

Parking Guide to Brisbane

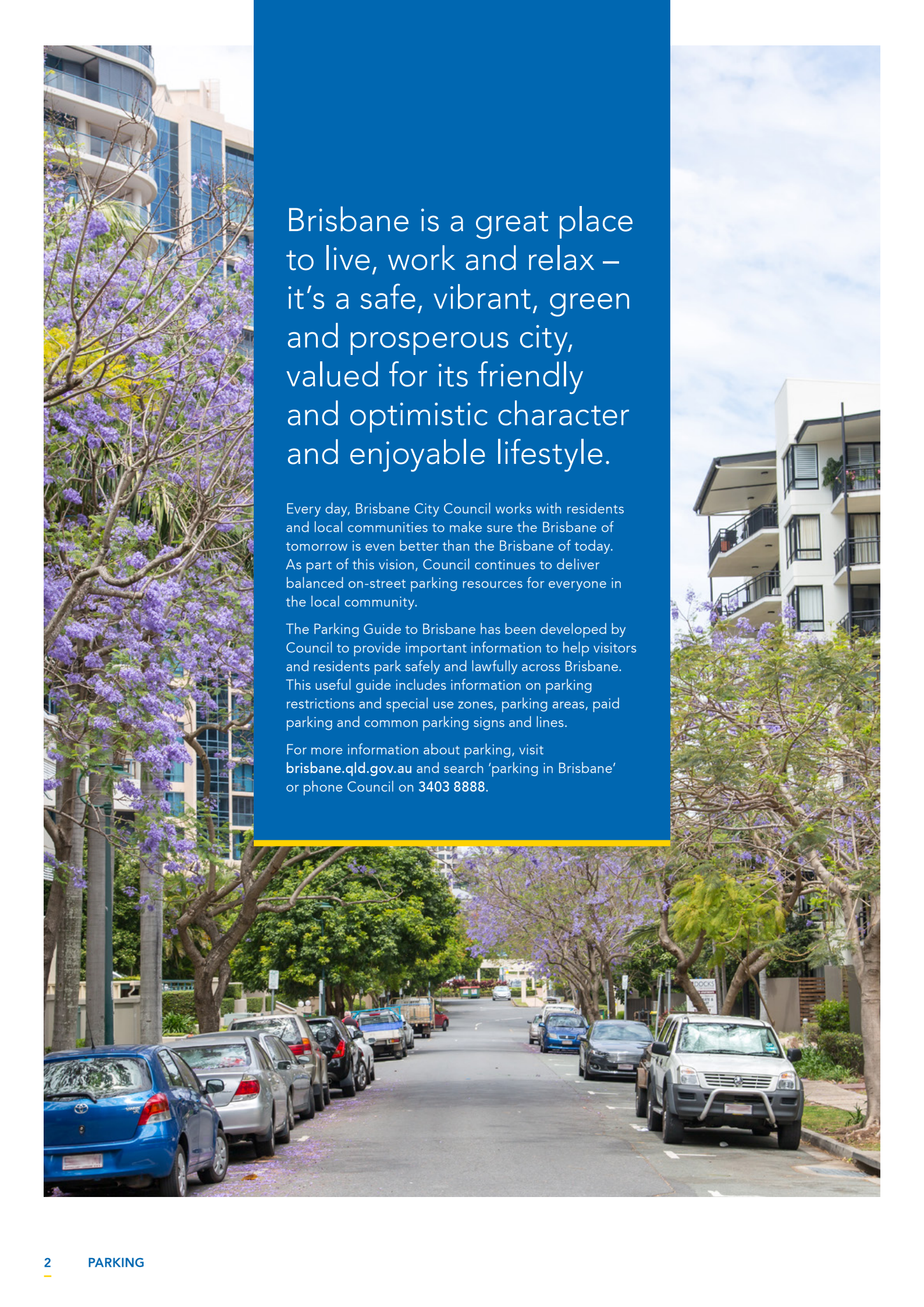


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Brisbane is a great place to live, work and relax – it's a safe, vibrant, green and prosperous city, valued for its friendly and optimistic character and enjoyable lifestyle.

Every day, Brisbane City Council works with residents and local communities to make sure the Brisbane of tomorrow is even better than the Brisbane of today. As part of this vision, Council continues to deliver balanced on-street parking resources for everyone in the local community.

The Parking Guide to Brisbane has been developed by Council to provide important information to help visitors and residents park safely and lawfully across Brisbane. This useful guide includes information on parking restrictions and special use zones, parking areas, paid parking and common parking signs and lines.

For more information about parking, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'parking in Brisbane' or phone Council on 3403 8888.



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Managing parking

Why do we need parking restrictions?

Parking restrictions help to keep Brisbane a safe and accessible city by:

- improving safety for all road users, including people using public transport, walking and riding
- promoting more efficient use of on-street parking
- improving traffic flow.

Parking restrictions also promote turnover of on-street parking spaces which helps to support local businesses by ensuring fair access to parking resources near shops and services.

Tips to help you park safely and lawfully

- Some locations in Brisbane have different restrictions at different times of the day. Always check parking signs carefully so you understand the restrictions that apply.
- Do not stop or park on yellow lines, in no stopping zones, clearways, bus zones, taxi zones or other special use zones.
- Unless otherwise signed, do not park on or across footpaths, driveways, medians and kerb ramps.
- Be aware that some metered parking zones change to clearways or no stopping zones at peak times, typically between 7-9am and 4-7pm, Monday to Friday.

- There are a number of Traffic Areas and Parking Areas across Brisbane, where area-wide parking limits and regulations apply. Large signs located on each area's boundaries explain conditions.
- Do not stop in a commercial loading zone unless you are dropping off or picking up goods. Your vehicle must be a commercial vehicle under the Queensland Road Rules, or have a commercial vehicle permit that has been issued by Council.
- Generally, you can only stop for two minutes at passenger loading zones so please ensure you check the parking signs.
- On-street parking within the central business district (CBD) is intended for short-term parking only. For longer stays please consider using public transport or parking at an off-street parking location.
- Free 15 minute parking is available at more than 7500 metered parking spaces outside the CBD and at Council's two off-street car parks at King George Square and Wickham Terrace in the CBD.
- Australian Disability Parking Scheme permit holders can park free of charge for an unlimited amount of time where the on-street parking limit sign is 30 minutes or more. Where the time limit is less than 30 minutes, they can park on-street for free for up to 30 minutes.



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Understanding parking restrictions

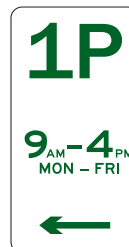
Parking signs

When reading parking signs you should keep in mind the following:

- Green parking signs will tell you when you are allowed to park with certain conditions, such as time limits or days the restrictions apply.
- Red parking signs will tell you when you are not allowed to park unless you are driving a certain type of vehicle or performing a specific action as indicated on signs, like dropping off or picking up passengers.

Opposite are some examples of common parking signs you may see throughout Brisbane.

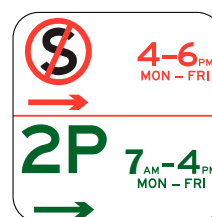
Outside of signed times, the parking conditions do not apply unless the parking space is located within a Traffic Area, Parking Area or Regulated Parking Permit Area (see Section 3).



Vehicles can be parked for one hour between 9am-4pm, Monday to Friday.

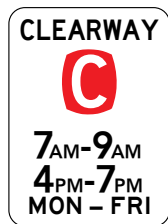


Vehicles cannot stop or park from 7-9am and 2-4pm on school days.



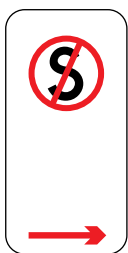
Vehicles cannot stop or park between 4-6pm, Monday to Friday. Vehicles can be parked for two hours between 7am-4pm, Monday to Friday.

Clearways, no stopping, yellow lines and no parking



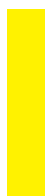
Clearway signs

Clearways are used to improve traffic flow and illegally parked vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense. Some clearways only operate during peak times. If there are no times indicated on the sign, the clearway applies 24 hours a day.



No stopping signs

Vehicles are not permitted to stop in no stopping zones. Some no stopping zones only operate at certain times. If there are no times or days on the sign, stopping is not permitted at any time.



Yellow no stopping lines

Stopping is not permitted at any time on the side of roads marked with a continuous yellow line. This applies to all vehicles at any time.



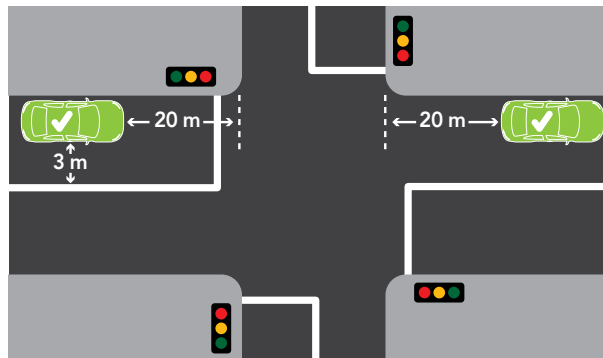
No parking signs

No parking signs allow you to stop your vehicle for up to two minutes to pick up or drop off passengers and goods. Drivers must remain within three metres of the vehicle at all times.

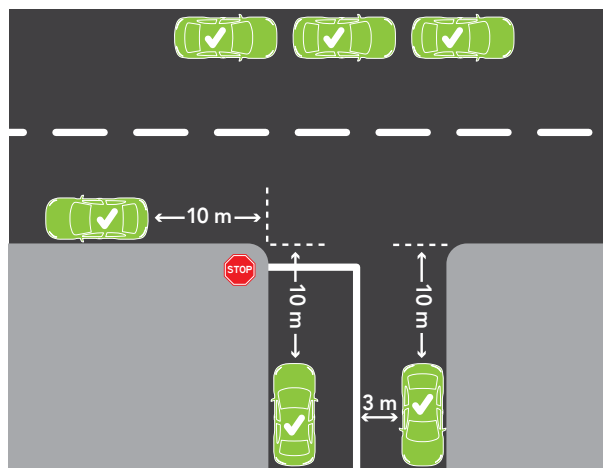
Parking near intersections

You must not stop or park within 20 metres of traffic lights, or within 10 metres of an unsignalised intersection, unless signed otherwise. You can park on the far side of a T-intersection without a traffic light on the continuing road, unless there are signs or line markings indicating otherwise.

Signalised



Unsignalised

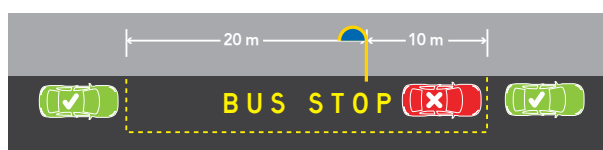


Parking near bus stops

Leaving enough space for buses is important to ensure passengers, including people with prams or mobility needs, can be safely picked up and dropped off.

Unless signed otherwise, do not stop or park within:

- 20 metres of the approach to the bus stop sign
- 10 metres of the departure side of the bus stop sign.










Bus and transit lanes

Bus and transit lanes generally operate during peak travel periods to improve travel time for multi-occupant vehicles and increase the reliability of Brisbane's bus and taxi services.

You are not permitted to stop or park in a bus or transit lane during operating times. Always be sure to check the signs for operating times and restrictions.

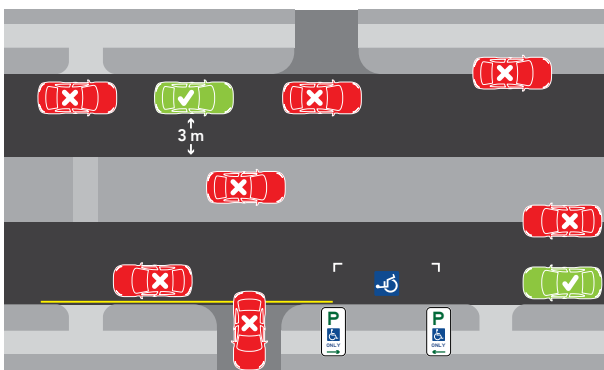
Bus lanes can be used by buses, taxis or bike riders. Transit lanes are for buses, taxis, motorcycles, bicycles or vehicles that have the indicated number of occupants. e.g. vehicles travelling in T2 lanes must have at least two occupants. However, all vehicles and bikes are allowed to travel in a bus lane or transit lane for up to 100 metres if you are entering or exiting a road or turning into a side street.

Please see the table below for more information.

	 Bus	 Taxi	 Bicycle	 Motorcycle	 Parking
 Bus lane	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
 Transit lane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

Footpaths and crossings

Do not park on or across yellow lines. Unless otherwise signed, do not park on or across footpaths, driveways, medians or kerb ramps. Always leave three metres of roadside clear beside your vehicle so other motorists can pass.



Long and heavy vehicles

To help keep our residential streets accessible, heavy or long vehicles and trucks are restricted from parking for longer than one hour within 100 metres of any residential land.

A long vehicle is generally defined as one that is 7.5 metres or longer including any attachment or load, or any component of a combination, which if standing alone is five metres or longer.

A heavy vehicle is defined as one which has any component or combination of the vehicle or load with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of three tonnes or more, or any other vehicle with a GVM of 4.5 tonnes or more.

Trucks that have broken down are exempt from this restriction. Other exemptions include vehicles carrying out emergency work, delivering goods or providing services to the area.

Long vehicles



Vehicles or trailers
7.5 metres or longer



Vehicles or trailers with projected
loads 7.5 metres or longer



Combinations
7.5 metres or longer



Components of combinations
Five metres or longer

Heavy vehicles



Vehicles with a GVM of 4.5
tonnes or more



Components of combinations
with a GVM of three tonnes or more



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Parking permit areas

Residential streets in the inner-city, surrounding sporting and major event venues, hospitals, large educational facilities, shopping centres, public transport stations and interchanges, and larger business and commercial precincts can often be subject to significant on-street parking demands. This can make it difficult for residents and their visitors to find on-street parking close to their homes.

To manage on-street parking demand, a number of Traffic Areas, Parking Areas and Regulated Parking Permit Areas are in place across Brisbane.

Resident parking permits

Residents who live within Traffic Areas, Parking Areas or Regulated Parking Permit Areas may be eligible to apply for a resident parking permit for a fee. Council's digital parking permit system offers a streamlined application process and a range of methods for eligible residents to apply for a parking permit.

Residents moving into multi-unit dwellings and student accommodation in certain areas with limited on-street parking may not be eligible for resident parking permits. Future residents are therefore encouraged to ensure they have access to sufficient on-site parking to meet their needs.

For more information about applying for a resident parking permit, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'parking permits', call **3403 8888** or visit one of Council's regional business centres.

If you need any language assistance, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask to be connected to Brisbane City Council on **3403 8888**.

Traffic Areas and Parking Areas

Traffic Areas and Parking Areas have signs installed on all entries indicating the area-wide parking conditions in place. These parking conditions apply to all on-street parking spaces unless there are signs on individual streets stating otherwise. Residents' and their visitors' vehicles that have valid parking permits are exempt from the area-wide parking conditions and signed parking restrictions that indicate 'RESIDENT PERMIT EXCEPTED'.

Regulated Parking Permit Areas

Regulated Parking Permit Areas differ from Traffic Areas and Parking Areas as parking signs are installed in individual streets indicating the parking conditions that apply.

Residents' and their visitors' vehicles that have valid parking permits are exempt from signed parking restrictions that indicate 'RESIDENT PERMIT EXCEPTED'.

Table of Brisbane parking permit areas

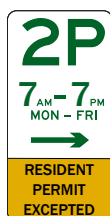
AREA NAME	SCHEME TYPE	TIMES OF OPERATION	TIME LIMIT
Auchenflower	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-7pm, daily	As signed*
Ballymore	Traffic Area	EVENT DAYS – from midnight the day before the event to midnight on the day of the event	5 minutes
Brisbane Central	Traffic Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday 7am-12 noon on Saturday	2 hours*
Buranda	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-7pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Dutton Park	Parking Control Area	7am-7pm from Monday-Friday (excluding public holidays)	2 hours*
Herston	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Highgate Hill	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Holland Park West	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Lang Park	Traffic Area	EVENT DAYS – various times	15 minutes
New Farm/Teneriffe Hill	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Queensland Tennis Centre	Parking Area	EVENT DAYS – 7am-10pm	1 hour
Red Hill	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday 7am-12 noon on Saturday	As signed*
Robertson/MacGregor	Traffic Area	EVENT DAYS – 12 noon-11pm	15 minutes
St Lucia – The University of Queensland	Traffic Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday (February-November)	2 hours*
St Lucia – The University of Queensland	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Sunnybank	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Taringa	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-7pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Teneriffe	Regulated Parking Permit Area	8am-5pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
The Gabba	Traffic Area	7am-7pm from Monday-Friday 7am-10pm on event days	2 hours* (15 minutes on event days)
West End and Highgate Hill	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-6pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
West End	Regulated Parking Permit Area	8am-5.30pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Wilston	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-7pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*
Windsor	Regulated Parking Permit Area	7am-7pm from Monday-Friday	As signed*

*Parking time limits may vary across all areas. Always check time limits on the street signs prior to parking.

This list is accurate as of July 2021. For up-to-date information on all parking areas in Brisbane, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'parking permit areas'.

Regulated Parking Permit Areas

- In these areas, on-street parking restrictions are signed street by street and apply to all vehicles during the days and times indicated on the sign.
- Vehicles with a valid parking permit are exempt from the signed on-street parking restrictions showing 'RESIDENT PERMIT EXCEPTED'.



Traffic Areas and Parking Areas

- Boundary signs are installed on all entries to these areas, indicating the area-wide conditions that apply to all streets within a Traffic Area or Parking Area.
- Signed on-street parking restrictions override area-wide parking conditions during the times and days indicated.
- Vehicles with a valid parking permit are exempt from the area-wide parking time limits, and other signed time limited on-street parking restrictions showing 'RESIDENT PERMIT EXCEPTED'.



Some streets in Traffic Areas and Parking Areas have high-visibility signs installed underneath street signs. These are to help you identify if you've parked where area-wide parking restrictions apply.



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Paid parking and Park 'n' Ride

Parking meters

Parking meters are used to regulate parking in areas where on-street parking is in high demand, for example in the CBD, South Bank and parts of Fortitude Valley. Parking meter prices are structured depending on which part of the city you are parking in. Brisbane has three parking zones:

- Zone 1 – Brisbane CBD
- Zone 2 – city fringe
- Zone 3 – rest of Brisbane.

Free 15 minute parking

Free 15 minute parking is available at more than 7500 metered parking spaces outside the CBD and at Council's two off-street car parks at Wickham Terrace and King George Square.

Off-street car parks

In addition to private parking operators, Council operates two off-street car parks located at King George Square and Wickham Terrace in the CBD.

For location details and special deals, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'car parks'.

Parking payment options

Parking meters in Brisbane accept cashless payment only using debit or credit card. Mastercard PayPass or Visa payWave can be used for tap-and-go payment by tapping the card against the external card reader.

Alternatively, to pay for metered parking quickly and easily, download the CelloPark Australia app for free from app stores and only pay for the parking you use.



If you don't have access to a smart phone/tablet, you can create an account from your home computer prior to parking, then phone CelloPark on 07 5646 5222 to start and stop your parking session via interactive voice recognition.

Park 'n' Ride

A number of Park 'n' Ride facilities are available at bus and railway stations across Brisbane.

For more information, visit translink.com.au and search 'parking'.



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Special use parking

Loading zones

Different types of loading zones operate across Brisbane. Loading zones operate at specific times and locations where there is a demand for a particular activity such as passenger loading or delivering goods.

The table to the right provides a quick reference guide to using loading zones and the time limits that apply.

When picking up or dropping off passengers with a disability, passenger loading zones can be used for up to five minutes.

	LOADING ZONE	LOADING ZONE PASSENGERS 2 MINS MAX	LOADING ZONE COMMERCIAL VEH 20 MINS MAX	LOADING ZONE PASSENGERS 2 MINS MAX COMMERCIAL VEH 20 MINS MAX
 Passenger loading	2 minutes	2 minutes	×	2 minutes
 Goods loading non-commercial vehicles	20 minutes	×	×	×
 Goods loading commercial vehicles	30 minutes	×	20 minutes	20 minutes
 Australian Disability Parking Scheme permit holders	5 minutes	5 minutes	×	5 minutes

Special use zones

Special use zones are in place across Brisbane to provide access for specific uses. Some of the more common special use zones are detailed below.



Bus zones – used by scheduled bus services to pick up and set down passengers. Some bus zones are allocated as short-term holding zones or parking for buses and coaches.



Works zones – vehicles used for nearby authorised construction work are permitted to stop in works zones. For example, this may be trucks delivering steel or concrete which require direct access to the construction site.



Taxi zones – only taxis are permitted to stop in taxi zones. These zones are designated locations where passengers can be picked up and dropped off by taxis.



Mail zones – authorised postal vehicles are permitted to stop in these areas. All other motorists are not permitted to stop in mail zones, even when using post boxes or visiting Australia Post.

Special use parking zones

Special use parking zones provide parking opportunities for people with mobility needs or specific travel modes. Some of the more common special use parking zones are detailed below.

Bicycle parking

Council provides free public bike racks at more than 90 locations in Brisbane city, Fortitude Valley and Spring Hill. Bicycle racks are also provided at many locations across the rest of the city.

When using public bike racks remember to secure your bike with a lock. 'D' locks are strongly recommended as they provide a higher level of security.

For bicycle parking locations and information, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'bicycle parking and facilities'.

Disability parking

Disability parking spaces are provided to help people with limited mobility get in and out of their vehicles. Motorists are not permitted to stop in these spaces without displaying a valid Australian Disability Parking Scheme permit.

Disability parking permits are issued and maintained by the Queensland Government's Department of Transport and Main Roads.

If you hold an Australian Disability Parking Scheme permit you are entitled to park:

- in any parking space displaying the international symbol of access for on and off-street parking bays
- for free in signed on-street parking spaces and parking permit areas (see Section 3):
 - for up to 30 minutes, when the time limit shown on a sign is less than this
 - for an unlimited time, when the time limit shown on a sign is 30 minutes or more.

Private car parks may charge their own fees. It is recommended you check the terms and conditions for private car parks prior to parking.

Australian Disability Parking Scheme permit holders are not to park in restricted parking zones such as clearways, no stopping zones, loading zones and bus zones. However, you can pick up or set down a passenger for up to five minutes in a passenger loading zone in Brisbane.

Motorcycle parking

Motorcycles and scooters are a popular transport choice for commuters travelling to Brisbane's inner-city.

To cater for the demand, Council has installed more than 1600 dedicated motorcycle and scooter parking spaces, of which over 95% are free.

When choosing where to park your motorcycle or scooter, make sure you check if the parking has:

- time restrictions – parking in the inner-city varies from one hour to unlimited
- meter fees – some on-street motorcycle parking is metered
- clearway conditions – these apply at some on-road motorcycle parking locations.

Please be considerate to people walking and fellow riders by following these simple parking tips.

- Only park within the signed parking areas.
- Only one motorcycle or scooter per marked space.
- If the bay is full, find an alternative parking space.
- Do not block in other motorcycles.
- Dismount or walk your motorcycle or scooter while you are on the footpath.

For motorcycle parking locations and detailed maps, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'motorcycle parking'.



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Parking around schools

Safety

Parking restrictions around schools are in place to provide an environment that is as safe as possible for students during busy school pick up and drop off times, while maintaining efficient traffic movements.

You can help to improve safety around your local school by considering the following tips while picking up and dropping off children.

- Always drop off and pick up in a designated passenger zone.
- Where possible, remain with your vehicle at all times when using the passenger loading zone.
- Make sure passengers use the footpath side door when getting in and out of the car.
- Do not double park.
- Observe school zone speed limits.
- Be courteous to other drivers and school crossing supervisors.

Use of passenger loading zones

Two minute passenger loading zones at schools work best when they operate like a quick-moving taxi rank. Join the zone from the back and move forward to collect children from the front of the rank.

Do not stop in passenger loading zones for more than two minutes. If your child is not waiting for you when you arrive you can wait for up to two minutes. After this time, you should leave and rejoin the queue.

Police and Council officers regularly patrol school passenger loading zones. For the safety of children, please obey the law and do not stop for more than two minutes.

✓ DO

Use the zone like a quick-moving taxi rank.

Move to the head of the queue or move forward as space becomes available.

Encourage children to move promptly to the vehicle.

Load and unload passengers at the front of the line.

Stay in the car if you are the driver, unless loading or unloading baggage or passengers.

✗ DO NOT

Park for more than two minutes, as you can be fined for this.

Call children to the back of the queue or across the road.

Reverse into the zone, as this puts children in danger.

Leave the vehicle, except to load or unload.

Queue through pedestrian crossings or in no stopping zones.



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Enforcement

Parking enforcement is one of the ways in which Council is helping to ease congestion and improve safety for motorists. Council enforces parking regulations by responding to complaints and carrying out proactive patrols.

Paying your parking fine

You have 28 days from the issue date to pay your parking fine. There are a range of payment options available.

- **Online** – You can pay online via Council's website at brisbane.qld.gov.au with Visa or Mastercard.
- **Phone** – Please call [1300 012 747](tel:1300012747) (have your infringement notice with you). You can pay by Visa or Mastercard.
- **Post** – You can send the infringement notice and a cheque or money order to **Brisbane City Council, GPO Box 589, Brisbane Qld 4001.**
- **In person** – Provided you have your infringement notice with you, you can pay in person at any Council regional business centre or Australia Post.

How to dispute a fine

If you think your parking fine was issued in error, you can lodge a dispute, in writing, within 28 days from the date the fine was issued to avoid further notices or additional costs.

Disputes can be lodged online at brisbane.qld.gov.au or by phoning Council's Contact Centre on [3403 8888](tel:34038888) for assistance.

If you take no action, Council will send you a reminder notice, giving you another 28 days. You will incur an additional fee if a reminder notice is sent.

If you do not pay your infringement, the matter will be referred to the State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER). SPER will take enforcement action and you will be charged additional fees.

To apply for a payment plan for your parking fine, phone Council's parking infringement line on [1300 012 747](tel:1300012747) or tick the instalment option on the back of your infringement notice and post to **Brisbane City Council, GPO Box 589, Brisbane Qld 4001.**

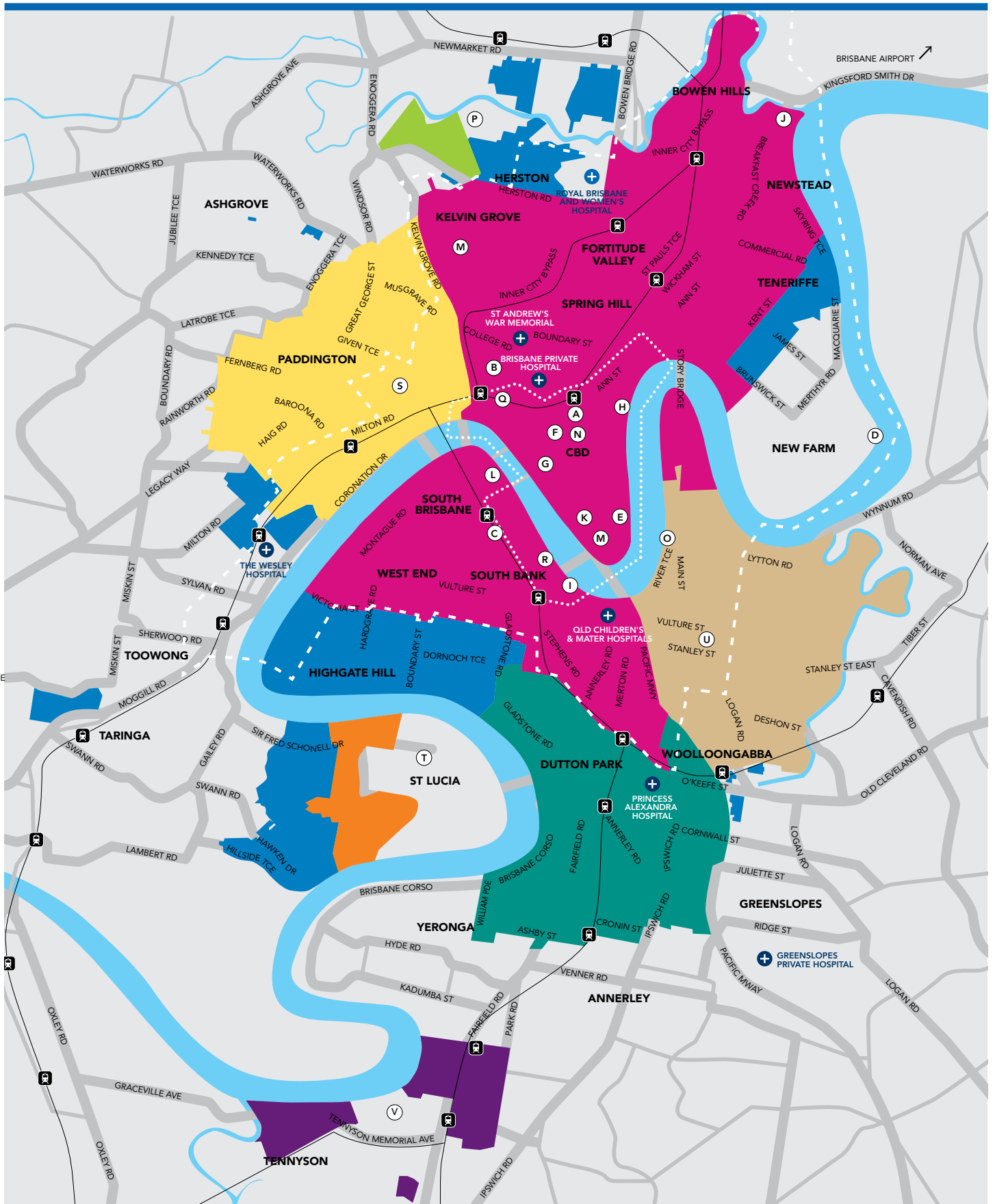
What to do if your vehicle is towed

Vehicles may be towed if they are parked in a clearway or no stopping zone. They may also be towed in some situations if they are considered a hazard to other road users. Queensland Police Service or Council can have your vehicle towed if you park in one of these zones.

If you think your vehicle has been towed, you can phone Council's Contact Centre on [3403 8888](tel:34038888) for assistance.

If your vehicle has been towed, you will have to pay a release fee to the tow company when collecting your vehicle. There may also be a parking fine registered against your vehicle which will be payable to Council.

Map of Brisbane inner-city parking permit areas



This map is a summary of only inner-city parking areas as of July 2021. For up-to-date information and detailed street maps for all parking areas in Brisbane, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'parking permit areas'.

Places of interest

- Ⓐ Anzac Square
- Ⓑ Roma Street Parkland
- Ⓒ Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
- Ⓓ Brisbane Powerhouse and New Farm Park River Hub
- Ⓔ City Botanic Gardens
- Ⓕ Brisbane City Hall
- Ⓖ Treasury Casino
- Ⓗ Customs House
- Ⓘ Queensland Maritime Museum
- Ⓝ Newstead House
- Ⓚ Parliament House
- Ⓛ Queensland Cultural Centre
- Ⓜ Queensland University of Technology campuses (2)
- Ⓝ Queen Street Mall (including Brisbane Visitor Information and Booking Centre)
- Ⓞ Kangaroo Point Cliffs
- Ⓟ Ballymore Stadium
- Ⓠ Roma Street Station
- Ⓡ South Bank Parklands
- Ⓢ Suncorp Stadium (Lang Park)
- Ⓣ The University of Queensland
- Ⓤ The Gabba (Brisbane Cricket Ground)
- Ⓥ Queensland Tennis Centre
- + Hospitals
- 🚂 Train stations

Parking areas

(unless otherwise signed)

- Ballymore Traffic Area (P5min event days)
- Brisbane Central Traffic Area (2P)
- Lang Park Traffic Area (P15min at various times on event days)
- St Lucia Traffic Area (2P)
- Dutton Park Parking Control Area (2P)
- Gabba Traffic Area (2P, 15min event days)
- Queensland Tennis Centre Parking Area (1P event days)
- Regulated Parking Permit Areas (varies, as signed)
- ⬛ Zone 1 - Brisbane CBD parking
- ▬ Zone 2 - city fringe parking

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