

Transportation rates FAQ
University of Washington Seattle campus

Parking rate questions

1. What are the new parking rates for 2019-2020 and when do they take effect?

The UW Board of Regents has approved a 12% increase in base parking rates for 2019-20, effective July 1. Rates for the most common products are below, with the full list [here](#).

Product	Rate
Single occupancy vehicle (SOV)	\$168/month
Value parking (E18)	\$135/month
Pay per use parking (PPUP)	\$8.40/day
Individual commuter tickets (ICTs)	\$8.40/day
Student parking	\$6.75/day
Daily value lot (E1)	\$6.75/day
Visitor parking – first 30 minutes	\$2
Visitor parking – hourly	\$4
Visitor parking – daily	\$17

2. I already renewed my products, do I have to do anything now?

Yes. Because rates weren't approved until after the Annual Renewal process, we're asking everyone to confirm their earlier renewal. Please go to [this page](#) to confirm your renewal.

3. I already renewed my products, but now I want to cancel. How do I do that?

Please go to [this page](#) and indicate you wish to cancel your renewal.

4. I didn't renew during Annual Renewal. How do I renew now?

[Extended online renewal](#) is available through June 23 for PPUP, SLU parking permits and bike parking products only. For all other products, please come to the Transportation sales office in person beginning on June 17.

5. What will the cheapest parking rate on campus be?

- \$6.75 a day for E01 and E18 (the lots just south of U Village), or \$4 a day for E03 & E04 (east of the golf range).
- Fulltime carpool permits will be the equivalent of \$8.40 a day, or \$4.20 each for two people and \$2.80 each with 3 people
- Vanpools park for free on campus and U-PASS holders get a subsidy to join a vanpool
- Night and swing shift parking rates remain lower (\$2.80 for nights, \$4.20 for swing)
- Student residents and commuters will also pay the equivalent of \$6.75 a day

6. Are football parking rates going up? What about at other sports events?

No. Football parking rates are set by UW Athletics and are not being raised in 2019. Other sports events fall under our general event rates and are being raised to \$11 or \$17, depending on the size of the event and the parking location.

7. Why are some daily visitor rates going up more than 12%?

Hourly and daily rates for visitors are going up more so that the rates can stay in whole dollar amounts (many visitors still pay in cash at gatehouses). The 30-minute rate is not going up. The nightly rate for the Central Plaza Garage, which is in high demand, is going up 20% to keep it twice the rate of the other nighttime visitor lots.

6. Why do parking rates need to go up?

Rates were last raised in July of 2015. Rising costs, including higher taxes and the need to pay for parking lot and garage maintenance, mean that rates need to go up as well.

7. What happened to the cheaper PPUP rate? Why are ICT rates going up so much?

The former two-tiered pricing for PPUP is going away as part of a product overhaul to simplify pricing and make possible an upcoming software transition. ICTs are priced to match the daily PPUP rate, with ICTs available in non-gated lots and PPUP used in gated garages and lots. At \$8.40 a day, both rates are still half the cost of visitor parking and significantly cheaper than the average at nearby non-UW parking lots (\$13.89/day).

8. Why are we moving to new software?

Our existing parking software was custom-built for the UW more than 20 years ago. The new software we're moving to will allow us to use more recent parking technology, such as paying by cell phone. It does not support having two different prices for the same product, however. Since we currently have more than 50 different parking products, and since variable pricing for PPUP has been a source of customer confusion as well, we are using the software move as an opportunity to simplify our parking product line.

9. Why are citation rates going up?

Citation rates are being raised to match what the City of Seattle charges the same kind of violations in order to discourage customers from choosing to park illegally on campus rather than risk receiving a higher fine from the city.

10. When will I see a difference in my paycheck?

The new rates take effect on July 1, so the first paycheck where you'll see a difference is the July 25 paycheck. (For the July 1 to July 15 payroll period.)

U-PASS questions

1. Are U-PASS rates going up for 2019-20?

No.

2. Why are some employees getting a fully subsidized U-PASS?

Information about the new fully subsidized U-PASS benefit for some classified staff can be found on the [HR website](#). Transportation Services is not involved in decisions about who gets the benefit. Questions about the new benefit should go to laborrel@uw.edu.

3. If I don't have a U-PASS now, but qualify for the fully subsidized U-PASS starting on July 1, what do I need to do?

Thanks for your patience. Information about how to get the new fully subsidized U-PASS will be available later this spring.

4. If I pay for a U-PASS now but qualify for a fully subsidized one on July 1, do I renew now?

Yes, please renew. Payroll deductions for the U-PASS will stop for you on June 30.

5. When I pay for a U-PASS, where does that money go?

98% of U-PASS costs go directly to reimburse transit agencies for the rides that U-PASS holders take. Since 2015, Metro and Sound Transit have raised their rates 10%, and Community Transit has raised their rates 25%. U-PASS fees paid by employees will not be used to pay for U-PASS subsidies to other employees.

6. If I qualify for a fully subsidized U-PASS, will I also get a gratis U-PASS with my parking permit?

No. The U-PASS is tied to your Husky card, so each employee only gets one U-PASS, regardless of how it's paid for. The gratis U-PASS was originally included with some parking products to make it easy for employees to try out transit or use it on an occasional basis. The fully subsidized U-PASS makes that even easier for those employees who qualify for it.

7. If I'm in a carpool with people getting a fully subsidized U-PASS, does that mean they don't have to pay for the carpool either? Do I have to make up the difference?

No. Each person in the carpool will still be charged equally. For example, a 3-person carpool would pay \$504 per quarter, or \$168 each.