deduction of parking fees from your salary. Please note that if you choose this option it will be subject to Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT). If you have any questions relating to FBT you should seek independent financial advice.

### I have to use my private vehicle for hospital work, does this make my parking fees tax deductible?

If you are required to use your vehicle for work purposes other than travelling to and from work, the daily parking fee should be claimable through your line manager. Kilometre allowance, parking fees and associated costs of using your vehicle for work purposes are claimable.

### Contact us

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