Details about permits for cars

The temporary congestion charge would apply only to **cars**.

All other vehicles (vans, motorbikes, HGVs etc) would be automatically exempt and able to drive through congestion charge locations without a permit, and without paying a charge.

This document gives details about different types of permits and who would be eligible.

Permit type	Who can apply	Details
Resident in the Oxford permit area	Resident	Permit allows for 100 day passes per permit per calendar year. A day pass is for one calendar day, from midnight to midnight. Each day pass allows you to drive through all six congestion charge locations free of charge as many times as you like on that day. In other words, the permit is for 100 days, not 100 journeys. • One permit per resident • Maximum three permits per eligible address • Maximum three cars per permit (the permit holder must be the registered keeper of all cars) • One day pass will be deducted each time a permitted vehicle passes a congestion charge location for the first time on any day. Therefore if two vehicles on the same permit are used on the same day, two day passes are deducted.

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Permit type	Who can apply	Details
Resident in the Oxfordshire permit area	Resident	Permit allows for 25 day passes per permit per calendar year. A day pass is for one calendar day, from midnight to midnight. Each day pass allows you to drive through all six congestion charge locations free of charge as many times as you like on that day. In other words, the permit is for 25 days, not 25 journeys. • One permit per resident • Maximum two permits per eligible address • Maximum three cars per permit (the permit holder must be the registered keeper of all cars) One day pass will be deducted each time a permitted vehicle passes a congestion charge location for the first time on any day. Therefore if two vehicles on the same permit are used on the same day, two day passes are deducted.
Resident in central permit area (zoom in to the purple area)	Resident	Permit allows for unlimited travel through all six congestion charge locations AND for 50 visitor day passes per resident per year for those visiting residents in the central permit area. Cars nominated for this permit must be registered to your home address.
Commuter in central permit area (zoom in to the purple area)	User of workplace parking in the central permit area	Permit allows for unlimited, free access through the congestion charge locations at all times. Must only be used for commuting to workplaces in the central permit area. Up to three cars per permit, all of which must be registered at your home address. Only one car may be used on any one day.

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Blue Badge holder	UK Blue Badge holder or international equivalent	Up to two cars may be nominated per permit. A nominated car may be driven through the congestion charge locations only when being used for, or in connection with, the transport of a Blue Badge holder. The nominated cars can be changed as required. You can't apply for this permit if you already have a disability benefit claimant permit or a SEN school student permit.
Disability benefit claimant	Person receiving the mobility component of the disability living allowance, or the mobility part of the personal independence payment	Up to two nominated cars per permit. A nominated car may be driven through the congestion charge locations free of charge only when being used for, or in connection with, the transport of a person receiving disability benefit. The nominated cars can be changed as required. You can't apply for this permit if you already have a blue badge holder permit or a SEN school student permit.
Disabled tax class car	The registered keeper of the disabled tax class car	A disabled tax class car with a permit may be driven through the congestion charge locations free of charge when being used for, or in connection with, the transport of a person with a disability.
School students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Parent or legal guardian of a student receiving Direct Travel Payments attending a school in the Oxford permit area, or living in the Oxford Permit Area and attending any school	Up to two nominated cars per permit. A nominated car may be driven through the congestion charge locations free of charge only when being used for, or in connection with, the transport of a qualifying student. The nominated cars can be changed as required. You can't apply for this permit if you already have a blue badge holder permit or a disability benefit claimant permit.

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Unpaid carers	An unpaid carer living in, or caring for someone who lives in, the Oxford permit area. To qualify you will need to be either: • in receipt of carer's allowance • registered as a carer with your GP	One car per permit, which must be registered at your home address. Up to two people can apply for an unpaid carer's permit per care recipient address. The person who you're caring for must not live at your address.
Community health or care worker	Professional or voluntary health or care workers working for a qualifying social care or health care provider whose role regularly requires them to: 1. provide clinical health services or social care services at multiple locations in the Oxford permit area on the same day or; 2. urgently and at short notice travel to a location in the Oxford permit area to deal with any matter involving patient or staff welfare, building security or safety, or 3. transport patients to or from any hospital or healthcare facility in the Oxford permit area.	Up to three cars per permit, all of which must be registered at your home address. Only one car may be used on any one day. For business purposes only. The community health or care worker permit must not be used for commuting on days when no operational journeys are expected to be made. You must supply written confirmation from your employer (or the organisation you volunteer for) that you are eligible for this permit. Your employer (or the organisation for which you volunteer) must be a registered healthcare provider providing services in Oxfordshire or a relevant provider of social care services.
Frequent hospital patient	Patient required to attend multiple planned appointments at a hospital in the Oxford permit area	Up to two cars may be nominated per permit. The permit will be valid until your last planned appointment, or for 12 months (whichever is sooner). You can renew your permit after 12 months if you need to attend more appointments.

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		The cars may be driven through the congestion charging locations free of charge only when being used for, or in connection with, the transport of the person needing to attend hospital appointments. The nominated cars can be changed as required.
Emergency or health service car	Qualifying emergency or health service provider	The car must be registered to the qualifying provider
Firefighter	Firefighters regularly working from a fire station in the Oxford permit area	Up to three cars per permit, all of which must be registered at your home address. Only one car may be used on any one day. For emergency response and business uses only. The permit must not be used for commuting on days when no operational journeys are expected to be made.
Hackney carriage or private hire vehicle	Hackney carriage or private hire driver	The car must be registered to either the driver or the operator.
Car club car	Operator of a car club with CoMoUK accreditation	The cars must be registered to the car club.
Business car used as goods vehicle	A business regularly operating in the Oxford permit area	For collecting, delivering or carrying goods or for carrying tools or equipment needed to carry out work for the business in question. In each case for operational business purposes only. The permit must not be used for commuting on days when no operational journeys are expected to be made. The cars must be registered to the business.

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Personal car used as goods vehicle	Employee of a business regularly operating in Oxford permit area	For collecting, delivering or carrying goods or for carrying tools or equipment needed to carry out work for the business in question. In each case for operational business purposes only. The permit must not be used for commuting on days when no operational journeys are expected to be made. The car must be registered at the home address of the applicant. One permit per person One car per permit
Approved driving instructor	A Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) approved instructor	For travelling to students and during lessons or tests only. The car must be registered at the home address of the applicant, or to a driving school. Up to three cars per permit.
Hearse or funeral car	Funeral care business	Hearse means a car with special equipment for the transport of deceased people registered to and operated by a funeral care business. Funeral car means a car registered to and operated by a funeral care business being used for transporting mourners to and from funeral venues.
School car used for home-to-school transport	Schools	Available for cars with at least 6 seats in addition to the driver's seat owned by or registered to a school and used to provide shared home-to-school transport.