

# SHORT TERM PARKING PERMITS FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

## PURPOSE

This policy provides direction on the circumstances under which Council will issue a short-term parking permit to a person with a temporary disability.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to persons with a temporary disability, who seek a permit to park in accessible parking spaces (previously referred to as disabled parking spaces) in the City of Glenorchy.

## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

### Making Lives Better

- Objective 1.1 Know our communities and what they value
- Strategy 1.1.1 Guide decision making through continued community engagement based on our community plan

### Leading Our Community

- Objective 4.1 Govern in the best interests of our community
- Strategy 4.1.1 Manage Council for maximum efficiency, accountability and transparency
- Strategy 4.1.3 Maximise regulatory compliance in Council and the community through our systems and processes
- Objective 4.2 Prioritise our resources to achieve our communities' goals
- Strategy 4.2.1 Deploy the Council's resources effectively to deliver value

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Section 203 of the *Road Rules 2019* provides that a driver must not stop in a parking area for people with disabilities unless:

- (a) The driver's vehicle displays a current parking permit for people with disabilities; and
- (b) The driver complies with the conditions of use of the permit.

Acts	<i>Road Rules 2019</i>
Regulations	N/A
Australian/International Standards	N/A

## DEFINITIONS

**Short-Term Permit** means a short-term parking permit issued by Council to a person with a disability, for a period of time specified in this policy.

**Complex walking aid** means aids such as a walking frame but does not include a standard walking stick.

**Parking permit for people with disabilities** means the meaning given in the *Road Rules 2019* (dictionary).

**Parking area for people with disabilities** means the meaning given in the *Road Rules 2019* (s.203)

## POLICY STATEMENT

### Purpose of Policy

Subject to eligibility, this Policy is intended to assist people with temporary ambulatory disabilities who need to park close to doctors, shops and other services by providing the authority to park in accessible parking spaces within the City of Glenorchy.

### Term of Short-Term Permit

Council will issue a Short-Term Permit for:

- (a) an initial period of 12 months, and
- (b) a renewed period of an additional 6 months, following a review of the person's eligibility.

### Eligibility

1. A person will be eligible for a Permit where they have a severe ambulatory disability which results in them being:
  - (a) unable to walk, or
  - (b) only able to walk very short distances (e.g. 50 metres or less within 5 minutes) without the assistance of another person or the use of a complex walking aid.
2. Council will not issue a Permit to persons who are afflicted by a vision impairment or intellectual disability, except where the person also meets the eligibility criteria in paragraph 3 (below).
3. Council will only issue a Short-Term Permit where the applicant provides evidence from a qualified health care professional that that the applicant will be:
  - (a) disabled for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of application, or
  - (b) in the case of a person whose disability makes them reliant on a wheelchair, a minimum period of 3 months from the date of application.

## Parking Concessions

A person issued with a Permit is entitled to the parking concessions available to members of the State Government's Transport Access Scheme. This includes the ability to park in a parking area for people with disabilities, provided the Short-Term Permit is displayed and the driver complies with the conditions of the permit

Permit Holders are also permitted to park for longer than the specified time in a parking spaces, where the time limit on the sign:

- (a) is less than 30 minutes, a maximum parking time allowance of 30 minutes is provided,
- (b) is greater than 30 minutes but less than 1 hour, a maximum parking time allowance of 2 hours is provided;  
or
- (c) is more than 1 hour, a maximum parking time allowance of double the time restriction of the sign, is provided.

## BACKGROUND

Under the Australian Disability Parking Scheme and the State Government's Transport Access Scheme, persons who meet certain eligibility criteria may be eligible for an Australian Disability Parking Permit.

Council is authorised issue to Short-Term Permits which authorise persons with a temporary disability to stop in a parking area for people with disabilities in the Glenorchy Municipality whilst they have a disability.

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