

FAQ: Mid-Year Dockless Vehicle Permit

Q: Why is DDOT permitting dockless vehicles mid-year?

A: DDOT recognizes the importance of micro-mobility (e.g. bicycles, dockless scooters) to create equitable transportation access across the District and reduce reliance on automobiles. As part of the agency's vision, DDOT is facilitating new mobility and encouraging alternatives to single occupancy vehicle use in the city. Since a few approved operators have not yet begun operations in the District, reopening the dockless application process creates the opportunity to increase the number of shared mobility options in the very near term.

Q: Does the mid-year application and permit differ from the application and permit issued in December 2018?

A: No. the current terms and conditions that existing operators abide by will be the same for mid-year permittees.

Q: Is there a maximum number of applicants that will be accepted?

A: DDOT is still allowing those dockless operators that were given conditional approval to begin operations in the calendar year. DDOT would like to permit at least 2 additional operators to reach the initial expected number permitted dockless vehicles in the 2019.

Q: Is there a minimum/maximum number of vehicles new applicants must apply for?

A: Yes. The permit maintains the requirement of a minimum and maximum of 100 and 600 vehicles, for each dockless vehicle permit (scooters and/or bikes).

Q: Will mid-year applicants be eligible for a quarterly fleet increase?

A: Yes. Mid-year applicants will be assessed quarterly on compliance of their terms and conditions with DDOT. Pending favorable assessments, new operators may be allowed a fleet increase in October 2019. The areas of assessment are listed in Article II. B of the terms and conditions.

Q: What is the term of the mid-year application?

A: The time frame for the mid-year permit is July 1 through December 31, 2019. Operators will need to reapply for a 2020 permit, if they wish to continue to operate.

Q: What is the timeline for application submission and PROWOP issuance?

A: The mid-year application timeline is as follows:

Application available: Friday, May 31

Application submission deadline: Friday, June 14

New operators notified: Friday, June 20

Checks and necessary documents submission: Wednesday, June 26

PROWOPs issued: Friday, June 28

Operations begin: Monday, July 1

Q: Can current operators apply for the mid-year permit?

A: No. Existing operators may continue operating under their current PROWOPs without disruption.

Q: As an operator granted conditional approval who has not yet launched in the District, can I apply for the mid-year dockless permit?

A: Only new providers that have not previously received approval need to apply, operators that have already received conditional approval are still eligible to launch in 2019.