

Blue Badge

What is the Blue Badge scheme?

The Blue Badge scheme lets you park closer to where you want to go if you have a disability.



You can use a Blue Badge if you are a driver or a passenger.



If you can park closer to where you want to go, it makes it easier for you to:



- get to work
- go shopping
- use services like the doctors or the dentist.



A Blue Badge helps you to be more independent.



How do I get a Blue Badge?

You can [apply for a Blue Badge online](#) or by contacting your local authority .



When you apply for a Blue Badge, you will need to know:

- your name, address and telephone number
- your email address if you have one
- your National Insurance number if you have one.

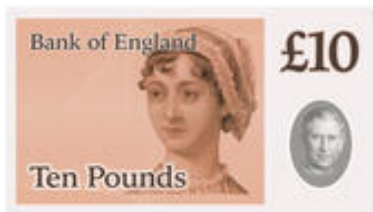
You can find your National Insurance number on any letters you have had about your tax, pensions or benefits.



You will need:

- ID (for example your birth certificate or passport)
- proof of address (for example a Council Tax bill or a letter about your benefits)
- a passport size photo of your head and shoulders.

In England, a Blue Badge costs up to 10 pounds.



It usually lasts up to 3 years.



Using your Blue Badge

Each local authority has different rules about where you can park with your Blue Badge.



If you have a Blue Badge, you might be able to park for free:

- on single or double yellow lines
- anywhere with a blue wheelchair symbol
- anywhere with an 'on street' parking meter or pay and display machine.



You might be able to park in other places, but you will need to check the signs in the place where you want to park.



You can not park:

- in loading or unloading areas, unless you are only stopping to let the person with the Blue Badge out, or to pick them up
- where you are blocking the way for other people or cars
- if it means that other people can not safely see the road because you are in the way.



When you park, you must put your Blue Badge on the dashboard.



Make sure that anyone checking the parking can see the front of your Blue Badge.



You might also need to put your Blue Badge clock on the dashboard if there is a time limit for how long you can park.



Check the parking signs to find out if you need to put your Blue Badge clock on the dashboard.



You might get a parking fine if you do not follow the rules about using your Blue Badge and your Blue Badge clock.



You should not give your Blue Badge to anyone else.



For more information about the Blue Badge scheme, go to your local authority's website and search for Blue Badge.



Or go to <https://www.gov.uk/blue-badge-scheme-information-council>



If you need help with this information, contact the Learning Disability Helpline:

- email Helpline@mencap.org.uk
- phone 0808 808 1111



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