

## Disability Blue Badge: How to Apply

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.



### Who is automatically eligible for a Disability Blue Badge?

- 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)
- Get higher rate of mobility component of Child Disability Payment (CDP).
- Get Adult Disability Payment (ADP), [ADP is transitioning from Personal independence Payment (PIP) in Scotland], and scored 8 or more points in the *moving around area* part of the assessment.
- Get ADP [transitioning from PIP], and scored 12 or more points in the *planning and following a journey* section of the assessment.
- Get ADP [transitioning from PIP], at an enhanced rate for mobility.
- Are in receipt of War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement
- Get a lump sum payment as part of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (tariffs 1-8), and certified as having a permanent and substantial disability.

### 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.

Information in this guide is correct as of June 2024. Please visit websites linked in the guide to confirm it is accurate.



### Midlothian Financial Inclusion Network

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## How do you apply, or reapply, for a Blue Badge?

If you **automatically qualify**, you can apply or reapply online by visiting this page [www.mygov.scot/apply-blue-badge](http://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>
- **Lost, stolen or damaged** badge - <https://tinyurl.com/LostStolenDamaged>

The forms above are also available from any **Midlothian Library**.

All forms are available from <https://tinyurl.com/BlueBadgeForms> or by scanning this QR code.



## 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**.

Remember to reapply at least **6 weeks** before your current Blue Badge expires.