

Port Ellen temporary closure

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Essential repair work at Port Ellen Ferry Terminal will require ferry operator CalMac to divert all Islay services to Port Askaig for a period of around three weeks. CMAL is replacing the port's linkspan and also upgrading pipework and cylinders, requiring closure from April 18.

There will be no reduction in overall service, but an amended timetable will operate. A bus transfer service will be provided from Port Ellen to Port Askaig for foot passengers.

CalMac's director of operations, Drew Collier said:

“While this closure will, unfortunately, cause some inconvenience to the travelling public for a short period of time, this is essential upgrade work being carried out by the port owners, CMAL.”

“To help us limit disruption as much as possible we ask that foot passengers looking to travel to or from Port Ellen should book with CalMac's contact centre 24 hours before they travel during this period. This will allow us to plan road transfers effectively.”

Passengers can book by calling **0800 066 5000**.