



Blue Badges

This factsheet relates to adults. For details of how to apply for a Blue Badge for a child please contact the Customer Services Team on 01202 633605.

What is the Blue Badge scheme?

A Blue Badge can enable people with severe mobility problems to park closer to their destination. Badges are normally valid for 3 years although in some cases the badge may be issued for a shorter period.

Eligibility for a Blue Badge

You will **qualify automatically** if you meet at least one of the following criteria:

- you receive the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA);
- you receive Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and scored 8 points or more for the 'Moving Around' activity only in the Mobility section of your award;
- you are registered blind (severely sight impaired);
- you receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement;
- you receive a lump sum within tariff levels 1-8 (inclusive) of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and have been assessed as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.

You **may qualify** if:

- you have a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking, including excessive pain and breathlessness and where this is likely to last for the rest of your life;
- you drive a motor vehicle regularly, have severe disabilities in both arms and are unable to operate, or have considerable difficulty operating, all or some types of parking meter.

If you are registered as partially sighted (visually impaired) you will be required to complete a Further Assessment Application Form.

Badges **are not issued for** conditions that are temporary or intermittent; for example, if you are waiting for medical treatment or an operation.

Some organisations may be eligible for a Blue Badge if they care for and transport disabled people who themselves meet the eligibility criteria for a badge and may be issued when a vehicle(s) belonging to the organisation is/are used to carry multiple persons who would meet the criteria for an individual badge.

How to apply for a Blue Badge

You can apply free of charge. An application form is available to complete online at www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge. If you are a permanent resident in Poole you can request an application form from our Customer Services Team on 01202 633605.

An administration fee is payable if your application is successful.

You will need to:

- submit copies of relevant documents to support your application; and
- provide proof of address dated within the last 12 months and/or proof of identity; and
- provide a passport-sized photograph.

Fast track applications for people with a terminal illness

Forms are available from your GP, specialist community nurse or palliative care nurse who will complete an application on your behalf and forward to the Blue Badge Team.

For more information

- www.poole.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/disabilities/blue-badge-scheme/blue-badge-scheme-faqs/
- www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge

For more information about services please go to www.mylifemycare.com.

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