

## Notes

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## Further information and help

If you would like any further information or would like to make an application, please contact:



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### Apply online at:

[www.cne-siar.gov.uk/bluebadge](http://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/bluebadge)  
[www.bluebadgescotland.org](http://www.bluebadgescotland.org)

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# Can I get a Blue Badge?



Information on applying for a Blue Badge

## What is the Blue Badge Scheme?

The Blue Badge Scheme is designed to help people who have severe mobility problems to lead independent lives.

The Scheme supports people who cannot easily get around by helping them park closer to their destination, and therefore have easier access to the services they want to use.

The Scheme applies regardless of whether the disabled person is the driver or the passenger of the vehicle.

Some people can get a Blue Badge automatically and others may need further assessment.

## Who automatically qualifies for the Blue Badge Scheme?

You are automatically eligible for a badge if you:

- are registered blind or severely sight impaired
- receive the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance
- meet certain descriptors for the Personal Independence Payment
- receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement.

Other criteria can be found at:

[www.cne-siar.gov.uk/bluebadge](http://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/bluebadge)

## Who else may qualify?

You may also be eligible for a badge if you meet one of the following criteria:

- have a permanent and substantial disability that means you are unable to walk or virtually unable to walk.
- have a temporary and substantial disability for more than 12 months but less than 3 years which means you are unable or virtually unable to walk.
- drive a vehicle regularly and have a severe disability in both arms that means you are unable to operate (or have considerable difficulty operating) all or some types of parking meter.

## People who lack awareness of danger from traffic

People who pose a risk to themselves or others in traffic because of a mental condition may be eligible for a Blue Badge.

If you want to apply for a Blue Badge on behalf of someone with a mental condition the applicant must:

- have a diagnosed mental disorder (a legal term we have to use that means a mental illness, a personality disorder or a learning disability)
- lack awareness of danger from traffic and is likely to compromise their safety or the safety of others.

## Other information

### Badges for Organisations

Organisations may qualify for a Blue Badge if they provide transportation for differently abled people and are concerned with their care. These individuals should meet the requirements to qualify for a Blue Badge themselves.

For further details visit:

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## Eligibility

In the Western Isles, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar is responsible for deciding eligibility. They may ask you to undergo a mobility assessment by an independent mobility professional, such as an Occupational Therapist. In such cases they will make the necessary arrangements.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar may refuse to issue a badge if:

- they have reason to believe that the person applying is not who they claim to be
- they believe the applicant would allow the badge to be used by someone else.
- you do not supply sufficient evidence to support your claim that you are eligible.
- you do not meet the Blue Badge eligibility criteria.

## Fees

There is a £20 fee for successful Blue Badge applications and £5.52 charge for the replacement of a lost badge.