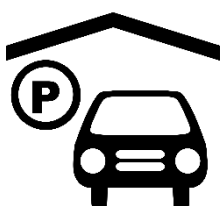


What is a Blue Badge



This easy read tells you about the Blue Badge scheme, which enables eligible people with disabilities park closer to their destination.

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Blue Badges are a government scheme that allow eligible people with disabilities park closer to their destination.



Blue badges allow a vehicle to park in places that other road users cannot use.



Blue Badge holders can also use special parking places in car parks.



These spaces are often wider than other spaces and closer to entrances of buildings.



You do not need to own a car or drive a vehicle to use a Blue Badge.



If you have a Blue Badge it can be used by anybody driving you.



Special parking spots are often marked with a sign that includes a white "P" on a blue background, with an image of a wheelchair user.



Not all disabilities can be seen.

People with hidden disabilities can also be entitled to a Blue Badge if they fit the criteria.



If you have a disability, having a Blue Badge can help you to remain independent.



Having a Blue Badge does not mean that you can park anywhere.



We have a separate Easy Read document [explaining where you can use a Blue Badge](#).



You can [apply for a Blue Badge on the GOV.UK website](#).



The online form will ask you a few questions about you and your disability to help decision makers decide if a Blue Badge could help you.



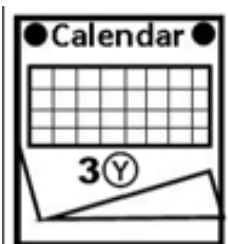
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Once you have completed the form we will decide if you are entitled to one.



It is free to apply for a Blue Badge. If we approve your application, you will need to pay £10 before we can send it to you.



Your Blue Badge is valid for 3 years. You will need to apply again for a new badge before the end of 3 years.

Links in this document

Nottinghamshire County Council – Where to use a Blue Badge: easy read

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/using-your-blue-badge-easy-read

GOV.UK – apply for a blue badge

gov.uk/apply-blue-badge

Nottinghamshire County Council – How to apply for a Blue Badge: easy read

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/apply-for-or-renew-a-blue-badge-easy-read

For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[What is the Blue Badge Scheme? \(Nottinghamshire County Council\)](https://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/parking/blue-badge-hub/what-is-the-blue-badge-scheme)

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