

## Blue Badge Application Form

### For applicants applying under the 'eligible subject to further assessment' (Discretionary) criteria

Please complete all relevant sections of the application form and supply the appropriate documents to confirm your address, identity and evidence of eligibility. When completing this form you may find the accompanying guidance notes helpful.

The local authority may refuse to issue a badge if you do not provide adequate evidence that you meet the eligibility criteria.

#### Section 1 – Information about the applicant

If you are completing the form on behalf of an applicant who is under 16 or who is unable to complete the form themselves, please provide **their details** in the appropriate sections and sign the form yourself on their behalf.

Further guidance on completing this section can be found in Section 1 of the accompanying guidance notes.

**Title** (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, other):

**First name(s)** (in full):

**Surname:**

**Surname at birth:**

**Gender:** Male  Female

**Date of Birth** (DD/MM/YYYY):   /   /

**Place of Birth:** Town:

Country:

**National Insurance Number /  
Child Registration Number:**

(see Section 1 of the accompanying guidance notes)

**Driving Licence Number:**  
(If you hold a driving licence)

**Current address and contact details:**

Postcode:  
Home Tel:  
Mobile Tel:  
Email:

**Previous address, if different in the last three years:**

Postcode:

**Do you currently hold a Blue Badge, or have you held a Blue Badge before?** Yes:  No:

**If you have:**

Which local authority issued you with the last badge?

What is the serial number of the last badge?

What is the expiry date of the last badge?

**Proof of your address, dated within the last 12 months:**

We need to check that you are a resident in this local authority area before we can process your application. Please select one of the following options and provide original documentation:

- Either:**  I give consent to the local authority to check my personal details on the local authority's Council Tax database so that I do not need to submit proof of my address.
- Or:**  I have enclosed a Council Tax bill bearing my name and address, dated within the last 12 months.
- Or:**  I do not pay Council Tax, am over the age of 16 and give consent to the local authority to check my address on the electoral register.
- Or:**  I am applying on behalf of an applicant who does not pay Council Tax and is under the age of 16. I give my consent to the local authority to check school records to confirm their address.

**Proof of your identity:**

We need to check your identity to reduce the potential for fraudulent applications for a Blue Badge. You must attach a photocopy of **one** of the following as proof of your identity:

- Birth certificate / Adoption certificate       Marriage / Divorce certificate       Passport
- Civil Partnership / Dissolution certificate       Valid driving licence

**Photographs:**

Please enclose one recent passport-style photograph of the applicant. The photograph needs to show the applicant's full face so that the holder can be easily identified. No one else should be in the photograph. The photograph will be placed on the back of the badge and will not be visible when the badge is being displayed in the vehicle.

Please ensure that the applicant's name is on the back of the photograph and that you complete Section 4(a) of this form to confirm that the photograph is a true likeness.

**Badge issue fee: £10**

**Payment will only be taken if your application for a Blue Badge is successful. You will only be issued with a Blue Badge once your payment has been received.**

**Do not submit any payment if applying via post. Once your application has been reviewed we will contact you to make payment.**

**Full details of how payments can be made are detailed in the guidance notes, section 6.**

- **Applicants with walking difficulties – please complete section 2**  
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## Section 2 – Questions for discretionary eligibility applicants with walking difficulties

Please note that you will only qualify for a Blue Badge under this criterion if you, or the person on whose behalf you are applying, are 3 years of age and over and **have a permanent and substantial disability which means you are unable to walk or you have very considerable difficulty in walking.**

If you are unsure whether these questions apply to you, then please read the guidance notes enclosed with this application form.

**Is your disability/medical condition permanent & substantial?**

Yes:  No:  Uncertain:

**Do you anticipate that your conditions / disabilities will improve in the next 3 years?** (Tick as appropriate).

Yes:  No:  Uncertain:

**If you ticked YES, please describe how much you expect your conditions / disabilities to improve.**

**Please describe:**

- Any medical conditions / disabilities which affect your walking.
- If you know them please state the medical terms for the condition you have been diagnosed with.

**Please describe:**

- Any surgery or courses of treatment you have undergone or specialist clinics you have attended in relation to each medical condition / disability you have mentioned.
- Please state when you underwent any relevant surgery or treatment or attended specialist clinics.

**Surgeries / courses of treatment / specialist clinics:**

**Dates you received this treatment:**

**What medication do you currently take in relation to the conditions / disabilities you described above?**

Medication	Dosage	Frequency

**Are you currently taking any pain relief in relation to the medical conditions / disabilities you mentioned above?**

Yes:  No:

If Yes, please explain what you are taking and how frequently you need it:

**Are you currently...**

(Please tick whichever statements apply to you and provide further details in the space below).

- Awaiting surgery in relation to the conditions / disabilities described above?
- Recuperating from surgery in relation to the conditions / disabilities described above?
- Awaiting treatment for any of the conditions / disabilities described above?
- Managing your condition / disability since you have been advised it is not expected to improve any further?
- None of the above.

**Please give details of the healthcare professionals or specialists (including your GP) who have been treating you in relation to the conditions / disabilities described above:**

Name	Job title	Hospital/Health Centre	Telephone number

**How do the conditions / disabilities you described above affect your ability to walk?**

**Please tick the box that best describes the way you walk:**

- Normal - no specific problems with walking.
- Adequate - for example, you walk with a slight limp.
- Poor - for example, you walk with a heavy limp, a stiff leg or shuffle, or have problems with balance.
- Extremely poor - for example, you drag your leg, stagger, swing through two crutches or need physical support.
- Other.

If there is not a box that describes the way you walk, please tell us in your own words about the way you walk in the space provided below:

**Please tick whichever of the following statements describe your general walking ability:**

(Please tick whichever options apply to you - you can tick more than one box).

- I am able to walk well, including recreational walks.
- I am able to walk around the supermarket to do my own shopping.
- I am able to walk and can use public transport for some of my local trips.
- I am able to walk, but struggle with longer distances or hills.
- I am able to walk but use a wheelchair for longer trips outside the home.
- I am able to walk around my home, but am unable to climb the stairs.
- I am unable to walk at all.
- I am able to walk outside without help.

**Do you use any of the following walking aids?**

(Please tick whichever options apply to you - you can tick more than one box).

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 elbow crutch.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 elbow crutches.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 walking stick.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 walking sticks.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking frame (Zimmer frame).               | <input type="checkbox"/> Rollator.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Powered wheelchair. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe in the space below). |  |

**Were your walking aids...** (Please tick whichever options apply to you).

- Prescribed by a healthcare professional.
- Provided by Social Services.
- Other (please describe below).

**Please answer 'Yes' or 'No' to each of the following questions by ticking the relevant box:**

Do you get breathless when walking for more than a few minutes?

Yes:  No:

Are you troubled by shortness of breath when hurrying on level ground or walking up a slight hill?

Yes:  No:

Do you get short of breath walking with other people of your own age on level ground?

Yes:  No:

Do you have to stop for breath when walking at your own pace on level ground?

Yes:  No:

Do you get too breathless to leave your home, or after dressing?

Yes:  No:

Do you find it too painful to walk for more than a few minutes?

Yes:  No:

**Where, in your local area, can you comfortably walk to from your home?**

(Please state a specific location or landmark which could be found on a map, e.g. a shop, street address or park).

**How far would you estimate you are able to walk, using any walking aids, before you feel severe discomfort?**

(Please state the distance in metres or yards using whichever measure is best for you).

: metres       : yards

When answering this question please note that:

- The average adult step is just less than one metre, which is 1.1 yards or 3 feet and 4 inches.
- If you walk alongside someone and they take 100 steps you would have walked roughly 90 metres, or 100 yards.
- The average double-decker bus is about 11 metres, or 12 yards, long.
- A tennis court is about 24 metres, or 26 yards, long.
- A full size football pitch is about 100 metres, or 110 yards, long.

**Roughly how much time would you estimate it takes you to walk this distance?**

: minutes

**Are you able to continue walking after a short rest?**

Yes:  No:

**If you can continue, roughly how long (in minutes) are you able to walk for in total?**

: minutes

**Is there anything else you would like to add that you think is relevant in support of your application for a Blue Badge?**

**If you have completed Section 2 please go straight to Section 4**

### **Section 3 – Questions for discretionary eligibility applicants with a disability in both arms**

These questions are intended for people who **drive a vehicle regularly, have a severe disability in both arms and are unable to operate, or have considerable difficulty in operating parking meters.**

If you are unsure whether these questions apply to you, then please read the guidance notes enclosed with this application form.

**Do you drive regularly?**

Yes:  No:

**Do you have a severe disability in both arms?**

Yes:  No:

**Please describe your medical condition / disability:**

**Are you unable to operate, or have considerable difficulty operating a parking meter or pay and display machine due to your upper limb disability?**

Yes:  No:

**If yes, please describe the difficulties you have with operating parking meters and pay and display machines:**

**Do you drive a specially adapted vehicle?**

Yes:  No:

**If yes, please describe how the vehicle has been adapted for you, and enclose a copy of your insurance details verifying this adaptation:**

**If you have completed Section 3 please now complete Section 4**

## Section 4 – Declarations and signatures

These questions should be answered by all applicants for a Blue Badge.

### 4a) Mandatory declarations about the information you have provided and the application process

- Please read the following declarations thoroughly.
- Please tick all relevant boxes to indicate that you have read and understood each declaration.
- Not ticking one of these declarations may mean we are unable to issue you with a Blue Badge.
- Providing fraudulent information may result in prosecution and a fine.

All documents relating to this application will be dealt with in line with the Data Protection Act 1998 and may be shared within the local authority, with other local authorities, the police and parking enforcement officers to detect and prevent fraud. Any medical information that you have supplied to support this application is deemed, under the Data Protection Act, to be “sensitive personal data” and will only be disclosed to third parties as necessary for the operation and administration of the Blue Badge scheme, and to other Government Departments or agencies, to validate proof of entitlement or as otherwise required by law.

#### Declarations to be completed by all applicants

I confirm that, as far as I know, the details I have provided are complete and accurate. I realise that you may take action against me if I have provided false information in this application form.

I understand that I must promptly inform my local authority of any changes that may affect my entitlement to a badge.

I confirm that the photographs I have submitted with my application are a true likeness.

I understand that, if my application is successful, I must not allow any other person to use the badge for their benefit and that I must only use the badge in accordance with the rules of the scheme as set out in the “Blue Badge scheme: rights and responsibilities in England” leaflet which will be sent to me with the badge.

I understand that I must not hold more than one valid Blue Badge at any time.

I understand that the local authority may need to contact an accredited healthcare professional for the purpose of obtaining further information in support of my application.

I understand that I may be required to undertake an assessment with a healthcare professional who is independent of my existing care and treatment in order to determine my eligibility for a Blue Badge.

## 4b) Your consent to use your information to improve the service you receive

Please read and tick the following optional declarations that you consent to. Ticking these boxes will help to improve the service we can offer you.

- I consent to the local authority checking any information already held by the local authority's Social Services department on the basis that:
- It can help determine my eligibility for a Blue Badge;
  - It may speed up the processing of my application;
  - It may enable a decision to be made without the need for a mobility assessment.
- I agree to the disclosure of the information included in this form to other local authority departments/service providers so that I can be informed about other local authority services that may be of benefit to me.

## 4c) Checklist of documents you may need to enclose

Please ensure you have enclosed all of the relevant documents for the sections of this application form that you have completed. We have provided a checklist below to help remind you of what you need to enclose.

### Section 1 – Information about you

- Proof of your address, dated within the last 12 months  
(if you have not given consent for us to check Council Tax / electoral register / school records).
- A certified copy of proof of your identity.
- One passport-style photograph of yourself with your name on the back.

### Section 3 – Drivers with a disability in both arms

- A copy of your insurance details if you drive a specially adapted vehicle.

## 4d) Your signature against the declarations in section 4a and 4b

<b>Your signature:</b>	
<b>Date of application:</b>	(DD/MM/YYYY): <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
<b>Please print your name here:</b>	

Please ensure that you sign in the box above. The badge cannot be issued if this box is not signed.

# Blue Badge Application Form - Guidance Notes

## What sections of the application form should I complete?

All individual applicants should complete Section 1 and Section 4.

Individual applicants will also need to complete:

- Section 2 if they have a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.
- OR
- Section 3 if they are a driver who has a severe disability in both arms and is unable to operate, or has considerable difficulty operating, all or some types of on-street parking equipment.

## Section 1 - Information about you

This section should be completed by all individual applicants for a Blue Badge. All fields should be filled in.

If you are applying for a Blue Badge on behalf of someone under the age of 16, then you will need to provide their Child Registration Number. This can be found on Child Benefit documentation.

There are questions for those who already have a Blue Badge which is due to expire shortly. The expiry date should be in the relatively near future, and two badges will not be valid for one applicant at the same time. The serial number can be found on the front of the badge.

## Proof of your identity and address

### Identity:

A photocopy of one of the following must be submitted with your application: your birth/adoption certificate, marriage/divorce certificate, civil partnership/dissolution certificate, valid driving licence or passport.

### Address:

Proof of address will be in the form of a Council Tax bill bearing your name and address. Photocopies will be accepted. Originals will be returned at the end of the application process.

You will not need to submit your Council Tax bill if you have ticked the appropriate box in Section 1, which gives your consent for the local authority to check your address on their Council Tax records or electoral register.

If you are completing the application form on behalf of someone under the age of 16, you should give your consent for the local authority to check school records to confirm their address.

### Photographs

To enable your application to be submitted, a recent passport-style photograph should be included with the application. This needs to show the applicant's face in full so that the Blue Badge holder can be easily identified.

The applicant's name must be written on the back of the photograph and the declaration in section 4a of the form must be completed.

## **Section 2 – Questions for discretionary eligibility applicants with walking difficulties**

Section 2 is to be completed if you have a permanent and substantial disability which means you cannot walk or which means that you have very considerable difficulty walking. A permanent disability is one that is likely to last for the duration of your life. Medical conditions such as asthma, autism, psychological / behavioural problems, Crohn's disease / incontinent conditions and Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.) are not in themselves a qualification for a badge. People with these conditions may be eligible under this criterion, but only if they are unable to walk or have very considerable difficulty in walking, in addition to their condition.

You are asked to describe the nature of your disability and give an estimate of the maximum distance that you can walk without assistance from another person or severe discomfort. It can be difficult to accurately work out the distance you can walk. There are several things that can help you:

- Ask someone to walk with you and pace the distance you walk.
- The average adult step is just under 1 metre. For example, if the person walking with you took 100 steps, you would have walked about 90 metres (or 100 yards).
- The average double-decker bus is about 11 metres (or 12 yards) long.
- A full-size football pitch is about 100 metres (or 110 yards) long.

If you still find it difficult to work out the distance you can walk in metres, please tell us:

- The number of steps you can take, and how long, in minutes, it would take you to walk this distance.
- About your walking speed.
- The way that you walk, for example, shuffling or small steps etc.

Your local authority may ask you to have a mobility assessment with a medical professional, such as a physiotherapist or occupational therapist, in order to determine whether you meet the eligibility criteria. You may have had a mobility assessment in the last 12 months which covered your walking ability and you can give details of this in the final box of Section 2.

## **Section 3 – Questions for discretionary eligibility applicants with disabilities in both arms**

Section 3 should be completed by applicants who have a severe disability in both arms. You will need to show that you drive a vehicle regularly, that you have a severe disability in both arms and that you are unable to operate, or have considerable difficulty operating, all or some types of on-street parking equipment. You will need to satisfy all three conditions above in order to obtain a badge. Local authorities may make arrangements to meet applicants applying under this criterion.

## **Section 4 – further information, declarations and signatures**

Section 4a): Mandatory declarations must be completed by all applicants, since they underpin the terms of applying for a Blue Badge. Please take the time to read and understand these declarations, since not ticking those that are relevant to your applicant may result in your local authority being unable to accept your Blue Badge application.

Section 4b): You may wish to tick the optional declarations in order to speed up your application and improve the service you receive from your local authority. In doing so, you will be providing specific consent to your authority to allow them to share information about you with relevant departments and service providers within the authority.

Section 4c): This section details the documents that you will need to enclose with your application. Please note that without these documents, your application may not be processed.

Section 4d): All applicants must sign and date the form prior to submitting it.

**A local authority may refuse to issue a badge if they have reason to believe that the applicant is not who they claim to be or that the badge would be used by someone other than the person to whom it has been issued.**

**Guidance notes continue overleaf**

## Section 5 - Once Completed

Once the application form is completed please return to your local Worcestershire Hub Centre. This can be done in person at any of the following centres. Alternatively each centre can process the application by post.

### **Bromsgrove District Customer Service Centre**

Adjacent to Dolphin Centre  
School Drive  
Bromsgrove  
B60 1AY

**Tel:** 01527 881288

### **Droitwich Community Contact Centre**

Droitwich Library  
Victoria Square  
Droitwich Spa  
Worcestershire  
WR9 8DQ

**Tel:** 01386 565000

### **Evesham Community Contact Centre**

Abbey Road  
Evesham  
Worcestershire  
WR11 4SB

**Tel:** 01386 565000

### **Malvern Hills Customer Service Centre**

The Library  
Graham Road  
Malvern  
WR14 2HU

**Tel:** 01684 862151

### **Pershore One Stop Shop**

Civic Centre  
Queen Elizabeth Drive  
Pershore  
WR10 1PT

**Tel:** 01386 565000

### **Redditch One Stop Shop**

Town Hall  
Walter Stranz Square  
Redditch  
B98 8AH

**Tel:** 01527 534123

### **Worcester Customer Service Centre**

Orchard House  
Farrier Street  
Worcester  
WR1 3BB

**Tel:** 01905 722233

### **Wyre Forest Customer Service Centre**

Kidderminster Town Hall  
Vicar Street  
Kidderminster  
Worcestershire  
DY10 1DA

**Tel:** 01562 732928

## Section 6 – Making a payment and Issue of a badge

When your application has been assessed and eligibility for a Blue Badge has been confirmed a payment of £10 will be required to process your application.

- If applying by post a member of the Worcestershire Hub team will be in contact to arrange for payment to be made.
- For applications in person payments can be made in cash, by cheque or credit/debit card.
- Cheques should be made payable to the **District/Borough Council** you are applying to.

Once eligibility has been assessed and payment received the Blue Badge order will be placed via the Blue Badge Improvement Service and the Badge dispatched by post within 10 working days.

## Section 7 – Refusals and Appeals

The Worcestershire Hub acting on behalf of Worcestershire County Council has the responsibility to decide if you are eligible to be issued with a badge. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your application and believe that you do meet the eligibility criteria, an appeal against the decision can be made. In the first instance you should appeal in writing to the Customer Service Manager at the Worcestershire Hub Centre where the application was made.