

You are responsible for providing proof of PTS eligibility and satisfactory evidence of your home address to Parking Services, including a duly signed and dated Tower Hamlets Homes or Registered Provider (housing association) approved tenancy agreement listing the PTS applicant as a tenant or household member (confirmation of the PTS applicant should be included in the original application for social or affordable rented housing). If you have an estate parking permit and/or garage you are not eligible for a permit under the PTS. The PTS is about transferring an existing Tower Hamlets Council on-street resident parking permit subject to the criteria being met as there is no provision for 'applying' for the scheme or 'registering an interest'.

### *Can I obtain a temporary parking permit?*

You may apply for a temporary parking permit for £5 a day to allow a contractor such as a builder, electrician or plumber to carry out work in your property. To qualify, written proof of the work to be carried out and details of the contractor's vehicle will be required. Each home can apply for a maximum of 20 one-day-permits within a 6 month period.

Alternatively, scratch cards are available for trades people and visitors, providing parking for up to five hours on weekdays and all day on weekends. Residents can apply for up to 3 books of 10 scratchcards every year.



For permit charges and information please visit:  
[www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parking](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parking)



## Car free homes and the Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS)

Monday - Friday  
9.00am - 5.00pm



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# What is a car free home?

Living in a 'car free home' usually means you are **not eligible** for any type of on-street resident parking permit from Tower Hamlets Council.

Tower Hamlets Council has been encouraging car free homes in areas where there is good public transport access since the late 1990s.

Car free homes help to:

- reduce the demand for the limited number of on-street parking spaces
- reduce traffic congestion, accidents, air and noise pollution
- encourage less traffic in areas where people live, leading to a safer environment
- make Tower Hamlets a less car dependent place to live, work and visit

Other ways to get around include walking and cycling, or take advantage of the extensive local pay-as-you-go car club network [www.carplus.org.uk](http://www.carplus.org.uk) and Transport for London (TfL) Cycle Hire Scheme [www.tfl.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/cycling) that is now available in Tower Hamlets to help you get around in healthier, greener ways.

**Are there any exceptions?** Yes. You can still apply for up to **one** on-street resident parking permit if you hold a disabled person's Blue Badge or qualify under the Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS). The PTS is targeted at social and affordable rented tenants moving to car free homes.

**Are you eligible for the PTS?** To find out if you are eligible for the PTS you will need to answer **yes** to **all three questions** below.



## If YES, what do I do next?

The main tenant has to decide who should apply for an on street resident parking permit if there are more than 2 people in the household who meet the PTS criteria.

If you fulfil all of above criteria, plus you can provide one of the vehicle documents listed on the application form, then you are eligible.

Once you have your new car free tenancy agreement, you must **immediately** take it along to your local One-Stop-Shop and make your application for your new permit in the normal way and:

- return your current Tower Hamlets Council on-street resident parking permit (which you have held for at least **one year** prior to the date on your tenancy agreement) to the One-Stop-Shop or Cashiers for a refund;
- take your new tenancy agreement to confirm that you are moving into a **3 bedroom or larger** social or affordable rented car free home on or after 5 September 2011, together with satisfactory proof of residence and vehicle ownership with you;
- complete a new resident car parking permit application form;
- obtain your new on-street resident car parking permit for your social or affordable rented car free home; and
- never let your current on-street resident car parking permit expire** as the PTS will no longer apply.



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