

The Blue Badge Scheme

Guidance Notes



Please read these notes carefully before completing the application form.

What is a Blue Badge?

The Blue Badge scheme provides a national arrangement of parking concessions that allows the badge holder to park closer to their destination than would normally be possible.

If your application is successful we will send you a booklet explaining where and when you can use your Blue Badge.

£10 administration fee

Each successful Blue Badge application now requires a £10 administration fee. This must be paid once you have received our acceptance letter. The £10 fee can be paid by cheque or postal order made payable to the London Borough of Haringey, on the reverse of the cheque or postal order please write the name and address details of the applicant and post to Concessionary Travel Team, Haringey Council, PO Box 55290 N22 9GA. For more information on Blue Badges lost, stolen or spoilt please read the Lost or Stolen section of this guidance.

Who qualifies for a Blue Badge?

The scheme applies to permanent Haringey residents aged 2 years and over with severe walking difficulties who travel either as drivers or passengers. It also applies to people who are registered blind, or who have severe upper limb disabilities.

- You are registered as blind under the National Assistance Act 1948.
- You may automatically qualify for a Blue Badge if you can provide us with evidence that:
- You receive the higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance or score 8 points or more for moving around component of the Personal Independence Allowance.
- You receive a War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement

We will also consider awarding a Blue Badge if you have a permanent and substantial disability which means you cannot walk or can only walk with considerable difficulty. Applicants under this discretionary criteria will be required to attend a mobility assessment at the Haringey Integrated Community Therapy Team (ICTT). You will be contacted directly by the ICTT if you need to attend an assessment.

Who does not qualify for a Blue Badge?

Only severely disabled people qualify for a Blue Badge.

Applicants from the following groups cannot be considered:

- People who have a temporary or intermittent disability, such as those recovering from an operation or have broken limbs.
- Children under two years of age unless they need to have bulky medical equipment carried with them or have a condition that requires them to be near a motor vehicle for urgent medical treatment.

How do I obtain an application form?

Download and print an application from our website: www.haringey.gov.uk/blue_badge_scheme

Ask for an application form to be posted to you:

Telephone us on 020 8489 1000

Email us at concessionary.travel@haringey.gov.uk

Obtain an application form from your nearest Customer Services Centre – telephone or email us for the location of your nearest centre.

How do I renew my expiring Blue Badge?

You will need to reapply for Blue Badge about six weeks before it expires. You can obtain an application form using the information stated in the section above.

Lost or stolen Blue Badges

If the Blue Badge is lost or stolen the incident must be reported to the Police and a crime reference number obtained, in order to replace the Blue Badge you must send us the crime reference number, a cheque or postal order for £10 payable to London Borough of Haringey and a colour passport photo of the badge holder. Your badge will be delivered by post within 10 days.

Organisation applications

A separate application form and guidance notes are available for applications from organisations.

Please telephone us on 020 8489 1000 for more information.

Any other questions

Please contact us if you have any further questions about the Blue Badge scheme.

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Visit your local Customer Services Centre. Please phone us if you are unsure of the location of your nearest centre.