

Disabled Persons' Parking Badge (Blue Badge)

About the Service

The Blue Badge Scheme provides a National arrangement of parking concessions for people with severe walking difficulties who travel either as drivers or passengers. The Scheme also applies to registered blind people, and people with severe upper limb disabilities who regularly drive a vehicle but cannot turn a steering wheel by hand. It allows Badge holders to park close to their destination. The National concessions allow Badge holders to park on-street but they may not apply to Car Parks.

Professional Standards

Blue Badges are issued under National Guidelines, details of which can be obtained from:-

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How to Access the Service

Operational Times/Days:

Monday to Friday 8.45am – 5.00pm

Criteria for the Service:

- You can get a Badge if:-
- You receive the higher rate of the Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance;
- You receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement;
- You use a motor vehicle supplied for disabled people by a Government Health Department;
- You are registered blind;
- You have a severe disability in both upper limbs, regularly drive a motor vehicle but cannot turn the steering wheel of a motor vehicle by hand, even if that wheel is fitted with a turning knob;
- You have a permanent and substantial disability which means you are unable to walk or have very considerable difficulty in walking. In this case, if you have difficulty in walking, you may be asked some questions to help your Local Authority decide if you are entitled to a Badge.

People with a Psychological disorder will not normally qualify unless their impairment causes very considerable, and not intermittent, difficulty in walking.

Children under two years of age do not qualify for a Badge because they would not normally be expected to walk independently.

Organisations caring for disabled people meeting one or more of the above criteria may be able to get a Badge, but this is entirely at the discretion of the Local Authority (see additional relevant information).

Any additional relevant information:

Organisations can get a Badge if the Badge would be used by the organisation solely for the purpose of transporting people with disabilities by the organisation who have a permanent disability which cause inability to walk or are initially unable to walk or are registered blind persons within the meaning of section 64(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948(e).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q How long does a Blue Badge last for?

A Blue Badges are normally awarded for a period of 3 years after which the holder would need to re-apply for their Badge.

Q How much does a Blue Badge cost?

A Scottish Executive Guidelines advise that an issuing authority can charge up to £2 for the issue of a Blue Badge. Perth & Kinross Council introduced a charge in April 1999 to cover the cost of materials used in processing the Badge.

Q Can I get a temporary Badge while I recover from an accident, operation etc?

A There is no provision in the current legislation to issue temporary Badges to people with temporary disabilities such as a broken leg or awaiting hip replacement. However, this is currently being reviewed and the legislation may, in future, allow for this.

Q Where can I park?

A Badge holders may park free of charge and without time limit at parking meters on street and 'Pay and Display' on-street parking unless a local traffic order, specifying a time limit for holders of Blue Badges, such as a ban on loading, is in force. There may be local rules which specify a time limit for Badge holders.

Badge holders may be exempt from limits on parking times imposed on other users (check local signs for information).

Badge holders may usually park on single or double yellow lines in Scotland without any time limit. In England and Wales, there is a time limit of 3 hours except where there is a ban on loading or unloading and at a few locations where local schemes apply.

Contacts

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