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Your Blue Badge



Your rights and things
you must do



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Your Blue Badge



A Blue Badge will help you to park close to where you want to go.



You can have a Blue Badge if you are a driver or a passenger.



The badge is for parking on the street.



It does not apply to car parks.

Using your Blue Badge properly



You must use your Blue Badge properly.



If you use it in the wrong way you may have to go to court and pay up to £1000.



If you are a passenger you must make sure the driver knows the rules about using the Blue Badge.



You must never give the badge to anyone else.



You must not copy the badge.



The badge belongs to your local council.

They can ask for it back if you use it in the wrong way.

Who can use the badge



The badge is for you only.



It can only be used if you are the driver or the passenger.



It cannot be used by other people, even if they are doing something for you.

For example if somebody is doing your shopping, it doesn't mean they can use your badge for parking.

What to do with the badge



You must put the Blue Badge (and parking clock) on the dashboard of the vehicle, where they can be seen.



It should be front side up so that people can read it from outside the vehicle.

You may get a ticket if you show the side with your photo.



You must make sure that people can read your Blue Badge. If it gets damaged you should ask for a new one.



Blind people must make sure that people who are helping them know how to use the Blue Badge properly.

When to use the parking clock



You will be given a parking clock when you get your Blue Badge.



If you park on yellow lines you are allowed to stay for up to 3 hours if there isn't a ban on loading.



You should use the clock to show the time that you started parking.



People must be able to see the clock from outside the vehicle.

Inspecting your badge



Police officers, traffic wardens and some other people may ask to see your badge.



This includes Civil Enforcement Officers. Civil Enforcement Officers may be in plain clothes.



You must show it to them.

You can ask them for their ID first.

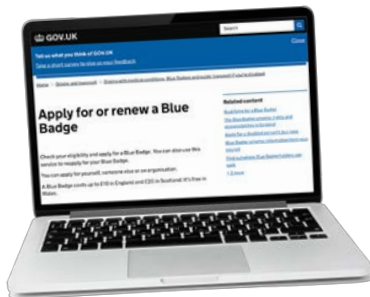


They may keep your badge if they think that you have been using it in the wrong way.

Getting a new badge



You should apply for a new badge before the old one runs out.



You can apply for a new one at: www.gov.uk

Giving the badge back



You must give the badge back to your local council if:



- It is out of date



- You aren't disabled anymore



- You have been given a new one



- It has been damaged



- You don't need it anymore

Drivers with a Blue Badge



If you are a driver and you are disabled, you must tell the **Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA)**.



The **DVLA** gives people driving licences.

You can contact them by:



Post: **DVLA**
Swansea
SA99 1TU



Phone: **0300 790 6806**



Email: **eftd@dvla.gov.uk**

If something changes



You must always tell your local council if something changes like:



- The badge is running out



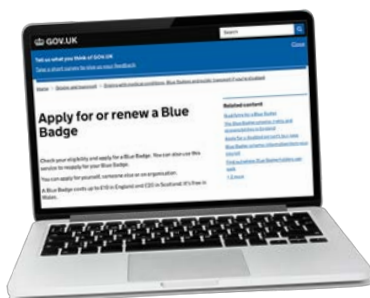
- The badge is lost, stolen or damaged



- You change address



- You change your name



You can also update your details on the government website:
www.gov.uk/change-blue-badge-details

Where you can park



You must always check to see what the rules are when you are parking.



Yellow lines

You can park on single or double yellow lines for up to 3 hours if there isn't a ban on loading.



You have to use your blue parking clock.



You have to wait for at least 1 hour before you go back and park there again.

Parking on the street

You can park for free where there are:

- Parking meters
- Pay and display machines
- Special places for disabled people with a blue wheelchair symbol



You need to check in these places

You may be able to park for free in these places - but you need to check:



- Car parks. Some car parks allow disabled people to park for free. You need to check



- Some town centres have local schemes. You have to check



- Places where anyone can park on the street for a certain time. There may be signs that says how long people with a Blue Badge can park



- Private roads - like at an airport



- Red routes in London.

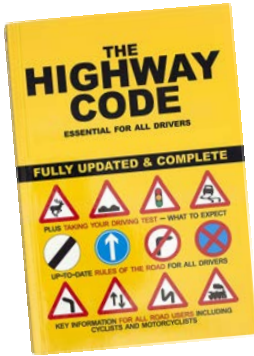
You can find out about using a Blue Badge on roads with single or double red lines by contacting Transport for London:

Phone: **0845 305 1234**



Website: **www.tfl.gov.uk**

Places you cannot park



You cannot just park anywhere. You have to follow the rules of the road. These are set out in the Highway Code.

You cannot park:



- Where there is a ban on loading or unloading



- Where parking is only for certain people - like the people who live or work there



- Places where people are allowed to cross the road



- Clearways - roads where stopping is not allowed



- Bus stops



- School 'keep clear' areas



- Bus, tram or cycle lanes. Blue Badge holders can drive in bus lanes but not park in them



- Where there are double white lines in the middle of the road



- Where there is a parking meter but it is out of use



- Where there are 'no-waiting' cones

Parking safely

Do not park where it would:



- Be dangerous
- Create difficulties for people
- Block pedestrians and other road users
- Be too close to a junction



- Make a road too narrow
- Hold up traffic
- Stop emergency vehicles from going in or out



- Stop somebody in a wheelchair from crossing the road where a kerb is lowered
- Be on a pavement

Badges for organisations



Some organisations that work with disabled people can get a Blue Badge.



It is for organisations that care for disabled people and transport them.



The badge will have the logo of the organisation on the back, instead of a photo.



It can only be used if they are transporting someone who would be able to get their own Blue Badge.



Organisations that have a Blue Badge can only use them if they have a disabled passenger.



All the workers of the organisation need to know the rules about using the Blue Badge.



Organisations must give back their Blue Badge if:

- The organisation stops working



- The organisation stops caring for, or transporting disabled people

Travelling in London



4 London boroughs don't always allow people with a Blue Badge to park. You need to check.

They are:



- The London Borough of Kensington & Chelsea



- The City of Westminster



- The City of London



- Part of the London Borough of Camden

The Congestion Charge



Blue Badge holders don't have to pay the Congestion Charge.



The Congestion Charge is money people have to pay to take vehicles into the centre of London.



You have to register first with Transport for London.

It costs £10.

You can register online at:
www.tfl.gov.uk



You can get more information by:

Post: **Congestion Charging**
PO Box 4782
Worthing
BN11 9PS



Phone: **0845 900 1234**



Textphone: **020 7649 9123**

Travelling abroad



You have previously been able to use your Blue Badge to park anywhere in the European Union.



We don't know what will happen after Britain leaves the EU. You should check before travelling.



There are no formal arrangements with other countries. You should check before travelling.

Tolls



People with a Blue Badge may not have to pay a toll on some bridges, tunnels or toll roads.

You can get more information at:
www.gov.uk/toll-concessions

You should check.

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