Weir Building

King’s Buildings

A GUIDE TO ACCESS AND FACILITIES

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http://www.ed.ac.uk/maps/buildings/weir-building
Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan

A Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) is required for all staff and students unable to self-evacuate in an emergency. Provision for staff/students/visitors who are unable to self-evacuate is the responsibility of the organiser of the class/lecture/event/meeting. While the School is responsible for preparing this, staff and students requiring assistance should confirm the evacuation arrangements". 
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**Introduction**

The Weir Building houses the College of Science and Engineering, Human Resources and Careers Services.

**Location**

The Weir Building is located within Edinburgh University’s King’s Buildings campus; this campus is well served by public transport and is accessible by car. The building is within three miles of the city centre and two miles of the main halls of residence at Pollock Halls. The campus lies between West Mains Road and Mayfield Road, about two miles south of George Square.

The nearest railway line is at Waverley Station in the City Centre.

The nearest bus stop is located within the campus approximately 180 metres from the Weir Building. Numerous bus services stop within the Campus and West Mains Road. Details of timetables are available from Lothian Buses, from their offices within the city and online from [www.mybustracker.co.uk](http://www.mybustracker.co.uk).

Persons with mobility difficulties arriving by vehicle can access the Weir Building from Gates 1 & 4.
Weir Building Location Map

Key

- **WEIR BUILDING**
- University Shuttle Bus Stop
- Public Transport Bus Stop
- Vehicle Access Routes Local to the Weir Building
- Traffic Barrier
- P University Parking (Permit)
- DP Disabled Parking Bays (Permit)
- Pedestrian Area
- Main Entrance Access Point (Level)
- Secondary Entrance Access Point (Ramp)
Parking

The King’s Buildings Campus has numerous parking bays but no free parking; all parking bays within the campus require a permit. City of Edinburgh Council parking is available outwith the campus on West Mains Road and the adjacent Langton Road. See Location Map.

There are currently no dropped kerbs leading from parking bays located along West Mains Road. Access from these parking bays to the campus is not recommended for wheelchair users without assistance.

**Disabled Parking Bays**

There are currently no disabled parking bays located within the Weir Building car park. Although there are no designated disabled parking bays, there are a limited number of bays which offer better manoeuvring space.

![Parking bay with better manoeuvring space](image)

**University Car Parks**

There is one University car park located adjacent to the Weir Building and five additional parking bays to the left of Entrance 2. There is level access from the car park to Entrance 1 via a tarmac footpath, a zebra crossing and an additional paved footpath.

If you do not hold a valid permit and require use of a University parking bay, it is recommended that contact is made with your host or the Transport & Parking Office prior to making your journey.

See Contact Information for more details.

![Weir Building car park](image)  ![Additional parking bays](image)
Access Routes

There is one pedestrian access route which leads to the Weir Building. Please note that this access route is not recommended for persons with mobility difficulties or persons in a wheelchair without assistance.

Access Route 1

This access route starts on a paved area which is located adjacent to the Crew Building and the University bus stop. From this area there is a pedestrian crossing which leads to a long tarmac footpath with a moderate gradient.

The footpath continues to the side of the Crew Laboratories and changes to an uneven paved surface. This footpath leads to a University car park at the front of the Weir Building. There is ample directional signage along this route to guide pedestrians.
Weir Building Access Route Map

Key
- WEIR BUILDING
- Crew Labs
- Crew Building
- University Shuttle Bus Stop
- Public Transport Bus Stop
- Vehicle Access Routes Local to the Weir Building
- University Parking (Permit)
- Pedestrian Area
- Assisted Wheelchair Access Route
- Main Entrance Access Point (Level)
- Secondary Entrance Access Point (Ramp)
Outside Access

There are two entrances to the Weir Building, the North and South entrances.

Entrance 1

The South entrance is located to the front of the building on a level paved surface and is the recommended wheelchair access point.

Entrance 1 consists of a single width timber door. This door leads to a vestibule area and a secure single width timber door. Both doors open outward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate glass panels/door handles at a wheelchair accessible height. There is a swipe card point/doorbell located to the left of the second doorway which are within comfortable reach of a wheelchair user.

Footpath leading to Entrance 2

Entrance 2

The North entrance is located to the front of the building on a shallow paved gradient and is not recommended for wheelchair users without assistance. This entrance can be accessed from the car park via a tarmac road and an uneven footpath with a moderate gradient.

Entrance 2 consists of a set of timber double doors. These doors lead to a covered walkway with a tiled surface and a recessed matwell. Both doors open outward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate door handles at a wheelchair accessible height. Please note that this doorway incorporates a raised threshold which could prove difficult to negotiate.
Internal Access

There is ample manoeuvring space throughout the building and all corridors incorporate wide doors with door handles at a wheelchair accessible height.

Access to the Careers/ Counselling Offices

There is a covered walkway located to the centre of the building which provides internal access between the South side of the building and the Careers/ Counselling Offices. The covered walkway can be accessed from Entrance 2.

The door leaving the South side of the building is a secure single width manual door. This door opens outward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporates door handles/ viewing panels at a wheelchair accessible height. There is a swipe card point located to the left of the doorway which is within comfortable reach of a wheelchair user.

Doors leading to the Careers/ Counselling Offices from the walkway are manual double doors. Both doors open outward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate viewing panels/ door handles at a wheelchair accessible height.
**Reception**

There is no dedicated reception within the Weir Building.

There is a Postgraduate Office located adjacent to the Entrance 1. This office can provide directions and information on departments within the building. The Postgraduate office does not incorporate a desk at a wheelchair accessible height or an induction loop system.

The office can be accessed via a set of manual double doors from the vestibule area. These doors open outward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate door handles at a wheelchair accessible height. Please note that both doors must be open to permit the passage of a wheelchair.

**Careers Office Reception**

The Careers Office reception is located on the North side of the building. The office can be accessed via a single width manual door from the main corridor. This door opens inward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporates door handles at a wheelchair accessible height.

The Careers Office reception incorporates a desk at a wheelchair accessible height and an induction loop system.
Lifts

As the Weir Building is a single storey building there are no lifts.

Stairs

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Toilets

Toilets are available as follows:

- Standard Male and Female toilets are located within the North and South sides of the building.
- Accessible toilets are located within the North and South sides of the building.

The accessible toilets incorporate the following:

- Lateral transfer space varies between the North and South sides of the building.
- There is good manoeuvring space in the North side accessible toilet and limited manoeuvring space in the South side accessible toilet.
- There is an emergency pull chord in the North side accessible toilet.
- The doors open outwards.
- The widths of the accessible toilet doors are suitable for wheelchairs.
- There are suitable dropdown and support rails for transfer.
- The tap types are lever operation.
- There are coat hooks.
- The contrast between the grab rails and wall is fair.
- The contrast between the walls and floor is fair.
- Lighting levels are good.
### Department Locations

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## Opening Hours

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Contact Information

College of Science and Engineering Office/ Reception:
0131 650 5753
sciengmail@ed.ac.uk

Careers Office:
0131 650 5773
careers@ed.ac.uk

University Switchboard:
0131 650 1000

Transport and Parking:
0131 650 9101
transport@ed.ac.uk
Links

- Bookable Rooms Guides
- Student Disability Service
- College of Science and Engineering