



# Blue Badge

## Who Qualifies?

You can apply for a Blue Badge if you are over the age of 3 and have a disability, including hidden disabilities like autism or anxiety.

You automatically qualify if one or more of the following applies:

- ✓ You receive the higher rate of the Mobility component of Disability Living Allowance
- ✓ You receive Personal Independence Payment because you can't walk more than 50 metres
- ✓ You receive Personal Independence Payment because you are unable to travel as it would cause you overwhelming psychological distress
- ✓ You are registered blind or severely sight-impaired
- ✓ You receive a War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement
- ✓ You have received a lump sum benefit from the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation) Scheme and have a permanent disability that means you are unable to walk or have great difficulty walking

## What is a Blue Badge?

A Blue Badge is a parking concession for people with a disability. It allows you to park closer to your destination.

You may be eligible if one or more of the following applies:

- ✓ You cannot walk at all
- ✓ You can't walk without help from someone else or using a mobility aid
- ✓ You find walking very difficult due to pain, breathlessness or the time it takes
- ✓ Walking is dangerous to your health and safety
- ✓ You have a life-limiting illness, which means you cannot walk or find walking very difficult and have an SR1 form
- ✓ You have a severe disability in both arms and drive often but cannot work pay and display machines
- ✓ Your child, who is under 3 years old, requires bulky medical equipment at all times due to a medical condition or they need to be near a vehicle in case they need emergency medical treatment
- ✓ You are unable to plan or follow a journey
- ✓ You are not safe around traffic, cars or in car parks
- ✓ You have severe anxiety and become fearful in public spaces
- ✓ You find it difficult or impossible to control your actions and lack awareness
- ✓ You regularly have intense responses to situations and can lose control

## FAQs



### Who processes my claim?

Barnsley Council deals with all Blue Badge applications in Barnsley. You can apply for a Blue Badge whether you drive or are a passenger, as long as you meet the criteria.

### What evidence do I need to provide?

When you apply, you'll need to provide:

- Proof of address (dated within the last 12 months)
- Proof of identity
- Evidence of entitlement
- A recent passport-style photo

### How long does it take?

Barnsley Council aims to process all Blue Badge claims within 12 weeks. To speed up your application, include all necessary documents and any additional helpful information.

### Is there a charge?

Yes. You will need to pay a fee of £10, payable by debit or credit card.

### Do I have to renew my badge?

Yes. Your badge lasts up to three years. You'll need to reapply if you still need it after that.

## How We Can Help

If you live in the Barnsley borough and would like some advice on Blue Badge, you can email us or call our advice line:

 [first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk](mailto:first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk)

 01226 240273

## How to Apply

 Apply online:  
[www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge](http://www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge)

 Call for more information:  
01226 773555

### Who can use my badge?

Your Blue Badge is for your use only, whether you're driving or a passenger. No one else should use it if you're not in the vehicle.

### Where can I use my badge?

Display your Blue Badge properly in the vehicle so it's clearly visible.

With a Blue Badge, you can:

- Park for up to three hours on a single or double yellow line where there are no loading restrictions - set the parking clock on the badge to show your arrival time
- Park for free and as long as needed in on-street pay and display parking bays
- Use on-street disabled parking bays for free and as long as needed, unless signs say otherwise

### What if I forget to renew my Blue Badge?

It is illegal to use your badge after it has expired and may result in a fine of up to £1000 or loss of your badge.