STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 167

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The On-Street Parking (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*1st October 2026*
Coming into operation	*24th October 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 15 and 21 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the On-Street Parking (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 24th October 2026.

Amendments

2.—(1) The On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000(**d**) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (6).

(2) In Article 1(2) insert the following—

" cashless application" means an online application (mobile or desktop) used for the purchase of a digital parking event;

"interactive voice response" means an automated system where customers call a phone number, navigate a menu, and securely enter payment details using the phone keypad to purchase a parking event;

"parking event" means a specific amount of time purchased to permit parking in a designated area";

"vehicle registration mark (VRM)" means Vehicle Registration Mark (commonly known as the number plate) of the vehicle availing of the parking place/space.

(3) For Article 12 substitute the following—

(**a**) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.))
(**b**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**c**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(**d**) S.R. 2000 No. 383; last relevant amending Order is S.R. 2023 No. 21

"**Purchase of parking event**

12.—(1) The driver of a vehicle leaving it in a parking place during the specified hours shall pay the appropriate charge in accordance with the scale of charges specified in Part 4 of Schedule 1.

(2) Charges may be paid by—

(a) inputting vehicle registration mark into the pay and display machine as instructed and inserting into a pay and display machine a coin or combination of coins of appropriate denominations;

(b) a credit or debit card of a type indicated, and following instructions displayed on the machine;

(c) the purchase of a digital parking event, via online (mobile or desktop) cashless application, or interactive voice response."

(4) Delete Article 13.

(5) For Article 14 substitute the following—

"**Display of ticket**

14.—(1) Where a driver purchases a pay and display ticket, it may be displayed inside the vehicle by either—

(a) affixing it to the inside of the windscreen or a side window facing the kerb, or

(b) placing it on the dashboard immediately below the windscreen, so that details on the front of the ticket are clearly visible from the front or side of the vehicle.

(2) If on the case of a motorcycle, the ticket may be placed in a clear and visible position in front of the driver's seat.

(3) Where a driver pays using a Departmental approved cashless parking service, there is no requirement to display any ticket or other evidence of payment in the vehicle."

(6) For Article 15 substitute the following—

"**Particulars of ticket/parking event**

15. Where a vehicle is left in a parking place and the particulars shown on the ticket or the particulars recorded on the Departmental approved cashless payment service indicate that the period in respect of which payment has expired or has not yet commenced, for the purpose of **any appeal under Articles 13, 16 or 28 of the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,** it shall be presumed, unless to the contrary is proved, that the said particulars are accurate."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 1st October 2026

(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the 2000 Order") by introducing changes to how pay and display machines operate and a requirement for drivers to input the Vehicle Registration Mark (VRM) when purchasing a parking event linking the payment to a specific vehicle. This Order also provides for the purchase of parking events through Department approved cashless applications offering an alternative digital method of payment.

A penalty charge (£90) is payable with respect to a vehicle involved in a contravention of the 2000 Order in accordance with the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the Penalty Charges (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.