

Applying for a Blue Badge



Have you struggled to find a parking space which is most accessible to you and your needs?

This may have been an issue for you when meeting family or friends, parking on unfamiliar roads or visiting your local shops...

Benefits of a Blue Badge:

- It can be used in any vehicle where you are a passenger, e.g. car, taxi or hired cars etc.
- You are provided with more accessible parking options in a variety of areas.
- You can park for free in a pay-and-display bay.
- You can park on double or single yellow lines for up to 3 hours long (provided you are not blocking any loading vehicles and not in any off-street car parking).
- You are not required to pay a congestion charge when travelling to Central London (provided you pay a registration fee of £10 to TfL).
- If you're 60 – you will be eligible for public transport concessions - discounts on rail card and to a free bus pass.

You may be eligible for a badge if one or more of the following applies:

- You cannot walk at all.
- You cannot walk without support from someone else or using mobility aids.
- You find walking very difficult due to pain, breathlessness or the time it takes
- In receipt of Higher Rate on Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- In receipt of Higher Rate on Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

You will need the following information, when applying for Blue Badge:

To be eligible for a Blue Badge you will require the following:

- Proof of identity e.g. birth certificate, driving licence, passport
- Proof of address e.g. letter from your bank or a utility bill



- Any relevant supporting medical evidence
- Recent passport-style photograph (head and shoulders)
- Processing fee (max. £10)
- Your National Insurance number (if you have one)
- The details of your current Blue Badge (if you're reapplying)

Applying online

Most local authorities require you to apply online. You can complete an online application form at www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge

There's a different way to apply if you're in Northern Ireland.

A Blue Badge costs up to £10 in England and £20 in Scotland. It's free in Wales.

They usually last up to 3 years.

Please do get in touch with Support Services if you need any further help on applying or for any other queries you have regarding the application. **b**