



# Blue badges (disabled parking)

## Who is eligible for a blue badge?

You will be eligible for a blue badge without further assessment if you:

- Receive the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance (HRMCDLA)
- Receive eight points or more under the 'Moving Around' descriptor of the mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP).
- Are registered blind (severely sight impaired)
- Receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement
- Have been awarded a lump sum benefit at tariff 1-8 of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and have been 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 a permanent and substantial disability that causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking. In this case you may be asked to have a face to face mobility assessment.
- Drive a vehicle regularly, have a severe disability in both arms and have considerable difficulty in operating all, or some, types of parking meter.
- Are aged under 3 years and have to be accompanied everywhere by bulky medical equipment.

## Using your blue badge legally

- If you are issued with a blue badge it must **only** be used when you are travelling in the vehicle as a driver or passenger. Expired badges and badges that are no longer needed for any reason **must** be returned to our Customer Services Centre. It is an

offence to display a blue badge that you are not entitled to use.

## How can I apply?

All applications for blue badges in Nottinghamshire are dealt with by our Customer Service Centre. This applies to new applications and to applications for the renewal of an expired badge. You can apply in **one** of the following ways:

- **Online** – complete the form at [www.direct.gov.uk/bluebadge](http://www.direct.gov.uk/bluebadge)
- **Telephone** - **0300 500 80 80** - if you are not able to apply online.
- **In person** – visit one of our [Customer Service Points](#) to get a paper form.

Paper application forms must be returned to:  
The Blue Badge Team  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
Customer Service Centre  
PO Box 9320  
Nottingham NG15 5BL

Each blue badge costs £10 and this should be the only payment you make as part of the application process.

There are various websites that offer support or guidance with your application for an additional fee. These websites are not associated with any Government Agency or Council and you can get free advice from our Customer Services Centre. If you are asked for any payment other than the £10 fee for the blue badge please reconsider the method you are using to apply and remember that advice is free on 0300 500 80 80.

## Contact information:

Email: [enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk)

Website: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

Minicom: 01623 869598

Emergency Duty Team: 0300 456 4546

Mon – Thurs: 5pm – 8.30am

- Operates at weekends from 4.30pm on Friday to 8.30am on Monday.
- Operates 24 hours a day during all public holidays.

Phone 0300 500 80 80 if you need the information in a different language or format.