



Automobile Club d'Italia



DRIVING IN ITALY: INFORMATION FOR VISITING MOTORISTS

PARKING

The Italian Highway Code defines parking as the prolonged stop of the vehicle, with the driver being able to leave.

Drivers must check road signs to understand if parking is allowed.

In cities, parking places are usually indicated by road-surface markings in three distinct colours and vertical signs display times and conditions for parking.

Blue lines indicate time-based paid parking. Charges may vary in each municipality and are indicated on vertical signs. The payment receipt must be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard. Payment can be usually made either in cash at local parking metres, or by purchasing a "scratch and display" coupon at tobacconists' or authorised newspaper shops.

White lines indicate free parking. A vertical sign may show time restrictions set by the municipality. If so required by road signs, drivers must show the time of their arrival on a parking disc, to be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard.

Yellow lines* indicate that parking is reserved for certain categories of users holding a permit issued by the relevant municipality (e.g., disabled people, pregnant women or parents with a child up to two years of age, local residents, municipal services and utilities operators).

* Yellow lines are also used for other purposes, such as marking litter bin areas or road work zones.