

Parking Policy -- College of Earth and Mineral Sciences (EMS)

APPLIES

All EMS employee parking (Faculty, Staff, Wage Payroll, and Post-Doctoral) is covered by this policy. Requested exceptions to this policy must meet the criteria outlined below.

AVAILABLE LOTS

- Brown A (distributed by seniority of employment at Penn State and proximity to the lot)
- Red A
- Orange S (Open Orange)
- Green B (Nittany Lion Inn Deck)
- Yellow C (Hub Deck)
- CR (Commuter Lot) (\$10.00/mo.)

BACKGROUND

The Penn State Parking Office allots a specific number of passes for each lot. EMS has the authority to determine how we distribute our allotment.

EMS GUIDELINES:

1. Brown A permits are distributed on the basis of seniority at Penn State and on the employees' proximity to the Brown A lot. Employees who work in Steidle, Hosler, or Deike buildings will be given priority (again, based upon seniority). The Dean, Associate or Assistant Deans, Department Heads, and Institute Directors will always be offered a Brown A permit regardless of seniority.
2. The following lots are distributed to full time faculty and staff. This does not include graduate students or post-doctoral appointments, per Penn State policy. All appointments must be for more than 6 months to obtain a pass from the College. Appointments less than 6 months can obtain a pass directly from the parking office.
 - a. Red A
 - b. Orange S
 - c. Green B
 - d. Yellow C
 - e. CR
3. Wage payroll employees and post-doctoral researchers are eligible for the CR (commuter) pass, which can be purchased from the parking office. The bus runs regularly across campus to and from the commuter lot.
4. The following items of Penn State parking policy are noted (The full policy may be found here: <http://guru.psu.edu/policies/Bs03.html>):
 - a. Sharing or transferring parking passes is prohibited; (see section C.1. of regulations https://transportation.auth.abs.vmlhost.psu.edu/sites/transportation/files/2012-2013-faculty-parking-map_1.pdf)
 - b. You may only park in the lots identified by the color and lot designation of your assigned parking permit. Your pass **must** be displayed on your review mirror at all times.

5. Your permit may only be used in the vehicles on your signed registration form. Please update that with EMS Parking Official as your license plates change.
6. If a permit is lost or stolen, report the incident to EMS Parking Official immediately. Additional information about the replacement and fees can be found in the PSU parking policy.
7. Any employee wishing to temporarily turn in their pass while on sabbatical may do so and receive that pass when they return. They will not be responsible for payment of the pass if it is turned in during that time. They may choose to keep the pass and use it as long as they are not allowing someone else to use the pass. We do encourage Brown A pass holders to turn their permit in to allow another employee on the wait list to park in Brown A during that time.
8. Faculty and staff who would benefit from parking in Brown A temporarily (e.g., during late-stage or high-risk pregnancy, nursing mothers of babies younger than 9 months of age, as a result of injury, those undergoing short-term rehabilitation, those with a valid medical reason for close proximity parking, or while awaiting a PennDOT MV-145A permit) may request a permit from the College parking authority. If a permit is not available, the College will solicit volunteers to turn in or exchange their Brown A permit temporarily to assist the needy employee. Requests should be made via email to Nickie Schlegel at nx112@psu.edu or in person at the Dean's Office.
 - a. For those with short-term medical issues, they can request a pass of typically no more than 2 weeks duration (unless a doctor's note conveys a longer period is required).
 - b. For pregnancy requests, a pass of typically 4-12 weeks may be requested (unless a doctor's note conveys a longer period is required due to the risk to the mother or baby.)
 - c. For nursing mothers, the period for the temporary pass is expected to be a few months, depending on the need and situation, and can be requested in 4-week blocks of time.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

The change to the policy as it impacts the Brown A permits will occur on a phased in/attrition basis. Permit holders as of 1 March 2016 will retain their permit, even if they would not qualify for it based upon seniority or proximity. As current holders leave Penn State employment, their pass will be distributed based upon this policy.

MV-145A eligibility criteria is:

- a. blindness
- b. does not have full use of an arm or both arms
- c. cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest
- d. cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistive device
- e. is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 MM/HG on room air at rest.
- f. uses portable oxygen
- g. has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to the standards set by the American Heart Association
- h. is severely limited in his or her ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition

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FAQs

1. What is the EMS parking allocation, how many Brown A, Red A, Green B, etc. passes does EMS get? – *EMS receives the following allocation of permits:*
 - a. *Brown A – 72*
 - b. *Red A – 180*
 - c. *Nittany Lion Inn Deck – 25*
 - d. *HUB Deck – 13*
 - e. *Commuter Lot – 20*
 - f. *Silver and Orange (by Energy Institute) – 45 total*

The parking office will not allow us to have any additional permits beyond our allocation.
2. How is this expected to impact Brown A pass wait times for current faculty on the list? – *This is a more difficult question to answer, as historically and under the new policy, it will depend upon attrition. We may have a large number of permit holders retire/leave the University in one year and then go a year without significant turn over.*
3. How long have people typically waited to receive a Brown A pass over the past 15 years? – *In recent years, the average time of employment at Penn State to qualify for a Brown A pass has been as high as 15 years. Again, referring to the answer for Question 2, there are many variables that impact the wait time.*
4. How will volunteers be contacted? - *Volunteers will be solicited from the group of employees who hold Brown A parking permits. They will be contacted via e-mail by the Dean's Office to determine if they are willing to temporarily give up their Brown A parking permit.*
5. Will volunteers be expected to cover the whole period, for example in cases where a temporary permit is needed for several weeks or longer? - *No. For those in need of a longer term temporary permit, the period can be covered by multiple volunteers. A web based schedule will be designed to accommodate needs and volunteer periods.*