



APPLICATION FOR A DISABLED PERSONS' BADGE (‘BLUE BADGE) - MEDICAL CRITERIA

Improved application procedures for the issuing of a disabled person's badge have been introduced in an effort to improve customer service, ensure a more consistent approach to individual applications and to better manage the increasing number of applications that are being received. The changes will also help ensure that a Guernsey issued 'Blue Badge' is more readily recognised for use within the U.K.

The medical criteria for eligibility of a badge have also been reviewed and these are now as follows:-

Who can get a Blue Badge?

An Applicant...

- 1 Must be in receipt of the Severe Disability Benefit OR
- 2 Be Registered blind OR
- 3 Have severe disability of both limbs (arms or legs) and regularly drive an adapted vehicle OR
- 4 Be a child under the age of 2 who has received a prognosis of limited life expectancy who can only access brief moments of outside life OR
- 5 Be a child under 2 who has a condition that requires they always be accompanied by bulky medical equipment or requires being near a vehicle that can either take them to a place for treatment or can provide the place for treatment.
- 6 Be a person over the age of 2 who has a condition that requires them to be accompanied with bulky medical equipment such as feed pumps, oxygen equipment.
- 7 Be a person over the age 2 and unable to walk or virtually unable to walk a distance of 50 metres requiring a blue badge issued for a period of 1 year or longer.
- 8 A single issue of a blue badge for a duration of up to 6 months (temporary)

Criteria 1 -3; will qualify automatically for a permanent Blue Badge with confirmation from SSD (3 year maximum valid period).

Criteria 4-6; will qualify automatically for a permanent Blue Badge (3 year maximum valid period) with a basic letter of confirmation from a treating medical professional (Specialist doctor, GP, or physiotherapist) of a diagnosed condition of limited life expectancy or a condition the requires them to be accompanied with bulky equipment such as, Ventilators, suction machines, feed pumps, syringe drivers, oxygen administering /monitoring equipment and medical equipment associated with cast for correction of hip dysplasia.

Criteria 7; will require a robust assessment which is carried out by the GP with the aid of a Blue Badge assessment/application form.

Criteria 8; single issue temporary Blue badge will be issued automatically with basic confirmation from GP of recent surgery, short term condition that restricts mobility and the person is unable or virtually unable to walk a distance of 50 metres. Any request for an extension or renewal of a temporary blue badge may require the robust assessment which is carried out by the GP with the aid of a Blue Badge assessment form to be submitted.

If none of the above criteria apply to you, you may still be eligible. This is being eligible subject to further assessment (robust assessment carried out by your GP) and will apply if you meet one of these criteria:

- You have a permanent or substantial disability which means you cannot walk or find walking very difficult
- As a result of a mental disorder you are unable to follow the route of a familiar journey without the assistance of another person. Anyone aged over two years including over 65 years can be eligible under this condition.

NB; People with conditions such as asthma, Autism spectrum disorder, M.E, behavioural problems or Crohn's disease/ incontinent conditions are not in themselves a qualification for a blue badge but may apply for a mobility assessment if they have a physical condition where they are unable to walk or have considerable difficulty in walking **in addition to their current medical condition.**

When considering any application for a Blue Badge the Driver and Vehicle Licensing may contact the Independent Medical Advisor for further advice.

If you wish to talk to a member of staff regarding any of the above or to obtain an application form, please contact Driver and Vehicle Licensing (medicals team) at the above noted address where all enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.

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