



4.6.6 Vehicle Parking and Access Code

Purpose

The purpose of this Code is to ensure that:

- sufficient vehicle parking is provided on-Site to cater for all types of vehicular traffic accessing and parking on the Site, including staff, guests, patrons, residents and short term delivery vehicles;
- sufficient bicycle parking and end of trip facilities are provided on-Site to cater for customer and staff.
- on-Site parking is provided so as to be accessible and convenient, particularly for any short term use;
- the provision of on-Site parking, loading/unloading facilities and the provision of Access to the Site, do not impact on the efficient function of the street network or on the area in which the development is located; and
- new vehicle Access points are safely located and are not in conflict with the preferred ultimate streetscape character and local character and do not unduly disrupt any current or future on-street parking arrangements.

Applicability

This Code applies to self assessable or assessable development for:

- Material Change of Use.

Except for the following Uses in all Localities:

- Home Industry
- Off Premises Advertising Device

For self assessable development assessed against this Code, the applicable Acceptable Solutions is A1.1.

Self assessable development which does not comply with Acceptable Solution A1.1, will require Code Assessment.



Elements of the Code

Vehicle Parking Numbers

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
<p>P1 Sufficient parking spaces are provided on the Site to accommodate the amount and type of vehicle traffic expected to be generated by the use or uses of the Site, having particular regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the desired character of the area in which the Site is located; • the nature of the particular use and its specific characteristics and scale; • the number of employees and the likely number of visitors to the Site; • the level of local accessibility; • the nature and frequency of any public transport serving the area; • whether or not the use involves the retention of an existing Building and the previous requirements for car parking for the Building; • whether or not the use involves an identified Valuable Conservation Feature and Valuable Site; and • whether or not the use involves the retention of significant vegetation. 	<p>A1.1 The minimum number of vehicle parking spaces provided on the Site is not less than the number prescribed in Schedule 1 of this Code for the particular use or uses. Where the number of spaces calculated from the Schedule is not a whole number, the number of spaces provided is the next highest whole number.</p>



Parking for People with Disabilities

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P2	Parking spaces are provided to meet the needs of vehicle occupants with disabilities ⁴⁹ .	A2.1	For parking areas with a total number of ordinary vehicle spaces less than 50, wheelchair accessible spaces are provided as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical, higher education, entertainment facilities and shopping centres – 2 spaces; • All other uses – 1 space.
		A2.2	For parking areas with 50 or more ordinary vehicle spaces, wheelchair accessible spaces are provided as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical, higher education, entertainment facilities and shopping centres – 3% (to the closest whole number) of the total number of spaces required; • All other uses – 2% (to the closest whole number) of the total number of spaces required.

Motor Cycles

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P3	In recognition that motorcycles are low Road-space transport, a proportion of the parking spaces provided may be for motorcycles. The proportion provided for motor cycles is selected so that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ordinary vehicles do not demand parking in the spaces reserved for motor cycles due to capacity constraints; and, • it is a reflection of the make-up of the likely vehicle fleet that uses the parking; and, • it is not a reflection of the lower cost of providing motorcycle 	A3.1	Parking for motorcycles is substituted for ordinary vehicle parking to a maximum level of 2% per cent of total ordinary parking. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>The motorcycle parking complies with other elements of this Code.</p>

⁴⁹ Disabled access and facilities are provided in accordance with the Building Code of Australia and the Australian Standards.



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Compact Vehicles

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
<p>P4 A proportion of the parking spaces provided may be for compact vehicles. The proportion of total parking provided for compact vehicles is selected considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compact vehicles spaces are not available to non-compact vehicles; and, • it is a reflection of the proportion of the likely vehicle fleet that uses the parking; and, • compact vehicle spaces are located so as to be proximate to pedestrian destinations such that they present significant inclination for use by users of compact vehicles; and, • the scale of parking spaces, likely users and the likely degree of familiarity with the availability of such spaces. 	<p>A4.1 For parking areas exceeding 100 spaces for short term users or 50 spaces for long-term users, parking is provided for compact vehicles as a substitute for ordinary vehicle parking so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compact vehicle parking does not exceed 10% of total vehicle parking required; and, • the parking location is proximate to the entry locations for parking users; and, • the parking provided complies with other elements of this Code.

Bicycles Parking

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
<p>P5 Sufficient bicycle parking spaces with appropriate security and end of trip facilities are provided on-Site to accommodate the amount of bicycles expected to be generated by the use or uses.</p>	<p>A5.1 The minimum number of bicycle parking spaces provided on Site is not less than the number prescribed in Schedule 1 of this Code, for the particular use or uses.</p>



Vehicular Access to the Site

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P6	<p>The location of Access points minimises conflicts and is designed to operate efficiently and safely taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the amount and type of vehicular traffic; • the type of use (eg long-stay, short-stay, regular, casual); • Frontage Road traffic conditions; • the nature and extent of future street or intersection improvements; • current and future on-street parking arrangements; • the capacity of the adjacent street system; and • the available sight distance. 	A6.1	<p>The location of the Access points is in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Australian Standards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Where the Site has Frontage to more than one street, the Access is from the lowest order street.</p>
		A6.2	<p>All redundant Accesses must be removed and a suitable barrier Erected to prevent further use of the Access.</p>
		A6.3	<p>Only one Access point is to be provided to each Site unless stated otherwise in another Code.</p>

Accessibility and Amenity for Users

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P7	<p>On-Site vehicle parking is provided where it is convenient, attractive and safe to use, and does not detract from an attractive or existing streetscape character.</p>	A7.1	<p>Short term visitor parking is provided at the front or on the main approach side of the Site, with easy Access to the Building entry, where such provision is in keeping with the desired character of the area in which the Site is located.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>In mixed use premises that include residential or accommodation uses (excluding, Port Douglas – Tourist Centre), at least 50% of the required number of parking spaces for the non-residential use/s on the Site is provided in an easily accessible location on the premises, so as to be convenient to use for customers and other visitors.</p>



<p>P8 The layout of parking areas provides a high degree of amenity and accessibility for different users.</p>	<p>A8.1 The layout of the parking area provides for the accessibility and amenity of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with Disabilities • Cyclists • Motorcyclists • Compact Vehicles • Ordinary Vehicles • Service Delivery Vehicles. <p>A8.2 Where covered parking areas are required in accordance with Schedule 1 of this Code, sails or other secure structural forms of covering provide shade and weather protection for vehicles and passengers.</p>
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Access Driveways

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
<p>P9 The dimensions of Access driveways cater for all vehicles likely to enter the Site and minimises the disruption of vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian traffic.</p>	<p>A9.1 Access driveways are designed in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Australian Standards.</p>
<p>P10 The surface construction materials of Access driveways within the Road reserve contribute to the streetscape and alerts pedestrians to the location of the driveway.</p>	<p>A10.1 Surface construction materials are consistent with the current or intended future streetscape or character of the area and contrast with the surface construction materials of any adjacent footpath.</p>

Access for People with Disabilities⁵⁰

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
<p>P11 Access for people with disabilities is provided to the Building from the parking area and from the street.</p>	<p>A11.1 Access for people with disabilities is provided in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Australian Standards.</p>

⁵⁰ Disabled access and facilities are provided in accordance with the Building Code of Australia and the Australian Standards.



Access for Pedestrians

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P12	Access for pedestrians is provided to the Building from the parking area and from the street.	A12.1	Defined, safe pedestrian pathways are provided to the Building entry from the parking area and from the street.

Access for Cyclists

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P13	Access for cyclists is provided to the Building or to bicycle parking area from the street.	A13.1	<p>Access pathways for cyclists are provided in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Australian Standards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Where Access for cyclists is shared with Access for pedestrians and vehicles, the shared use is identified by signage and linemarking.</p>

Dimensions of Parking Spaces

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P14	Parking spaces have adequate areas and dimensions to meet user requirements.	A14.1	<p>Car parking for the disabled, ordinary car parking spaces and motorcycle parking spaces meet the requirements of the relevant Australian Standards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Parking spaces for special vehicles that are classified in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards meet the requirements of that Standard.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Parking spaces for standard sized buses have the following minimum dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • width: 4 metres • length: 20 metres • clear Height: 4 metres. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p>



	<p>Parking spaces for compact vehicles have the following minimum dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 per cent less in width measurements than required by Australian Standards for any ordinary vehicle; and,• 20 per cent less in length measurements than required by Australian Standards for any ordinary vehicle. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Parking spaces for special vehicles meet the requirements dictated by the vehicle dimensions and manoeuvring characteristics and provide sufficient clearance to obstructions and adjacent vehicles to achieve a level of service to users equivalent to that specified by the relevant Australian Standards.</p> <p>A14.2 Parking spaces for bicycles meet the requirement of the relevant Australian Standard.</p>
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On-Site Driveways, Manoeuvring Areas and Parking/Standing Areas

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
<p>P15 On-Site driveways, manoeuvring areas and vehicle parking/standing areas are designed, constructed and maintained such that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are at gradients suitable for intended vehicle use; • consider the shared movements of pedestrians and cyclists; • are effectively drained and surfaced; and • are available at all times they are required. 	<p>A15.1 On-Site driveways, vehicle manoeuvring and loading/unloading areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are sealed in urban areas: <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>upgraded to minimise noise, dust and runoff in other areas of the Shire in accordance with the relevant Locality Code;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have gradients and other design features in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Australian Standards; and • drain adequately and in such a way that adjoining and downstream land is not adversely affected. <p>A15.2 Parking areas are kept and used exclusively for parking and are maintained in a suitable condition for parking.</p>

Vehicle Circulation, Queuing and Set Down Areas

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
<p>P16 Sufficient area or appropriate circulation arrangements are provided to enable all vehicles expected to use the Site to drive on and off the Site in forward gear.</p>	<p>A16.1 Circulation and turning areas comply with the provisions of the relevant Australian Standards.</p>
<p>P17 An on-Site circulation system provides safe and practical Access to all parking, loading/unloading and manoeuvring areas.</p>	<p>A17.1 Circulation driveways comply with the provisions of the relevant Australian Standards.</p>
<p>P18 Where vehicle queuing, set down or special vehicle parking is expected, sufficient queuing or parking area is provided to enable vehicles to stand without obstructing the free flow of moving traffic or pedestrian movement.</p>	<p>A18.1 Queuing and set down areas comply with the relevant Australian Standard and any relevant AUSTROAD Guidelines.</p>



Schedule 1 – Car Parking Requirements

LAND USE	MINIMUM NUMBER OF SPACES
Residential Uses	
Caretaker's Residence	1 car space.
Home Activity	The parking required for a House plus 1 car space.
Home Based Business	<p>The parking required for a House plus 1 car space per 25 m² of Net Lettable Area used for the Home Based Business.</p> <p><u>Bed & Breakfast Accommodation.</u></p> <p>The parking required for a House plus 1 car space per bedroom/2 Bed Spaces.</p> <p><u>Forest Stay Accommodation.</u></p> <p>The parking required for a House plus 1 car space per bedroom/2 Bed Spaces and/or 1 car space per 2 Bed Spaces in a communal bunkhouse and 2 car spaces for 6 staff or 1 car space for 4 staff.</p> <p><u>Host Farm Accommodation.</u></p> <p>The parking required for a House plus 1 car space per bedroom/2 Bed Spaces and/or 1 car space per 2 Bed Spaces in a communal bunkhouse.</p>
House	2 spaces which may be in tandem.
Multi-Unit Housing	<p>Within the Port Douglas Tourist Centre – 1 car space per Dwelling Unit</p> <p>Outside the Port Douglas Tourist Centre and elsewhere in the Shire – 1.5 car spaces per Dwelling Unit</p> <p>In all cases, 60% of the car parking area is to be covered.</p> <p>Plus 1 bicycle space per 3 units and 1 visitor bicycle space per 12 units.</p>
Outstation/Seasonal Camp	1 car space per 2 bedrooms.
Retirement Facility	<p>1 car space per Dwelling Unit;</p> <p>plus 1 visitor car space per 5 Dwelling Units;</p> <p>plus 1 visitor car space per 10 hostel, nursing home or similar beds;</p> <p>plus 1 car space per 2 staff members;</p> <p>plus 1 car space for ambulance parking, designated accordingly.</p>
Special Residential Use	1 visitor car space per 5 bedrooms plus 1 car space per 2 staff members.



Tourist and Short Term Accommodation Uses	
Caravan Park/Camping Ground	1 car space per caravan Site, tent Site or cabin plus- 1 visitor car space per 10 caravan Sites, tent Sites or cabins; plus- 1 vehicle washing space per 20 caravan Sites, tent Sites or cabins; plus- 1 car space for an on-Site manager.
Holiday Accommodation	<p><u>Non-Self Contained Rooms (motel or hotel):</u></p> <p>1 car space per room for the first ten rooms plus 1 car space for every 3 rooms for the remainder of rooms.</p> <p><u>Self Contained:</u></p> <p>Within the Port Douglas Tourist Centre – 1 car space per Dwelling Unit</p> <p>Outside the Port Douglas Tourist Centre and elsewhere in the Shire – 1.5 car spaces per Dwelling Unit</p> <p><u>Dual Key:</u></p> <p>1 car space for the self-contained element of the Dual Key Units; and</p> <p>30% of a car space for the non-Self Contained element of the Dual Key apartment.</p> <p>A parking bay for the loading and unloading of buses where thirty rooms/Dwelling Units or more.</p> <p>In all cases, 60% of car spaces are to be covered</p> <p>Plus 1 bicycle space per 10 rooms.</p>
Short Term Accommodation	<p>1 car space per Private Room for the first ten rooms, plus 1 car space for every 3 rooms for the remainder of rooms.</p> <p>1 car space per 10 beds where dormitory accommodation.</p> <p>A parking bay for the loading and unloading of buses where thirty rooms or more, or where 30 beds in the dormitory accommodation.</p> <p>In all cases, 60% of car parking spaces are to be covered.</p> <p>Plus 1 bicycle space per 4 rooms/4 beds and 1 visitor bicycle space per 16 rooms/16 beds.</p>
Staff Quarters	1 car space per 2 Bed Spaces



Retail Uses	
Shopping Facility	<p>1 car space per 25 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p> <p>Plus 1 bicycle space per 200 m² of Net Lettable Area and 1 visitor bicycle space per 500 m² over 1000 m²</p> <p><u>In a Local Centre:</u></p> <p>1 car space per 50 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p> <p><u>In the Tourist Centre of Port Douglas:</u></p> <p>1 car space per 30 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p>
Business and Commercial Uses	
Aircraft Landing Facility – Commercial	<p>1 car space per 20 m² of covered reception area, plus 1 car space per 2 staff, plus a covered bus setdown area adjacent to the entry to the reception area and 2 bus parking spaces.</p>
Business Facilities	<p>1 car space per 25 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p> <p>Plus 1 bicycle space per 200 m² Net Lettable Area and 1 visitor bicycle space per 750 m² over 1000 m²</p> <p><u>In a Local Centre:</u></p> <p>1 car space per 50 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p> <p><u>In the Tourist Centre of Port Douglas:</u></p> <p>1 car space per 30 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p>
Child Care Centre	<p>1 car space per full time staff member, plus 1 car space per 10 children to be used for setting down and picking up of children, with a minimum of 3 car spaces to be provided for set down/collection. Any drive-through facility can provide tandem short term parking for 3 car spaces for the setting down and picking up of children, on the basis that a passing lane is provided and linemarked to be kept clear of standing vehicles at all times.</p>



<p>Display Facilities</p>	<p>For garden supplies, hardware & the like: 1 car space per 50 m² Net Lettable Area.</p> <p>For boats, caravans, machinery, motor vehicles and the like: 1 car space per 100 m² Net Lettable Area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXCEPT THAT</p> <p><u>When located in the Town Centre and in the Mossman and Environs Locality</u></p> <p>All Display Facilities provide 1 car space per 25 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p>
<p>Restaurant</p>	<p>1 car space per 25 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p> <p>Plus 1 bicycle space per 100 m² Net Lettable Area.</p> <p><u>In a Local Centre:</u></p> <p>1 car space per 50 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p> <p><u>In the Tourist Centre of Port Douglas:</u></p> <p>1 car space per 30 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p>
<p>Service Station</p>	<p>1 car space per 15 m² of the floor area of any Shopping Facility, Restaurant or take-away food facilities. Staff parking at the rate of 1 car space per full time or part time staff member.</p>
<p>Tavern</p>	<p>Licensed Facilities</p> <p>1 space per 10 m² of bar, lounge, beer garden, and other public area; plus</p> <p>1 space per 50 m² of floor area of liquor barn or bulk liquor sales area; plus if drive in bottle shop is provided queuing lane/s on site for 12 vehicles; plus parking for other uses incorporated in the Tavern, as listed in this Table.</p>
<p>Tourist Attraction</p>	<p>Sufficient car spaces to accommodate the amount of vehicular traffic likely to be generated by the particular use.</p> <p>Plus 1 bicycle space per 200 m² Net Lettable Area.</p>
<p>Veterinary Facilities</p>	<p>1 car space per 50 m² of Net Lettable Area.</p>



Industry and Associated Uses	
Aquaculture	1 car space per 2 staff members.
Extractive Industry	1 car space per 2 staff members.
Industry Class A and Class B	1 car space per 90 m ² of Net Lettable Area.
Intensive Animal Husbandry	1 car space per 2 staff members.
Primary Industry	1 car space per 2 staff members.
Private Forestry	1 car space per 2 staff members.
Service Industry	1 car space per 90 m ² of Net Lettable Area
Community Facilities	
Cemetery and Crematorium	Sufficient car spaces to accommodate the amount of vehicular traffic likely to be generated by the particular use.
Educational Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • primary and secondary school: 1 car space per 2 staff members • tertiary and further education: 1 car space per 2 staff members plus 1 car space per 10 students • for all other establishments : • Designated area on Site for the short term setdown of students, in addition to the requirements above. <p>School – 1 bicycle space per 5 pupils over year 4</p> <p>University/TAFE – 2 bicycle spaces per 10 full time students</p>
Health Facility	1 car space per 4 beds, plus 1 car space per 2 staff members, plus 1 car space for ambulance parking, designated accordingly, 1 bicycle space per 200 m ² Net Lettable Area.
Interpretive Facility	Sufficient car spaces to accommodate the amount of vehicular traffic likely to be generated by the particular use.
Park and Open Space	Sufficient car spaces to accommodate the amount of vehicular traffic likely to be generated by the particular use.
Place of Assembly	1 car space per 15 m ² of Net Lettable Area. Plus 1 bicycle space per 200 m ² Net Lettable Area
Public Utilities and Facilities	1 car space per 2 staff members.
Telecommunication Facilities	1 car space per 2 staff members.



Recreation Uses	
Indoor Sports and Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squash Court or another court game: 4 car spaces per court. • Indoor Cricket 25 car spaces per cricket pitch. • Ten Pin bowling 3 car spaces per bowling lane. • Gymnasium 1 car space per 15 m² of Net Lettable Area. • Places where people congregate including Cinemas, Theatres, Convention Centre or Function Centre or the like. 1 car space per 15 m² of Net Lettable Area. • Unlicensed Clubrooms 1 car space per 45 m² of Net Lettable Area. • Licensed Clubrooms 1 car space per 15 m² of Net Lettable Area. <p>Plus 1 bicycle space per 4 employees</p>
Outdoor Sport and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coursing, horse racing, pacing or trotting 1 car space per 5 seated spectators plus, 1 car space per 5 m² of other spectator areas. • Football 50 car spaces per field. • Lawn Bowls 30 car spaces per green. • Swimming Pool 15 car spaces plus 1 car space per 100 m² of useable Site area. • Tennis or other Court game 4 car spaces per court. • Golf Course 4 car spaces per tee on the course, plus parking for club as per Indoor Entertainment. • Outdoor Cinema 1 car space per 5 m² of designated viewing area, plus 1 car space per 2 staff members. <p>Plus 1 bicycle space per 20 spectator places</p>

Note: A contribution may be required by Council if the car parking rate is different, where a new use is proposed in an existing Building.