

Notes

Use the space below to write down any questions you might have or to make notes.

Further information and help

If you would like further information, need help with your application, or require it in an alternative format, please contact:



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Apply online at:

www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge

Feedback

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www.wihb.scot.nhs.uk/feedback



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Can I get a Blue Badge?



Information on applying for a Blue Badge

What is the Blue Badge Scheme?

The Blue Badge Scheme is designed to help people who have severe mobility problems to lead independent lives.

The Scheme supports people with significant mobility problems by helping them park closer to their destination, and therefore have easier access to the services they want to use.

The Scheme applies regardless of whether the disabled person is the driver or the passenger of the vehicle.

Some people can get a Blue Badge automatically and others may need further assessment.

Who automatically qualifies for the Blue Badge Scheme?

You are automatically eligible for a badge if you:

- are registered blind or severely sight impaired
- receive higher points of the mobility component of Personal Independence Payment, Disability Living Allowance or Adult Disability Payment
- receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement.

Other criteria can be found at:

www.mygov.scot/apply-blue-badge/eligibility

Who else may qualify?

You may also be eligible for a badge if you meet one of the following criteria:

- have a permanent and substantial disability that means you are **unable to walk or virtually unable to walk**.
- have a temporary and substantial disability for more than 12 months but less than 3 years which means you are **unable or virtually unable to walk**.
- drive a vehicle regularly and have a severe disability in both arms that means you are unable to operate (or have considerable difficulty operating) all or some types of parking meter.

People who lack awareness of danger from traffic

People who pose a risk to themselves or others in traffic because of a mental condition may be eligible for a Blue Badge.

If you want to apply for a Blue Badge on behalf of someone with a mental condition the applicant must:

- have a diagnosed mental disorder or cognitive impairment, and
- lack awareness of danger from traffic which is likely to compromise their safety or the safety of others.

Note. A letter confirming the diagnosis is required. The application form is required to be completed by a healthcare professional, registered social worker or educational professional.

Other information

Badges for Organisations

Organisations may qualify for a Blue Badge if they provide transportation for disabled people and are concerned with their care. These individuals should meet the requirements to qualify for a Blue Badge themselves.

For further details visit:

www.mygov.scot/apply-blue-badge

Eligibility

In the Western Isles, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar is responsible for deciding eligibility. They may ask you to undergo a mobility assessment by an independent mobility professional, such as an Occupational Therapist. In such cases they will make the necessary arrangements.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar may refuse to issue a badge if:

- they have reason to believe that the person applying is not who they claim to be
- they believe the applicant would allow the badge to be used by someone else.
- you do not supply sufficient evidence to support your claim that you are eligible.
- you do not meet the Blue Badge eligibility criteria.

Fees

There is a £20 fee for successful Blue Badge applications and £5.52 charge for the replacement of a lost badge. Please note that applications may take up to 12 weeks to process.