

# Policy

## OVER 80'S PARKING

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<b>RELATED DOCUMENTS:</b>	Transportation and Parking Bylaw, Parking Strategy, Parking Activity Management Plan, Mobility Parking Policy.

### Policy objectives

- To allow holders of over 80's parking permits to have extended vehicle parking time.
- To enable the elderly driving community to easily access services within the Ashburton District.

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## Definitions

**Administration building** means the administration building of Ashburton District Council, currently located at 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton 7700, but subject to a shift to Baring Square East, Ashburton, in 2023.

**Council** means Ashburton District Council.

**Mobility parking space** means a parking space which is wider and/or longer than standard parks and closer to venues. These spaces are marked with the disability symbol. Only mobility parking permit holders can use mobility parking spaces.

**Mobility permit** means a permit issued by CCS Disability Action which allows the holder to park in mobility parking spaces and entitles them to concessions in time restricted and pay and display parking spaces.

**Over 80's parking permit** means a permit issued by Ashburton District Council for residents aged 80 years and over.

**Pay and display parking zone** means an area controlled by a Pay & Display Unit requiring a fee to be paid and a receipt to be displayed. Maximum time limits for parking can range from 30 to 120 minutes or allow for all day parking, depending on location and the timing restrictions displayed, which are enforced by Council.

**Proof of address** includes but is not limited to; a bank statement, rates bill or electricity bill.

**Standard parking space** means all Council-enforced public parking spaces, excluding mobility parking spaces.

**Time restricted parking space** means a parking space which places a maximum length of time a vehicle can be parked (e.g.: P30). Time-restricted parking spaces have a maximum time limit displayed of between 10 and 120 minutes depending on the location, and can also be sensor controlled. Time restrictions are enforced by Council.

## Policy statement

### 1. Issuing of over 80's parking permits

- 1.1. Over 80's parking permits will be issued from the administration building, upon request and free of charge, to those who are:
  - a resident of the Ashburton District; and
  - aged 80 years or over.
- 1.2. Residents who meet the criteria in 1.1 must also show a current drivers licence, proof of address (if not in the rating database), and provide vehicle details in order to be issued an over 80's parking permit.
- 1.3. An over 80's parking permit will be valid for five years from the date of issue, or will become invalid when the holder's drivers licence expires, whichever occurs first.
- 1.4. Over 80's parking permits are non-transferrable and must be surrendered should the possessor cease to be a holder of a driver's licence, and/or a resident of the Ashburton District.
- 1.5. Should the possessor of an over 80's permit have a change in vehicle, they must advise Council and provide details of the new vehicle.

### 2. Concessions with over 80's parking permit

- 2.1. Over 80's parking permit holders are entitled to the following parking concessions when parking in a standard time-restricted or pay and display space (excluding Eastfields parking area), provided the permit is clearly displayed:
  - **P30 parking space:** 30 minutes extra time, up to 60 minutes total
  - **P60 parking space:** 60 minutes extra time, up to 120 minutes total

### 3. Mobility parking spaces

- 3.1. Over 80's parking permit holders are not entitled to park in mobility parking spaces, unless they also hold a mobility permit issued by CCS Disability Action.

#### ***Explanatory note***

*An over 80's parking permit is not the same as a mobility permit and does not give you the ability to park in a mobility parking space. You can find out more about mobility parking spaces and permits in our Mobility Parking Policy here:*

*<https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/council/policy-and-bylaws/policies>*

#### **4. Exceptions**

- 4.1. There are no concessions for time restrictions under 30 minutes (e.g.: P5, 10, 15).
- 4.2. There are no concessions for time restrictions over 60 minutes (e.g.: P120, P180).

#### **5. Display of over 80's parking permit**

- 5.1. A valid over 80's parking permit must be displayed clearly inside the vehicle, on the passenger's side of the windscreen or dashboard. The number on the permit must be visible.
- 5.2. An over 80's parking permit may only be used by the holder of that permit.
- 5.3. Failure to properly display a current over 80's parking permit while occupying one of these spaces for the extended time may result in an infringement fine.