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Who can get a Blue Badge?



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The Blue Badge Scheme



The Blue Badge Scheme helps disabled people to get to places they need to go.



You can park a vehicle near to the place you want to go.



You can have a Blue Badge if you are the driver, or the passenger.

You can park for free for as long as you want:



- In disabled parking spaces unless signs say you cannot park there at that time



- At pay-and-display parking meters on the street



You can also park on yellow lines for up to 3 hours, if there isn't a ban on loading.

Places you can't park for free

You should check where you can use your badge in:

- The City of Westminster
- The City of London
- The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- Parts of the London Borough of Camden



Information is available online:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england#travelling-in-london>

The Blue Badge Scheme does not apply:

- In car parks which are off the street - like at supermarkets or hospitals
- On private roads - like at airports



Who can get a badge?



You may be able to get a badge if:

- You have a disability which means you are not able to walk



- You have a disability and have a great difficulty walking from your car to where you want to go



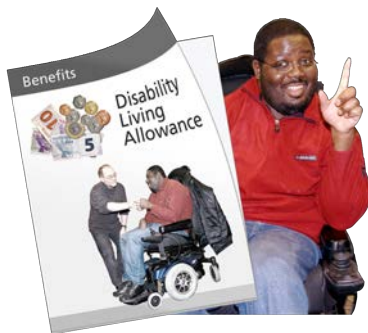
- You have a disability which means that you are likely to come to harm when you are walking



- You have a disability and you are likely to harm someone when you are walking



You can also get a badge if you are registered blind, or are getting certain benefits.



You will get a Blue Badge if you get the **Higher Rate of Mobility Component** in your **Disability Living Allowance**.



The **Disability Living Allowance** is a government benefit for disabled people.



The **Higher Rate of Mobility Component** is a part of your Disability Living Allowance for people who have difficulty in getting around.



You may be able to get a Blue Badge if you get some categories of PIP.

Armed forces



You can also get a Blue Badge if you became disabled while you were serving in the armed forces.



Children

Children may be able to get a Blue Badge if they are over 2 years old and have a great difficulty in walking.

Drivers with a disability in their arms



You may be able to get a Blue Badge if you drive a vehicle and have a disability in both of your arms.



You will probably have a car that has been adapted. It may have different controls.

Parents of disabled children under 3 years old



You may be able to get a badge if you have a disabled child under 3 years old.



Your child would either:

- Have to always have medical equipment with them that is hard to carry



- Have to always be close to the vehicle in case of emergency



The council may ask for information from the child's doctor before you get a Blue Badge.

Organisations that work with disabled people



Some organisations that care for disabled people and transport them can get a Blue Badge.



Organisations that have a Blue Badge can only use them if they have a disabled person on board, or the vehicle is picking up disabled people.

How to get a Blue Badge

The Blue Badge Scheme is run by your local council.

You should contact your local council if you want to apply for a badge.



You will have to:

- Fill in a form
- Give them a passport size photo of yourself
- Give them some proof that you are disabled
- Give them some ID - like your passport or driving licence



You may have to pay some money.



Your local council decides

Your local council will decide if you can have a Blue Badge.



They may ask you to go and see a doctor or other health professional before they give you a Blue Badge.



If your local council says you can't have a Blue Badge you can:

- Check that they have all the information about you



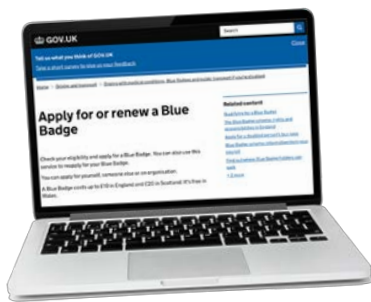
- Ask them to look at it again



You cannot appeal to the government.

For more information

If you need more information you should contact your local council or go to:



The Government Website:
www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge

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