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## Changes to on campus paid parking come into effect Sept. 7, 2022

Okanagan College is implementing changes to its parking services this fall. These changes will provide more options to students and employees who park on campus, while continuing to offer employees access to taxable benefit parking at OC sites in Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton.

### *Paid parking rate changes and the introduction of new Flex Pass options:*

Paid parking rates have been reviewed and **increases will come into effect on Sept. 7, 2022** at the Kelowna, Vernon and Penticton campuses. This is the first increase paid parking since 2017. See the attached tables for the new fee structure.

The new parking rates offer more options to users to choose a pass that best matches their use:

- Hourly and daily rates
- Flex Pass options of 10, 30 and 50 day passes
- Semester, two semester and annual passes

The new fee structure is consistent or lower than parking costs at comparable municipal, health care, academic and other comparable parking lots in the Okanagan. The cost of a semester parking pass at OC is also consistent with a BC Transit Pass for students.

Revenues from paid parking services are reinvested into parking lot maintenance and renewal.

### *On campus parking at the Okanagan College Vernon and Penticton campuses:*

Effective Sept. 7, 2022, on campus parking lots in Vernon and Penticton will be opened to all students, staff and visitors on a first-come, first-served basis. Lots will no longer be designated specifically for staff or students; going forward, all lots will be designated for students, staff and visitors.

Staff will continue to have taxable benefit parking in on campus lots.

### *On campus parking at the Okanagan College Kelowna campus:*

Effective Sept. 7, 2022, most OC parking lots in Kelowna will be opened to all students, staff and visitors on a first-come, first-served basis. Lots will no longer be designated specifically for staff or students; going forward, all lots will be designated for students, staff and visitors. All users will be required to pay for parking (students, staff and visitors).

Taxable benefit parking will continue to be available to OC staff who choose this option. Designated staff-only taxable benefit parking will be located at the Evangel Church at Gordon Drive and K.L.O. Road. Staff will be required to register to park in this lot.



***ACTION: Next steps for OC staff:***

- Review the parking services updates and new fee structure within this notice and available on [www.okanagan.bc.ca/parking](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/parking)
- Information about how to register for taxable benefit parking and/or to purchase parking passes will be available in the coming weeks, through College Matters and on the website.

**For more information:** Contact [parking@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:parking@okanagan.bc.ca)

## **Questions and Answers**

### **Why is Okanagan College raising paid parking rates?**

The cost to maintain parking lots for all organizations, institutions and businesses is rising. At Okanagan College, parking on campus has not been reviewed or changed since 2017. OC did not raise parking rates during the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, but like other organizations is returning to a regular annual review of its parking program. Money raised through paid parking supports parking lot maintenance and renewal.

### **What options will there be there for individuals with accessibility and mobility needs?**

Accessible parking options will continue to be available to all eligible individuals. Designated spaces across all campus lots are clearly marked. Consistent with the practice at municipal and other lots, accessible spaces for students and visitors are paid parking.

Staff with accessibility needs will be provided options that include taxable benefit parking at a location specific to their needs. For more information contact [parking@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:parking@okanagan.bc.ca).

### **Will I still need to display a pass on my car?**

No. The new online parking system, when it is operational (September 2022) will make it easier to purchase passes which are linked to an individual's licence plate and pay-and-display passes will no longer be required. More information about the new system and how to register for taxable benefit parking and/or pay for parking will be shared in the coming weeks. Payroll deduction will be available for staff who choose to purchase an annual pass in Kelowna.

### **The collective agreements for OC employees include access to taxable benefit parking as part of their compensation. How will Okanagan College honour this commitment?**

Taxable benefit parking will continue to be available to OC employees. As of Sept. 7, in Penticton and Vernon, employees will be able to park in any of the on campus lots. In Kelowna, designated staff taxable benefit parking will be at the parking lot at Evangel Church, at K.L.O. Road and Gordon Drive.



### **I am a student who studies at multiple campuses. How will the changes affect me?**

New parking pass options, including Flex Passes, have been designed to give students more choices and flexibility. It will now be possible to buy parking passes that reflect your use of parking, instead of requiring you to purchase semester passes at more than one campus.

### **I ride a motorcycle – what parking requirements apply to me?**

Motorcycles may be parked in designated motorcycle parking stalls only.



## New paid parking rates at Okanagan College, Effective Sept. 7, 2022

### *Kelowna campus*

	CURRENT	NEW
Day pass (until 5pm)	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00
3 Hours	\$ 4.00	\$ 6.00
Evenings (5 to 12)	-	\$ 4.00
FlexPass (Day) 10	-	\$ 50.00
FlexPass (Evening) 10	-	\$ 25.00
FlexPass (Day) 30	-	\$ 85.00
FlexPass (Evening) 30	-	\$ 60.00
FlexPass (Day) 50	-	\$ 115.00
Monthly pass	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00
Semester Pass	\$ 120.00	\$ 180.00
2 Semester pass	\$ 230.00	\$ 340.00
Annual Pass	\$ 340.00	\$ 515.00
Carpool (semester)*	\$ 60.00	-
Motorcycle parking**	-	-
Visitor 2 Hours (Max)	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00

### *Vernon and Penticton campuses*

	CURRENT	NEW
Day pass (until 5pm)	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00
3 Hours	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00
Evenings (5 to 12)	-	\$ 3.00
FlexPass (Day) 10	-	\$ 45.00
FlexPass (Evening) 10	-	\$ 20.00
FlexPass (Day) 30	-	\$ 60.00
FlexPass (Evening) 30	-	\$ 40.00
FlexPass (Day) 50	-	\$ 90.00
Monthly pass	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00
Semester Pass	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
2 Semester Pass	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
Annual Pass	\$ 340.00	\$ 386.25
Carpool (semester)*	\$ 60.00	-
Motorcycle parking**	-	-
Visitor 2 Hours	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00

\*Under the new fee structure, effective Sept. 7, there will no longer be a 'Carpool pass' option.

\*\*Motorcycle parking is free of charge for all users; motorcycles must park in designated parking stalls.

\*\*\*FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE