
NOTICE PROCESSING LEVEL 3

Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

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MANDATORY UNIT:

[Unit L3NP1: Introduction to Notice Processing and Information Management](#)

1. Understand the roles of key organisations involved in public regulated parking and managing parking on private land

- 1.1 name the key organisations in parking enforcement
- 1.2 define the roles of the key organisations within parking enforcement
- 1.3 identify the key differences between public and private sector parking enforcement and processing
- 1.4 explain the key differences between enforcement agent and debt recovery companies

2. Understand the background to current parking legislation

- 2.1 explain how the introduction of civil parking legislation impacted on parking enforcement
- 2.2 list legislation under which parking on public regulated land is currently enforced
- 2.3 list legislation under which parking on private land is managed

3. Understand the role of the Notice Processor

- 3.1 describe the role of the Notice Processor
- 3.2 state the importance of having an appeal process
- 3.3 state the importance of good customer service
- 3.4 state how to manage conflict situations

4. Know how to record accurately the necessary information for vehicle identification

- 4.1 identify vehicle registration marks, including:
 - standard UK
 - foreign
 - diplomatic
 - trade plates
 - military vehicles
- 4.2 identify vehicle makes, vehicle manufacturers



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4.3 identify vehicle classes

5. Understand key tools to aid communication

5.1 explain the purpose of the phonetic alphabet

5.2 state the phonetic alphabet

5.3 explain the importance of recording information received from callers against relevant cases

5.4 explain the importance of equal opportunities and diversity

6. Understand the concept & key principles of equality & diversity

6.1 explain the difference between prejudice and discrimination

6.2 identify relevant legislation covering the areas of equality and diversity

6.3 explain the importance of non-discriminatory practices

6.4 identify social and diversity issues Notice Processors deal with

6.5 explain the individual's responsibilities for equality and diversity

6.6 explain organisational responsibilities for equality and diversity

6.7 identify methods used to tackle diversity and inclusion issues

7. Understand the Data Protection Act (DPA)

7.1 state the basic principles of the DPA

7.2 define what constitutes personal data

7.3 explain how personal data is managed in the following situations:

- speaking to the customer/stakeholder
- passing information to third parties
- storing, protecting and destroying personal data
- writing response letters to motorists

8. Understand the Freedom of Information Act (FOI)

8.1 state the organisations that are required to comply with Freedom of Information requests

8.2 identify requests under Freedom of Information Act

8.3 explain what information is exempt from Freedom of Information requests

8.4 state the timescales for responding to Freedom of Information requests

9. Know how to process incoming correspondence

- 9.1 describe ways in which audit trails and evidence can be preserved when receiving and processing incoming correspondence from motorists
- 9.2 identify correspondence and payments which are invalid and need to be returned to the motorist
- 9.3 identify the nature of an incoming item of correspondence and classify it correctly for further processing action
- 9.4 identify items of evidence submitted by motorists, which need to be returned to the motorist
- 9.5 explain the benefits of recording incoming and outgoing Correspondence against a case record on the IT system

10. Understand how to process payments

- 10.1 explain the importance of security when processing payments
- 10.2 describe ways of working that minimise fraud
- 10.3 explain why it is important for payment records to be accurate and complete
- 10.4 identify data necessary to reconcile payments
- 10.5 identify actions to be taken when payments do not reconcile
- 10.6 explain the importance of timeliness when processing payments

11. Understand how to carry out audit activities

- 11.1 explain the importance of reconciling issued notices against uploaded notices
- 11.2 describe the importance of auditing the following:
 - missing parking notices
 - unallocated payments
 - VQ4/VQ5 responses
 - statutory documentation generated/printed/posted
 - DVLA mismatches

OPTIONAL PATHWAY UNIT:

Unit L3NP4: Notice Processing Requirements for parking enforcement on Private Land (England & Wales)

1. 1. Understand how the principles of contract law and trespass relate to car park signage and enforcement

- 1.1 understand legislation which has a bearing on Notice Processing for Parking Notices
- 1.2 explain what is required to be displayed on signs in order for a contract to be established

- 1.3 explain the principles in law which allow private parking companies and land owners to carry out parking enforcement on private land
- 1.4 identify breaches of contract which could result in parking enforcement taking place
- 1.5 explain the impact of incorrectly worded signs on the enforcement and recovery process
- 1.6 explain the difference between “driver” and “keeper” within the contract between the supplier and consumer
- 1.7 state the need for calculating the actual loss incurred by a breach of contract

2. Understand the recommendations made in the Accredited Trade Associations’ Codes of Practice

- 2.1 describe the purpose of the AOS Code
- 2.2 describe the purpose of the Approved Operator Scheme (AOS)
- 2.3 list the requirements which must be met by the car park operator and/or land owner before parking enforcement may commence on private property
- 2.4 explain the recommended lifecycle for a Parking Notice
- 2.5 list the recommended information required on a Parking Notice which is issued to a vehicle (Notice to Driver) or posted to the keeper (Notice to Keeper)
- 2.6 list the recommended information required on a first letter to the registered keeper in pursuance of Parking Notice
- 2.7 explain the importance of inviting the keeper to disclose details of the driver
- 2.8 explain the purpose of sending out a Reminder Letter
- 2.9 explain the purpose of the Final Notice to the registered keeper
- 2.10 state the recommended information the final notice should contain
- 2.11 explain the importance of gathering evidence in support of a Parking Notice
- 2.12 explain the requirements which need to be met in order to allow the DVLA to release registered keeper details of vehicles for private car park enforcement
- 2.13 explain the importance of having clear complaints, dispute resolution and appeals processes, available to the public

3. Know how to respond to appeals and complaints in relation to parking notices and an independent appeals service

- 3.1 list items of supporting evidence which need to be checked against the parking notice while evaluating an appeal
- 3.2 explain the purpose of supporting evidence
- 3.3 list examples of supporting evidence
- 3.4 state the reasons why all points raised by a motorist should be addressed, when responding to a written appeal
- 3.5 explain the benefits of responding quickly to a motorist’s letter and communicating any delays
- 3.6 explain the requirements of an independent appeals service
- 3.7 explain the role and powers of an assessor
- 3.8 evaluate if sufficient evidence exists to contest the appeal
- 3.9 explain circumstances where a case would not be contested



- 3.10 list the information that must be included when compiling a case file for the assessors
- 3.11 state when information must be disclosed to the appellant prior to the appeal hearing
- 3.12 describe the process to be followed after the assessor's decision

4. Understand the civil debt recovery process

- 4.1 summarise the debt collection agency recovery process
- 4.2 explain the steps which must be taken before registering a civil claim
- 4.3 explain the civil court claim process
- 4.4 identify stages of the Parking Notice lifecycle where direct payments from the motorist may be refused
- 4.5 evaluate cases to determine suitability for court proceedings

5. Understand legislation which has a bearing on Notice Processing for Parking Notices

- 5.1 state the basic principles of the Protection of Freedoms Act, including in relation to your role:
 - Part 3, Chapter 2 (vehicles left on land)
 - Schedule 4 (recovery of unpaid parking charges)
- 5.2 explain what constitutes driver liability
- 5.3 explain how to obtain registered keeper details
- 5.4 explain how to obtain driver details
- 5.5 explain how to pursue the keeper of the vehicle if no driver details are forthcoming
- 5.6 differentiate between a driver and a hirer of a vehicle
- 5.7 identify the documents that appear in Schedule 4
- 5.8 explain the rules in The Administration of Justice Act 1970, Section 40, which must be considered when pursuing motorists for payment of a Parking Notice under breach of contractual terms and conditions
- 5.9 summarise the definition of an "unfair term" in a contract as defined by the: Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations (1999) – (Statutory Instrument 1999 No. 2083)

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