

On-Street Civil Parking Enforcement Observation Periods – Adur District

When a vehicle is parked in contravention of the regulations, and depending upon the type of restriction, the Civil Enforcement Officer will observe the vehicle for a certain period of time before issuing a Penalty Charge Notice.

An observation period is primarily designed to ensure that the vehicle is not engaged in an exempt activity, such as loading or unloading.

The observation times are summarised in the table below, which, for ease of reference, also contains grace periods:

| Type of Restriction | Observation Period |
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| Waiting restrictions | |
| Active Single yellow line | 5 minutes — car or van |
| Double yellow line | 5 minutes — car or van |
| Loading restrictions | |
| Active loading restriction | Nil |
| Other restrictions | |
| Parked on zigzags | Nil |
| Bus stop clearway | Nil |
| Pedestrian Zone | Nil |
| Misuse disabled badge | Nil |
| Parking places | |
| Free bay | Nil after expiry of time limit |
| Loading bays | 5 minutes – car 10 minutes – van/lorry |
| Suspended bays | Nil |
| Incorrect class of vehicle | Nil |
| Outside bay markings | Nil |
| Any other breach of parking/regulations | 5 minutes |

NB. If active loading is witnessed during the observation period (in a location where loading is permitted) then up to 30 minutes should be allowed or longer if necessary.