

Blue Badge Application Form

Qualifying Benefit

Please complete all relevant sections of this application form and supply the appropriate documentation to confirm your address, identity and evidence of eligibility.

The local authority may refuse to issue a badge if you do not provide adequate evidence that you meet the eligibility criteria.

Local authority use:

Who are you applying for?

- Myself (The badge is for you)
- Someone else (A relative or somebody you care for)

Fill in the answers and sign the form on their behalf. Where the form says “you”, it is referring to the applicant.

If you're applying for somebody else, we'll ask for your name and your relationship to the applicant.

Section 1 – Applicant details

Do you already have a Blue Badge?

- Yes – Please enter the badge number (6 digits)

- No

If you don't know the badge number, leave it blank and your local authority should be able to find the badge using your details.

Full name (First name and Last name)

Should be the full name of the person the badge is for.

Has your name changed since birth?

- Yes - please enter your full name at birth

- No

If you are applying on behalf of somebody else

Who should be contacted about this application?

(If you're the contact, put your full name here)

Your relationship to the applicant

For you or the person you're applying for

Which of these are you providing as proof of identity?

(Choose one, to attach as a certified copy)

- Birth or adoption certificate
- Marriage / Civil partnership / Dissolution or Divorce certificate
- Passport
- Driving licence

Do you give the local authority permission to check their records to prove your address?

- Yes
Which records should we check? (Choose one)

Council tax / Electoral roll / School records

- No
You must provide a copy of your proof of address

Recent photograph of the applicant

You'll need a photo to be printed on the back of the Blue Badge. The requirements are similar to a passport photo.



Make sure it:

- Has a plain, light, background
- Includes face and shoulders
- Shows the face clearly
- Is a true likeness or taken within the last 6 months

Attach a **certified copy** of the proof of identity to this application.

If you don't give us permission. You must attach a copy of either:

- Council tax
- Utility bill
- Driving licence
- School records
- Benefit letter

It's best to get somebody else to take the photo.

The photo should have the applicant's name and a signature on the back.

A photograph can be emailed to Tameside MBC Blue badge team.

Badge issue fee £10

Payment will only be taken if the application is successful. Please indicate your preferred payment method.

- Cheque or Postal Order, please enclose with your application form and write your name and address on the back of the cheque. Please make your cheque payable to Tameside MBC.
- By Debit/Credit Card. We will contact you by phone to take payment when your application has been approved.

Section 2 – Benefits or severely sight impaired

You may automatically qualify for a Blue Badge if you either:

- Are severely sight impaired (blind)
- Received 8 or more points in the “moving around” part or 10 points in the “planning and following journeys” part of a mobility assessment for Personal Independence Payment
- Receive the higher rate of the mobility component for Disability Living Allowance
- Receive the War Pensioners’ Mobility Supplement
- Receive a qualifying award under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme

If none of these apply to you, go to **Section 3** of the full application form. Otherwise, you should complete the relevant section below and then go to **the declaration section**.

Severely sight impaired (blind)

Are you registered as severely sight impaired (blind) and do you give us permission to check the register at the local authority?

- Yes
Enter the name of the local authority you are registered with

- No
Enclose a copy of your Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI)

Unless you are registered as severely sight impaired (blind), you will need to attach a copy of the proof of your benefit to this application.

If you are not registered as severely sight impaired (blind) and you would like to be, let the local authority know. The local authority will be able to add you to the register if you have your Certificate of Vision Impairment.

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Were you awarded the higher rate of the mobility component?

Yes

If your award has an end date, enter the end date

No

You should answer the questions in **Section 3** of the full application form, do not continue with this form.

If you were awarded the higher rate of the mobility component, you need to attach a copy of the letter from DWP, dated within the last 12 months. This certificate of entitlement should confirm your mobility rating.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Did you score 8 points or more in the “moving around” part of the mobility assessment?

Yes

How many points were scored?

If your award has an end date, enter the end date

No

Answer the next question under “PIP”

If you did score 8 points or more in the “moving around” part of the mobility assessment, you need to attach a copy of every page from the award letter from DWP. It should show your entitlement to PIP, assessment scores (including the mobility scores).

Make sure you send a copy of the award letter with this application.

Please note that we may also check with the Department for Works and Pensions that you are in receipt of this benefit.

Make sure you send a copy of all of the pages from the award letter with this application.

Please note that we may also check with the Department for Works and Pensions that you are in receipt of this benefit and your score.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Did you score this specific points descriptor in the “planning and following a journey” part of the mobility assessment?

10 points - You cannot undertake any journey because it would cause overwhelming psychological distress

- Yes
If your award has an end date, enter the end date

- No
You should answer the questions in **Section 3**

If you did score the 10 points outlined above in the “planning and following journeys” part of the assessment, you need to attach a copy of every page from the award letter from DWP. It should show your entitlement to PIP, assessment scores (including the mobility scores).

Armed Forces Compensation Scheme

Have you received a lump sum payment within tariff levels 1 to 8 of the scheme.

and

Have you been certified as having a permanent and substantial disability?

- Yes
Enclose the original letter from Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA) as proof.

- No

War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement

Do you receive the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement?

- Yes
If your award has an end date, enter the end date

- No

Make sure you send a copy of all of the pages from the award letter with this application.

Please note that we may also check with the Department for Works and Pensions that you are in receipt of this benefit.

You must enclose the **original** version of your letter as proof of entitlement.

If you have lost this letter then the agency can be contacted via the free-phone enquiry number 0800 169 22 77

You must enclose the **original** version of your letter as proof of entitlement.

Declaration

Read the declaration carefully and only sign it once you are clear.

Information supplied as part of this application will be dealt with in line with the EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and UK Data Protection Law and will be shared with external agencies and other Government Departments, where necessary, for the operation and administration of the Blue Badge scheme. All documents relating to this application may be shared within the Local Authority, with other Local Authorities, the Police and parking enforcement officers to detect and prevent fraud. Medical information that you have supplied to support this application is deemed, under the EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and UK Data Protection Law, to be 'sensitive personal data' and will only be disclosed to third parties as necessary to validate proof of entitlement or as otherwise required by law.

In order to comply with the amended regulations, we will be submitting applicant information, where necessary, to the central database which will be held by Valtech Limited. The badges will then be centrally printed, personalised and distributed by a third party supplier, APS group, from the information held in the central Blue Badge database

Please sign one of the following two sections.

Applying for yourself

By submitting this application you agree that:

- you have read and understand the rules for using a Blue Badge
- the details provided are complete and accurate
- you won't hold more than one Blue Badge at any time
- you will tell your local authority about any changes that may affect your eligibility
- you must not allow any other person to use the badge for their benefit and that I must only use the badge in accordance with the rules of the scheme as set out in the 'Blue Badge Scheme: rights and responsibilities in England' leaflet which will be given to me with my badge

You also agree that your local authority may:

- contact you if there are any issues with this application or to prevent badge misuse
- if required, arrange a phone-based or in-person assessment for you
- check your eligibility with the information they hold
- suggest other benefits or services that you may be eligible for
- take action against me if I have provided false information on this form

Signed

Date of Signature

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Applying on behalf of somebody else

By submitting this application you agree on behalf of the applicant that:

- the rules for using a Blue Badge have been read and understood
- you have the authority to submit this application
- the details provided are complete and accurate
- they won't hold more than one Blue Badge at any time
- your local authority will be told about any changes that may affect their eligibility
- you must not allow any other person to use the badge for their benefit and that the badge must only be used in accordance with the rules of the scheme as set out in the 'Blue Badge Scheme: rights and responsibilities in England' leaflet which will be given with the badge

You also agree that your local authority may:

- contact the person whose details have been provided if there are any issues with this application or to prevent badge misuse
- if required, arrange a phone-based or in-person assessment for the applicant
- check their eligibility with the information they hold
- suggest other benefits or services that they may be eligible for
- take action against me if I have provided false information on this form

I agree to this declaration

Signed

Date of Signature

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Please return your completed form to:

Blue Badge Team

Tameside One

Market Place

Ashton-under-Lyne

Tameside

OL6 6BH

Additional information:

Any photographs or documentation can also be emailed to customer.services@tameside.gov.uk

Please ensure your email clearly states the name and address of the applicant.

Read the declaration carefully and only sign it once you are clear.