

Retiree parking FAQ

Complimentary parking for retirees

1. Who's eligible for the retiree parking privilege?

All fully retired UW retirees and their spouses. This privilege is extended to encourage retirees to visit the campus and participate in social and cultural events as well as voluntary service, including meetings and research.

Spouses: Retirees and their spouses may both use this privilege, but only for one car at a time. If a retiree and their spouse are in two different cars, one will need to pay for parking. Surviving spouses retain this privilege, but will need to obtain a UW Retiree Husky Card. Spouses who are active UW employees must pay for work-related parking.

Return to work: Retirees who have returned to work at the UW in a compensated position must pay for work-related parking. Complimentary parking still applies to reemployed retirees if they are on campus for non-work reasons, such as to attend an event.

2. How do I use this privilege?

Stop at a gatehouse and present your UW Retiree Husky card. You will be issued a permit for the day. Beginning Spring Quarter 2020, retirees may also get permits via an online customer portal.

3. Where can I park?

Gatehouse staff will direct you to the best available parking lot for you when you receive your permit. This will be based on current space availability, which may change day to day. If you get your permit online, you will be able to select a primary lot from a list of lots available on that day. You'll still have access to multiple lots on campus, as you do now.

4. What if I have accessibility concerns?

Please request directions to disability parking at the gatehouse. A state or UW-issued disability placard must be displayed to use disability parking spaces in campus lots.

5. Can I park without charge at UW Tacoma, UW Bothell, Harborview, or other University-owned facilities?

The UW complimentary retiree parking privilege is available only on the UW's Seattle campus.

6. What areas are off-limits for complimentary UW retiree parking?

- Disability parking spaces, unless you have a state or UW-issued disability placard
- Self-serve lots or spaces where payment is via machine
- Triangle & Surgery Pavilion Garages at UW Medical Center
- UW Medical Center - Roosevelt
- Spaces marked "University Vehicles Only"
- Reserved parking spaces or areas as posted
- Any other restricted parking, including lots C14 and C17 as well as spaces or areas restricted "All Times on All Days"

7. Can UW retirees from other campuses park free on the Seattle campus?

Yes, subject to the same rules as other retirees.

Parking for retirees returning to work

1. Do I need to pay for parking if I'm returning to work?

Yes. All employees at the University pay for work-related parking to ensure an equitable use of this resource. Retirees are considered to have returned to work if they are receiving earned compensation from the University. The complimentary parking privilege still applies to reemployed retirees if they are on campus for non-work reasons, such as to attend an event.

2. What if I'm only working part time?

Retirees working 40% FTE or less are eligible to buy a discounted single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) permit. You may also want to look into other short-term parking options such as self-serve or Pay per use parking (PPUP). Please see the summary of parking options for rehired retirees that follows. Our sales staff can also help. Please call 206-221-3701 or email ucommute@uw.edu.

3. What if I have accessibility concerns?

A state or UW-issued disability placard must be displayed to use disability parking spaces in campus lots. To request long-term disability accommodations, contact the [Disability Services Office](#) at 206-543-6450. You will be issued a short-term disability parking permit at Transportation Services while your request for accommodation is being reviewed.

4. What about nights and weekends?

Parking before noon on Saturday and after 5pm on weekdays is complimentary for all UW retirees, **but you must still obtain a permit from the gatehouse first** (or online beginning with Spring Quarter 2020). Parking after noon on Saturday and all day Sunday is complimentary for all users. During football games and some other events, parking is complimentary for retirees, but space availability may limit where you can park.

5. Can I park in the same lot I used to park in?

Not necessarily. Lot assignments are based on space availability and many have long waiting lists. If you are returning to work after a break in service your previous lot may be full. Please call Transportation Services at 206-221-3701 to discuss your options.

6. How will this be enforced?

Transportation Services runs a report that compares the list of rehired retirees in Workday to the list of UW retirees who have asked for and received complimentary parking during working hours. The results of this report will be sent to the accounting team, who will send invoices out once a month.

7. Will my department pay for my parking?

Decisions about department parking products for rehired retirees coming to campus infrequently are up to the individual department. Please contact your department administrator if you think this applies to you.

8. Is this a change in policy?

No. Retirees have always been expected to pay for parking if they return as employees. A lack of data meant the policy was not enforced, resulting in nonpayment by some rehired retirees. Enforcing the policy puts all rehired retirees on equal footing.

9. Who should I contact if I have more concerns?

- For questions about UW Retiree privileges:
Contact UW Retiree Relations at retiremt@uw.edu or 206-543-8600.
- For questions about parking permits and products:
Contact Transportation Services at ucommute@uw.edu or 206-221-3701.

Parking options for rehired retirees (rates as of FY20)

If you are working and want a permit for the whole quarter	... and want to arrange parking ahead of time but only pay for the days you use	... and want to pay for same-day parking
16 hours a week or less (40% FTE or less)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy a discounted single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) permit; park in assigned lot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$201.60/quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy Pay-per-use parking (PPUP) permit; park in assigned lot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$8.40/day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park in a self-service lot • Buy visitor permit at gatehouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$4/hour, up to \$17/day in most cases
More than 16 hours/week (greater than 40% FTE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy a regular single-occupancy vehicle permit (SOV); park in assigned lot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$504/quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy Pay-per-use parking (PPUP) permit; park in assigned lot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$8.40/day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park in a self-service lot • Buy visitor permit at gatehouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$4/hour, up to \$17/day in most cases

Also please note:

- Parking on weekends before 12 noon Saturday and after 5pm on weekdays is complimentary for all UW retirees, **but you must obtain a permit from the gatehouse first**. Parking after 12 noon Saturday and all day Sunday is complimentary for all users.
- Lots are assigned based on work location and on a space-available basis.
- If you have [accessibility concerns](#), please let Transportation Services know when you place your order.