

LOTTERY FAQs

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Who is eligible to participate in the Parking Lottery?

Answer: Only downtown Sacramento State employees are eligible to participate.

Can I enter/use other email addresses more than once?

Answer: No. Only one entry per Lottery occurrence will be accepted. Only Work email addresses are acceptable. Duplicate entries and/or the use of a non-work type email will be removed and the subscriber will need to resubmit using a work email address.

Do I have to reenter my information every time a Lottery is performed?

Answer: No. the OPLS will retain your information in perpetuity until you are chosen.

I have parking in another DGS lot; can I still participate in the Parking Lottery?

Answer: Yes. Current parkers are eligible to participate in the Lottery. In the event an existing parker is chosen and opts to transfer to one of the available spaces, the parker's former space is included with all other available parking and another subscriber is chosen at random to claim it.

How does the OPLS work?

Answer: Available OFAM parking, and its associated location, is subject to availability and varies as a result of cancellations from the previous month. Each time the Lottery is performed, subscribers are randomly drawn, contacted and instructions for obtaining parking are sent via email. Once contacted, available parking is obtained on a first come, first serve basis. Subscribers have 48 hours to respond. No response is deemed a withdrawal that will result in another subscriber's name being randomly selected.

How often does the Parking Lottery occur?

Answer: The Lottery occurs when space becomes available.

What if a Lottery is not performed?

Answer: All entries are retained in the automated system until the next available Lottery.

I am a new State Employee and have not received a Work Email address yet. Can I still subscribe?

Answer: No. The OPLS will not allow personal/non-state email addresses (i.e. gmail.com, yahoo.com. etc.) Once a subscriber has a state email account, the subscriber submits his or her information via the OPLS.

What if I change jobs/locations?

Answer: Subscribers are required to maintain updated contact information. If your email address or contact phone number changes for any reason, you are responsible for completing the OPLS with your new work information. Additionally, a subscriber may want to send an email to DGSOFAMParking@dgs.ca.gov notifying the Parking Unit of the new information so the outdated information is removed.

What if I do not have access to my work email while I am away and am chosen?

Answer: As long as we receive an “Out of Office” response, a parking space will be saved until the subscriber returns from being out of the office and contacts the Parking Unit. Subscribers should contact the Parking Unit immediately upon return to the office either by email: DGSOFAMParking@dgs.ca.gov or phone: (844) 832-5423.

Can I send someone to claim my parking for me?

Answer: No. For security purposes, when claiming parking, we require the subscriber to show valid State Employee ID and other confidential information only the subscriber would know.

While I am participating in the OPLS, where can I park?

Answer: All lots managed by the OFAM are currently at capacity and parking will only be released through the OPLS. If parking becomes available outside of the OPLS an update will be posted to the State Employee Parking Services webpage at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/ofam/Programs/Parking/ParkingSvs.aspx>.