

Disability Blue Badge (2025-26)

If you struggle to get around, you could get a Blue Badge and park closer to where you are going. It lets you park in on-street spaces, on single or double yellow lines when loading is permitted, and in some private car parks. You don't have to be the driver.



You may be automatically eligible for a Blue Badge if you:-

- Are registered or certified severely sight-impaired or have a letter from your Visual Impairment Care Team confirming you are eligible,
- Get higher rate of mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or of Child Disability Payment (CDP),
- Receive the mobility component of Adult Disability Payment (ADP) and have been awarded:
 - 8 points or more in the Moving Around activity,
 - 12 points in the Planning and Following a Journey activity,
 - Enhanced rate mobility without reference to points,
- Are in receipt of War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement, or
- Receive a qualifying award under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation) Scheme.

You may also be eligible if you:-

- Have a substantial disability lasting more than 12 months that means you cannot or are virtually unable to walk.
- Regularly drive and cannot use parking meters due to severe disability in both arms.
- Are responsible for a child under 3 who needs to be near a vehicle for medical treatment, or who uses bulky medical equipment that cannot be carried around.
- Have a mental condition that means you lack awareness about the dangers of traffic when making journeys.

How do you apply for, or renew, a Blue Badge?

The fee is **£20** for 3 years. You should apply to renew your Blue Badge at least 6 weeks before the end of the three-year term.



If you **automatically qualify**, you can apply or reapply online by visiting this page www.mygov.scot/apply-blue-badge or by scanning this QR code.

If you **automatically qualify**, but prefer to complete a form, or you do not automatically qualify but may **be eligible**, you can download a form below.

Please choose the **correct form** for your situation.

- **Automatically** qualify - <http://tinyurl.com/BlueBadgeAutomatic>
- Unable or virtually **unable to walk** - <http://tinyurl.com/BlueBadgeAssess>
- Have a **disability in both arms** - <http://tinyurl.com/BlueBadgeArms>
- Applying for a **child under 3** - <http://tinyurl.com/BlueBadgeUnder3>
- Lack awareness of **traffic dangers** - <http://tinyurl.com/BlueBadgeTraffic>
- If it's **lost, stolen or damaged** - www.gov.uk/replace-lost-stolen-blue-badge

All 6 forms are available from <https://tinyurl.com/BlueBadgeForms> or by scanning this QR code. You can also pick up printed forms from any **Midlothian Library**.



Submit your completed form along with the following:

- ✓ A passport **photo** – see guide here - <http://tinyurl.com/BlueBadgePhoto>
- ✓ Copy of proof of your **identity** (e.g. passport, driving license, birth certificate)
- ✓ Copy of proof of your **address** (e.g. Council Tax bill, NHS letter, utility bill)
- ✓ Copy of proof of any **benefits** you receive.

Hand it in to any **Midlothian Library** or send to: **Blue Badges, Midlothian Council, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith EH22 1DN**

Once your application is accepted, you will be contacted to pay the **£20 Fee**.