

Temporary Permits (Red)

Exceptions are made for other essential services required to the Small Isles and Knoydart by the way of a Temporary Permit. These are available from Community Services Office, Carr's Corner Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 6TL

The exceptions are:-

- 1) Registered contractors or Utility Companies carrying out work on the island
- 2) Blue Disabled Badge Holders
- 3) Emergency Services or Local Authority (THC) vehicles
- 4) Doctors, Dentist, Funeral Undertakers and essential vehicles in connection with a wedding
- 5) Transporting equipment for agricultural or forestry use
- 6) Licensed goods vehicle or a light goods vehicle for delivery goods, material or livestock (but not passengers or a caravan) to or from the island
- 7) To convey essential heavy equipment which cannot be transported without the use of a vehicle for a pre-arranged Community Event

If you are arranging for a contractor to come over to carry out essential work, please advise them that they will need to apply and collect their permit before departure. The permit disc must be displayed on the windscreen of the vehicle for the duration of the visit.

Opening Hours

Community Services , Carr's Corner Industrial Estate	(01397) 709000	Mon – Fri	9am-5pm
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Weight, Width & Length Restrictions

Please note the following restrictions have been in place since 2003:

- Weight Restriction – 7.5 tons GLW
- Width Restriction – 2.5m
- Length Restriction – 10m

Enforcement of the Order

Highland Council can take enforcement action on any vehicle stopped on a Council road that is not displaying a valid permit. The major concerns received from residents was that the Order is not being enforced and I hope you will find it reassuring to know that Sergeant MacRae in Mallaig Police Station is very keen to carry out enforcement once the new amendments are implemented.

Requirement for Road Tax and Insurance on Eigg, Muck & Knoydart

Under section 47 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, it is an offence to use a car, motorcycle or light goods (not tractors) vehicle without an MoT certificate on a public road unless the vehicle is 'exempt' from MoT testing (that is, it does not have to have an MoT test).

Mallaig Police Station has clarified that the vehicles being driven on The Small Isles and Knoydart are exempt from an MoT because they do not have a MoT testing facility on their Island, but because the roads on Eigg, Muck and Knoydart are publicly maintained you must have Insurance and Road Tax.

There is a form available from the DVLA website www.dft.gov.uk/dvla for Exemption from MoT testing which you should fill in. However, it is very important to note that if you ever take your vehicle off The Small Isles or Knoydart you must have a MoT to drive your vehicle on the mainland.