

[BLUE BADGE SCHEME](#)

[What is a Blue Badge?](#)

The Blue Badge Scheme is designed to help people with severe mobility problems, registered blind, and those with severe disabilities in both arms by allowing them to park close to shops, public buildings and other places they may wish to visit.

[Who can use a Blue Badge?](#)

The Blue Badge is issued to a named person and they can use it in anyone's vehicle in which they travel, they DO NOT need to be the driver, nor own the vehicle.

[Qualifying for a Blue Badge](#)

In order to apply for a Blue Badge from Hampshire County Council you must pay your Council Tax.

[Automatic Qualification](#)

If any of the following apply, you will receive a badge without further assessment:

- You receive the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance (HRMCDLA), dated in the last 12 months
- You are registered severely sight impaired (blind)
- You receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS)
- Have been awarded a lump sum benefit at Tariffs 1 to 8 of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, and certified as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking
- You receive a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) award that indicates you cannot walk further than 50 metres
- You receive a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) award of 10 points with the specific accompanying statement 'where to undertake a journey causes overwhelming psychological stress'

Eligible subject to further assessment

A badge may be issued after further assessment if you either:

- Regularly drive a vehicle, have a severe disability in both arms and are unable to operate (or have considerable difficulty in operating) all or some types of parking meter; or
- Have an enduring and substantial difficulty which causes you, during the course of your journey:
 - To be unable to walk or have a very considerable difficulty whilst walking – which may include considerable psychological distress
 - To be at risk of serious harm when walking, or
 - To pose, when walking, a risk of serious harm to any other person

You do not qualify for a badge if...

- you have a disabling condition that is only temporary, such as a broken leg
- you suffer from an Irritable Bowel condition where none of the above qualification criteria are met.

Before you apply

Before applying make sure you have the following

- Personal information including National Insurance Number
- Evidence of qualification for a Blue Badge as detailed above
- A photocopy of one of the following: passport, driving licence, birth certificate, marriage/divorce certificate, civil partnership/dissolution certificate
- A photocopy of a bill in the last 12 months with your name and address showing
- A colour passport style photograph taken in the last 12 months

Applying for a Blue Badge

A Blue Badge costs £10 and is usually valid for three years.

You can apply for a badge directly online or you can download an application form to complete - www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge

You can e-mail blue.badge@hants.gov.uk and ask for a form to be sent to you or you can contact Hampshire County Council on 0300 555 696.

Post completed forms and relevant documents to Blue Badge Unit, PO Box 696, Fareham, PO14 9PD.