

Access to The Guardian

Originally built as the home of the New Zealand Insurance Company in 1918, The Guardian Building was converted from its original commercial purpose into apartments in 2003. As such, it does not have carpark facilities within the building itself.

Access Details

1. **Queen Street:** The main thoroughfare running south to north and where the Guardian's main entry is situated. Bus lane cameras operate on Queen Street between 7 am–10 am and 4 pm–7 pm Monday to Friday, during which private vehicles are prohibited.
2. **Mills Lane:** A one-way 'U' shaped service lane running south to north, accessible from Albert Street (parallel to Queen Street on the west side) which borders the west facade of The Guardian and the Mills Lane entrance.

If you are moving heavy items, the Queen Street loading zone may offer more convenient access to the lobby and lifts. (Please see the "Moving in/Moving out" PDF for information regarding luggage and moving large or heavy objects.) The remainder of Mills Lane is yellow lined and parking is at your own risk. AT parking wardens frequently patrol this area.

Layout updates are expected for Mills Lane in 2025 and we have registered our need for more loading space with AT.

3. **Exchange Lane:** This pedestrian-only lane connects Mills Lane to Queen Street via a public access stairway. The higher Mills Lane entry corresponds to Level 2 of the building, while the Queen Street entry is at Ground Floor level. This difference is due to the building being constructed at the point of the old shoreline.

Loading Zones

A three-vehicle, 15-minute loading zone is located on Queen Street directly in front of the building. This loading zone is signposted as no stopping during the bus lane operable times between 7 am–10 am and 4 pm–7 pm Monday to Friday.

Another five-minute loading zone is situated at the rear of the building on Mills Lane but this is for goods vehicles only.

On-Street Parking

Available on nearby streets, including Shortland Street and High Street. On-street parking is free for stays under 10 minutes, but please monitor your time carefully. Auckland Transport (AT) parking wardens monitor the area regularly.

Nearby Paid Public Carpark Options

Downtown Carpark (AT)

31 Customs Street West · 09 355 3553

Open 24 hours

Victoria Street Carpark (AT)

30 Kitchener Street · 09 379 0103

Open until 12:30 am

Shortland Street Carpark (Tournament Parking)

71 Shortland Street · 09 377 4040

Open until 3:30 am


Fort Street Carpark (Wilson Parking)

27 Fort Street - 0800 472 7546

Open 24 hours

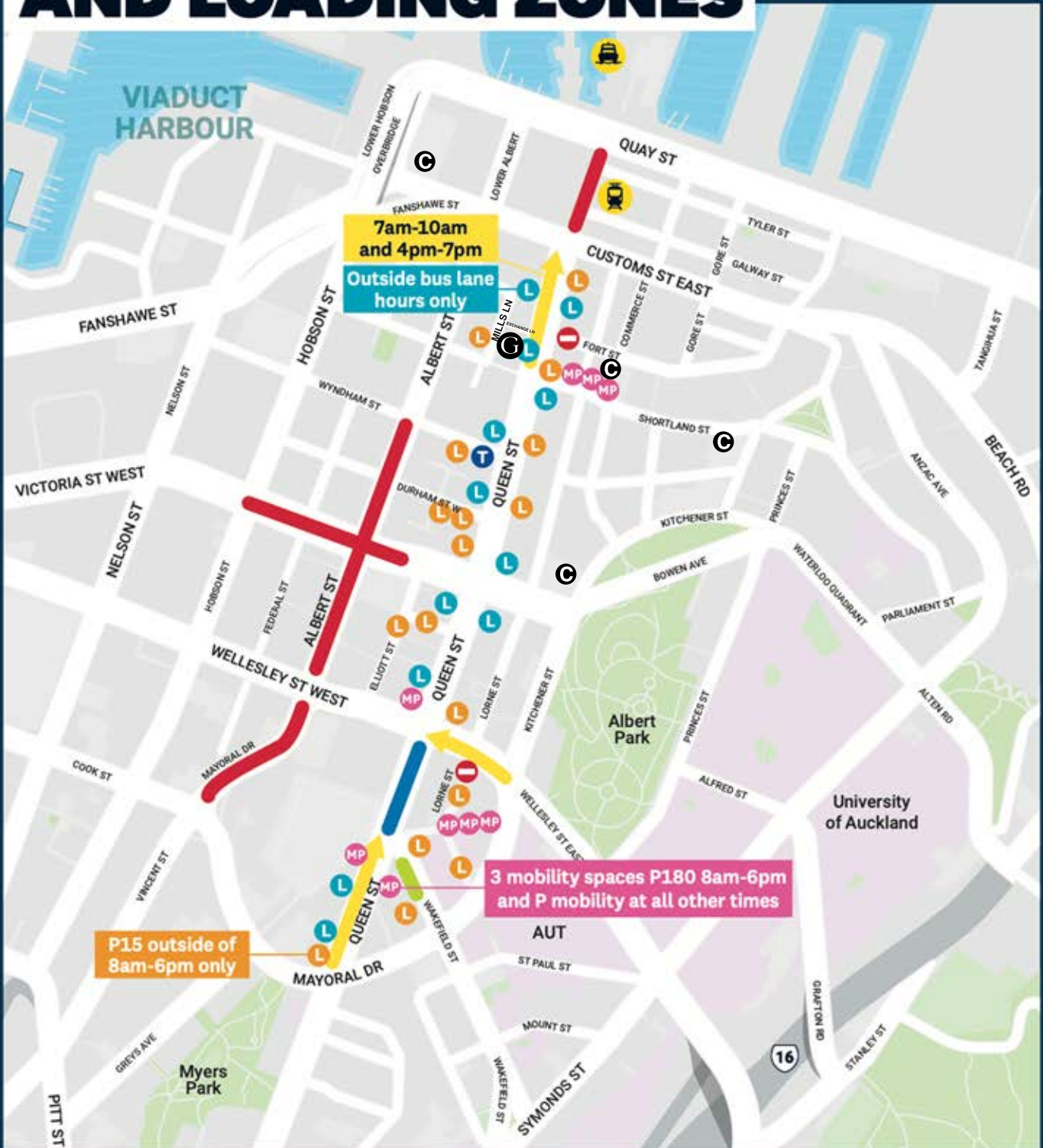
*Parking fees may vary considerably and currently the Fort Street Carpark is the most expensive.

Additional Notes

This information is intended as a helpful guide for residents, guests, and contractors. Please check all street signs, regulations, and carpark fees, as we cannot accept responsibility for any fines or fees incurred. Please see the AT diagram over for more information. The location of The Guardian is marked as  on the map. Temporary road closures will continue until 2026 for the completion of the City Rail Link. Please check the AT website on at.govt.nz for the latest information.

For more detailed information please contact the building manager on 0276 77 1974.

QUEEN ST ACCESS AND LOADING ZONES



Traffic restriction

Bus lane

Proposed pick up/drop off zone

No entry

P30 Mobility parking

Essential Vehicle Area:

Buses, cycles, mopeds, motorcycles and goods vehicles only. No private vehicles, taxi and rideshare 24/7

P5 Loading zone - goods vehicles only

P15 Loading zone - all vehicles

Taxi stand

Carpark

