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**Parking Lot Regulations (PpRO)
of RWTH Aachen University
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Please note: This publication is an English translation. Only the German original of these regulations as published in the Official Announcements of RWTH Aachen University ("Amtliche Bekanntmachungen") is legally binding.

On the basis of § 2 Para. 4 of the Act on the Universities of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia of March 14, 2000 (Law and Official Gazette of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia 2004, p. 752), last amended by the Act of November 30, 2004 (Law and Official Gazette of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia p. 752), RWTH Aachen University has issued the following regulations:

§ 1 Scope of Application

- (1) These regulations apply to all parking lots of RWTH Aachen University and the traffic areas assigned to them; parking lots in the area of Uniklinik RWTH Aachen (University Hospital) are not covered by these regulations.
- (2) Anyone who uses the traffic areas and parking lots of RWTH by walking on them, driving on them, or parking their vehicle on them thereby undertakes to comply with the rules of these regulations and to allow them to apply against them.
- (3) The rules of the Road Traffic Regulations and the Road Traffic Licensing Regulations as amended from time to time shall apply on the traffic and parking lot areas.
- (4) Vehicles may only be parked in the parking areas provided for this purpose and which are marked accordingly.
- (5) In particular, the following are not permitted
 1. the parking of vehicles in green areas, on sidewalks and cycle paths, in areas reserved for pedestrians, in driveways, in entrances and exits, in fire department access routes, in or in front of building and garage entrances, in front of emergency exits, and in places where the parking of vehicles can lead to an obstruction of flowing traffic or lead to an obstruction of third parties
 2. the parking of vehicles in need of repair and vehicles unfit for traffic as well as unregistered vehicles
 3. the parking of vehicles with a maximum permissible mass of more than 3.5 t, trailers, and similar means of transport
 4. long-term parking

§ 2 Parking Rights

- (1) The use of RWTH's traffic and parking lot areas is reserved for members and visitors of RWTH. Outside office hours, use by third parties may be permitted.
- (2) RWTH may issue parking permits as proof of entitlement to use specially designated traffic and parking lot areas. The validity of the parking permit may be limited. It may not be passed on to third parties. A parking permit does not grant a legal right to a parking space.
- (3) The parking permit must be clearly displayed in the windshield when using parking areas of RWTH. If a valid parking permit is not present or not clearly displayed in the windshield, no parking authorization is given for the vehicle. In this case, RWTH has the right to have the vehicle towed away (§ 5 PpRO).

(4) The validity of a parking permit expires:

1. with the departure of the member from RWTH,
2. by expiry of the period of validity,
3. in the event of misuse of the parking permit, in particular if it is passed on to third parties,
4. in case of improper use of the parking lots, in particular in case of violation of the regulations of § 1 Para. 4 and 5.

(5) If the conditions which led to the issue of the parking permit cease to apply, it must be returned to RWTH. The University must be notified immediately of the loss of the parking permit.

§ 3 Special Parking Areas

RWTH may determine that certain parking lots that are specially marked are reserved exclusively for special types of vehicles or may only be used by certain persons or groups of persons. Details are governed by the regulations issued by the Rectorate.¹⁾

§ 4 Access Systems

(1) Insofar as parking lot areas are secured by barriers, chains, or other barriers, a key to open the barrier may be handed over to the parking permit holder in addition to the parking permit; a parking chip, magnetic code card, or similar is also considered a key. RWTH must be notified immediately of the loss of the key. After expiry of the parking permit, the key must be returned immediately.

(2) RWTH shall be entitled to set an appropriate usage fee for such parking spaces and to set an appropriate amount of money as a security deposit for the issue of keys (parking chips, magnetic code cards, or similar). The security deposit will be refunded when the parking authorization expires and the key is returned. If the key is not returned, or if it is lost, the security deposit shall be forfeited. The setting and amendment of user charges is subject to co-determination by the staff councils.

§ 5 Removal of Inadmissibly Parked Vehicles

A vehicle parked without a valid parking permit or that is otherwise unauthorized or improperly parked may be towed at the expense of the owner, driver, or other person responsible.

§ 6 Liability

¹⁾ After co-determination by the staff representatives

- (1) The use of the traffic and parking lot areas is at the individual's own risk. Neither RWTH nor the State of North Rhine-Westphalia will pay compensation for personal injury or damage to property caused during use or towing.
- (2) RWTH is not obliged to guard the parked vehicles or to clean the traffic and parking lot areas, including the access routes, or to clear or grit them in winter.

§ 7 Entry Into Force

These regulations come into force as an Official Announcement of RWTH on the day following their publication. At the same time, the Parking Lot Regulations dated March 8, 1993, Official Announcements of RWTH, No. 387, pp. 1292-1295, shall cease to be in force.

§ 8 Transitional Provision

If special parking areas (§ 3) were set up in employee parking zones before January 1, 2004, their validity ends on December 31, 2005; the necessity of continuing to maintain these areas must be justified. This does not apply to parking areas set up for people with disabilities.

Issued on the basis of the resolution of the Rectorate of April 25, 2005 and after participation of the staff councils of May 9, 2005/July 18, 2005.

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