



# Advice guide 8: Car Parking for Disabled Students

The University takes every reasonable action to ensure that the parking needs of disabled students are met so that disabled students can participate fully in the working, academic and social life of the University.

## Car Parking Passes

Car parking permits are allocated by **Campus Services**. If a student has a blue badge, enquiries should be made by email to [carparking@tees.ac.uk](mailto:carparking@tees.ac.uk). Access will be granted to all car parks that have disabled parking bays.

Access/Permits for disabled students are allocated as appropriate and without charge, subject to the following:

- Completion of the necessary parking application form.
- Production of Student ID (TUSC), a valid driving licence (for that of a 'companion' or nominated driver if necessary).
- Production of a valid 'Blue Badge'.

In special circumstances, access/permits may be given to those who although they are not National Blue Badge holders, have a disability that affects their car parking requirements. This will be subject to an assessment by a **Disability Adviser** and a student may be provided with a 'university blue badge'. Students can begin this process by notifying [Disability Services](#) of their condition and completing their Student Support Plan with an adviser. The evidence needed for a University Blue Badge is the following:

- Proof that the student is awaiting the outcome of their application for a national blue badge. If made eligible, they will need to return their permit to car parking services and inform them that they now hold a national blue badge.
- *Specific medical evidence* from a medical professional explaining the barriers/needs related to their disability, where they will be at a significant disadvantage within the university context if they did not have access to parking. This helps us understand the uniqueness of the context which may be why the student does not have a national badge. The student should confirm this is still a need throughout the duration of their course.





Permits are issued for the entire duration of a student's course of study, although a Disability Adviser can recommend parking arrangements for a specific period of time where appropriate. University "Blue Badges" must be prominently displayed at all times whilst using the car parks. **Please note:** Companion/nominated drivers are not authorised to use University parking facilities unless the registered person is present.

### **Campus Car Parks**

Students are required to park safely and to comply with University car parking regulations. (Full details of regulations are available from Campus Services). The University has 20 car parks, controlled by automatic barriers providing 49 spaces, which display the disability symbol . The Curve operates its own car park and disabled spaces independently and this help sheet does not cover these. [Click here to find a map of the university car parks.](#)

Parking in these spaces is strictly reserved for disabled students (staff or visitors) who have been allocated a space by Campus Services. Unauthorised use of bays displaying the disability symbol will result in penalties including fines and permanent withdrawal of parking privileges.

### **Carpark Security and Safety**

Although security of its car parks cannot be guaranteed, the University has made a substantial investment in terms of security staffing and equipment. CCTV cameras are installed, and Security and dedicated Car Park Attendants carry out regular patrols of all car parks. Vehicles are parked at the owner's risk and in absence of negligence by the University, its Servants or Agents, liability will not be accepted for loss or damage to vehicles or property left in the car parks.

### **Car parking for students living in TS1 –TS4 postcode areas**

Students living in TS1-TS4 (inclusive) postcode areas are not eligible to apply for Student Pay & Display or Park & Ride parking, unless they hold a Blue Disabled Parking Permit. They can however use the **Dartmouth Car Park** on Southfield Road, which is a Staff/Student Pay & Display car park (£2.00 all day). This car park does not require registration and is available on a first come first served basis.

### **For car park security issues contact:**

The Security Control Room, Main Entrance of the Library, 01642 342086.

### **For more information**

W: <https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/stud/disability>

E: [studentlife@tees.ac.uk](mailto:studentlife@tees.ac.uk)

T: 01642 342277

