

## PARK & RIDE

**1. What is the park and ride?**

Park and Ride is a service which enables you to park in Blata I-Bajda (Crown Works/Horn Works Ditch) and enter Valletta for free with the public transport service provided.

**2. When is it going to start?**

The Park and Ride will start operations in October 2006.

**3. What time does the car park open / close?**

The parking lot is open 24 hrs but the transport service is available from 6 am until 1 am.

**4. In which location is the car park?**

The parking is in Crown Works/Horn Works Ditch, opposite Gattard House in National Road, Blata I-Bajda.

**5. How many cars does the parking hold?**

The car park fits approximately 950 vehicles.

**6. By whom will it be operated?**

By the Malta Transport Authority.

**7. Is there a fixed fee or will I be charged depending on how long I leave my car parked?**

The parking facility and transport service is completely free.

**8. Will I be given a ticket when I enter the car park, and when I get on the vehicle which will take me for free to Valletta? If so, am I to keep it and present it when I want to return to my car?**

The operational details are not yet concluded but will be duly advertised before the operations commence.

**9. How often are the buses going to leave the parking in Crown Works/Horn Works Ditch & Valletta?**

This will depend on how many people use this service. This can only be determined once the Park & Ride actually starts operating. During peak times, however the waiting time at the park and ride site to get on the bus should be between 4-5 minutes. At other times during the day the waiting time should be around 10 minutes, except for after 2100hrs where buses will be less frequent.

**10. Which route does the bus take, or does it only make one stop when going to Valletta?**

The route proposed links the Park and Ride site to Freedom Square in Valletta. Once in operations the route may be revised

**11. When I want to return to the car park, is there going to be one specific spot where I can wait for the bus?**

Buses will leave from Freedom Square, but this may be revised once the operations start.

<b>Controlled Vehicular Access (CVA) Frequently asked questions (FAQ)</b>
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**1. What is Controlled Vehicular Access (CVA)?**

It is a system by which access for entering Valletta will be charged. This system will work as follows:

A photo is taken the moment your vehicle is entering and leaving the restricted zone in Valletta and you are charged according to the fixed tariffs depending on how long you stayed and at what time.

**2. Which streets are excluded from the scheme?**

- a. Triq I-Assedju I-Kbir till il-Mandrugg
- b. Castille Square
- c. The Central Bank Parking
- d. In front of Upper Barrakka Gardens
- e. Near Customs House.

**3. When will it start operating?**

CVA is to commence operations in January 2007.

**4. How much will it cost and what are the times that it will apply?**

The following rates will apply:

Monday to Friday	8am to 7pm
Saturday	8am to 1pm
0 to 30 minutes	Free
31 to 30 minutes	35c
61 minutes or over	35c per hour (up to a maximum of Lm2.80)
All other Hours	Free
Sundays & Public Holidays	Free

**5. Who is exempt?**

- Residents

- Motorcycles, electric cars, taxis and any other type of public transport
- If you live in Valletta and you are over 61 years of age your children will be exempted from paying any charges following an application (by the resident) with the Local Council. An annual fee of Lm20 will be charged for each vehicle. If you are over 61 years of age and do not have any children, your immediate relatives can apply for this exemption (up to 2 cars which can belong to your brothers/sisters or other relatives).
- If you have a garage in Valletta, you can apply for the exemption for as many vehicles the garage holds under the condition that whenever you enter Valletta, you park your car/s in the garage. If your car/s is found parked anywhere else in Valletta, your exemption will be suspended for 1 year, and you will be fined.

**6. Where can one apply for exemptions?**

For the time being applications are not open. The public will be notified when applications will be received. One will then be able to apply for an exemption at the Valletta Local Council.

**7. What happens to the existing Valletta licence holders?**

If you have already paid the Licensing & Testing Directorate Lm20 (for the V-licence) and you only have a few months left on your road licence to expire, you will be credited the amount left when you renew your road licence the next year. The Valletta licence will still be applicable up to the date when CVA is implemented.

**8. How can one pay?**

There are several ways of how you can pay. You can pay online, by cheque, by SMS or by telephone. Further information will be given at a later stage in the public media.

**9. Who is going to be operating the CVA?**

A private company will operate on behalf of Government.

**10. Will un/loading vehicles have to pay for the time spent in Valletta?**

Yes, commercial vehicles will have to pay the published tariffs, however, vehicles who deliver regularly (say daily or weekly) may chose to apply for a special exemption at the Valletta Local Council. The exemption will only apply during specific delivery hours.

**11. Will people having a blue card be exempted from paying the entrance/parking fees?**

Disabled people who currently benefit from a free V licence, will be given Lm20 credit on their vehicle. Each time they enter Valletta, their account which is valid for 1 year, will be deducted automatically. If they exceed their Lm20 credit, they will have to pay the normal fee every time they enter Valletta until the end of the year.

What if I work in Valletta? Disabled persons working in Valletta will be exempt, they will have to register their vehicles with the Local Council.

12. **I am a Valletta resident but I have a company car which is not registered in Valletta. What can I do to enter and park my car in the Controlled Vehicular Access (CVA) in Valletta?**

If you use this vehicle on a regular basis – and that means if the vehicle is overnight inside the city for at least half the nights of the year -- this will be considered as a resident vehicle, irrespective of the registered owner.

