

Adult Care Fact sheet

The Blue Badge Scheme

The Blue Badge Scheme is administered by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) on behalf of, and in line with, the Department for Transport's regulations. The scheme provides a national arrangement of parking concessions for people with severe walking difficulties who either travel as drivers or passengers.

As of 1 January 2012 the Government introduced some changes which include:-

- DCC will continue to process the applications, however the production of the badges is carried out by Northgate
- A new anti-fraud Blue Badge design is now issued
- A National Blue Badge Database has been created
- There is a charge of £10 for each successful application.

Who is eligible for a badge?

Automatic criteria

The Department for Transport's guidelines for the Blue Badge Scheme state that you automatically qualify for a badge if you can supply evidence for:

- registered blind under the National Assistance Act 1948 (partially sighted does not qualify)
- receive the higher rate of the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance (Attendance Allowance does not qualify) or PIP for those aged 16 – 64 who receive 8 points or more under the moving around criteria.
- receive a War Pensioner's Mobility supplement
- receive a benefit under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (tariff levels 1-8)

Discretionary criteria

If you do not qualify under the automatic criteria you may be able to apply under the discretionary criteria. The discretionary criterion applies if:

- you have a permanent and substantial disability that means that you can't walk, or that you have considerable difficulty walking
- you drive regularly and have a severe disability in both arms and have considerable difficulty in operating parking meters.

It is your local council that administers blue badge applications, so if you live in Derby City then your application should be made directly to Derby City Council or if you live in the County of Derbyshire then apply to DCC.

How to apply for a Blue Badge

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Applications for a new badge by an individual

You can apply for a Blue Badge either for yourself, or on behalf of a child by using the appropriate form. To apply online follow the link: www.derbyshire.gov.uk and download the relevant form, complete it by hand and post it to:

Blue Badge Section
Adult Care
County Hall
Matlock
Derbyshire, DE4 3AG

Alternatively if you would like to be supplied with a paper copy to complete contact Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190

Applications for a new badge by an organisation

Organisations can apply for an Organisational Blue Badge, if they care for an adequate number of disabled people who meet the individual eligibility criteria. The organisation will need to show it requires a badge in its own right.

What if your badge is lost or stolen?

If your badge has been lost or stolen then please contact Call Derbyshire 01629 533190 and request a form to report the loss. For a replacement there will be a charge of £10.

Renewing an existing Blue Badge

If you already have a Blue Badge you will automatically receive a renewal notice. If this form has not been received 4 weeks prior to your current badge expiring, please contact us on the number below. If you have changed your address since your current badge was issued please contact Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 and update your registration.

Not covered by the scheme

The scheme is only intended for very severely disabled people and does not allow for badges to be issued:

- if you have a temporary disability such as a broken leg or are awaiting a hip replacement
- if you suffer from a psychological disorder, unless your condition causes very severe difficulty in walking
- if your problem is with carrying shopping etc.
- if your condition is intermittent and does not continuously severely restrict your ability to walk.

Information on other websites

- [Reform of the Blue Badge Scheme - Department of Transport \(opens in a new window\)](#)
- [Reform of the Blue Badge Scheme FAQ's - Department of Transport \(opens in a new window\)](#)
- [Disabled Motoring UK \(opens in a new window\)](#)