

Frequently Asked Questions

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Who is eligible for a student vehicle parking permit?

Graduate and professional students and undergraduates with the exception of first- and second-year students may register for a parking permit.

Why are first-and second-year undergraduate students not eligible for a parking permit?

As part of Dartmouth's sustainability effort, the policy supports three campus priorities: **expanded transit options** (like the Campus Connector Shuttle, which make it easier to get around without a personal car), **sustainability goals** (fewer cars supports Dartmouth's emissions targets), and **campus walkability** (less parking demand frees up space for residence halls, classrooms, and green space amid ongoing construction).

When did parking eligibility change for second-year students?

The policy was updated in August 2025 as part of a broad review of campus parking and transportation policy. Information was posted to the [Transportation Services website](#) in August 2025, and the parking permit portal was updated to reflect the change in early winter 2026.

Can I still bring a car to Hanover even if I'm not eligible for a parking permit?

Vehicles must be registered with Transportation Services for on-campus parking. **Failure to register results in a \$50 fine for each event of non-compliance.**

If you choose to keep a vehicle in the area, you are responsible for arranging for off-campus parking.

What is the process for requesting an exception?

Parking exceptions are provided for exigent circumstances, primarily short-term or temporary emergencies (for example, a medical situation or family emergency). To request

an exception for a short-term emergency, contact [Transportation Services](#). You will need to submit a form, which will be reviewed by Transportation Services staff.

To request accommodation related to a disability or diagnosed health condition, please contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) to request a vehicle accommodation request, even if you are already registered with SAS.