
Blue Badge Application

Eligibility

When applying for a blue badge some people will automatically get a blue badge and others may after further assessment.

People who automatically get a Blue Badge:

- Receive the higher rate of the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance (HRMCDLA)
- Receive the mobility component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and have obtained 8 points or more under the “moving around” activity
- Receive the mobility component of PIP and has obtained 10 points specifically for descriptor E under the “planning and following journeys” activity, on the grounds that you are unable to undertake any journey because it would cause you overwhelming psychological distress
- Be registered blind (severely sight impaired)
- Receive a War Pensioner’s Mobility Supplement (WPMS)
- Have been both awarded a lump sum benefit at tariffs 1-8 of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and be certified as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.

You may be eligible for a badge if you have difficulties with your mobility:

Your local council will decide if you are eligible for a badge. They cannot start the assessment process until they have all the necessary evidence. It may take 12 weeks or longer to assess your application. If they decide that you are not eligible and you think that they did not take account of all the facts, you can ask them to consider your application again.

You will need to provide:

- **A passport-style photograph of yourself taken within the last month:** your application cannot be processed without a photograph, the only exemptions are for those who are applying because they are in receipt of an SR1 form.
- **National Insurance number**

- **Proof of address:** e.g. driving licence, benefit award/pension letter (they don't accept utility bills, bank statements or tenancy agreements)
- **Proof of identity:** e.g. driving licence, passport, birth or adoption certificate, marriage / civil partnership / dissolution or divorce certificate; or deed poll certificate
- **Relevant medical evidence or proof of qualifying disability benefits**
- **Pay the fee of £10:** this will be refunded if not successful.
- **The first 6 digits of your current Blue Badge number** (if you're reapplying)

To find further information on our website, go to citizensadvice.org.uk and search for:

- **For information about eligibility for a Blue Badge-** Search for "applying for a Blue Badge".
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Useful contact numbers:

Blue Badge Applications and Renewals

We will always recommend you contact Warrington Borough Council if you need further support applying for a blue badge. You can apply online or they offer face-to-face, pre-booked appointments to help complete the online form. To book an appointment:

Email: bluebadge@warrington.gov.uk

In person: 1 Time Square, Warrington WA1 2NT

Opening Hours: 8:45am to 5pm Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays.

(Appointments are first come, first served for the same or next working day and run from 10am to 2:30pm Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays).