

Application form for a disabled person's parking badge



Please use this form if you are applying for a blue badge for the first time, renewing or requesting a replacement for your lost, stolen or damaged badge.

You must report stolen badge's to the police. A police reference number is required to replace a stolen blue badge.

There is a £10 charge for all approved blue badge applications which is payable upon collection of the blue badge.

Please review the checklist to ensure that you have completed all relevant parts of the form and enclose supporting documentation before returning to the address below.

- Please read all of the notes on pages 17 to 22 before you answer the questions
- We need to see evidence of conditions you tell us about
- Use blue or black ink, do not use a pencil
- please write clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS
- If you make a mistake, cross it out and put the correct answer next to it
- Please fill in all details we ask for or your application will be delayed
- Please allow up to four weeks for your application to be processed

For more information please contact:

MyCouncil, Landmark Place, High Street, Slough SL1 1JL

Customer Services Centre: 01753 475111
DX: 42270 Slough (west)

Website: www.slough.gov.uk

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First Time Application		Renewal		Lost/Stolen	
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Serial Number for old Badge Expiry Date / /

SECTION A: Personal Details

If completing the form on behalf of a child under 16 years of age, please provide their details in section A and sign the form on their behalf.

Title							
Applicants full name							
Date of birth							
National Insurance number							
Address							
Postcode							
Telephone number							
Email							
Previous address if you have moved in the last three (3) years							
Postcode							
Borough							

Do you currently hold a blue badge?			Yes		No	
If you already have a Blue Badge:	Which local authority issued you with the badge?					
	What is the serial number on the current badge?					
	What is the expiry date of the current badge?					

Confirmation of Address

Please supply a **copy of one** of the following as proof you live in the borough

Utility Bill		Bank Statement		Council Tax Bill	
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Confirmation of Identity

Please supply a current **copy of one** of the following as proof of your identity

Birth/Adoption Certificate		Valid Passport		Valid Driving Licence	
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Photographs

Please supply one recent passport size photographs of the applicant and ensure that the applicants name is written clearly on the back of the photograph.

General Practitioner (GP) details:

GPs name	
Practice name	
Address	
Postcode	
Daytime telephone number	

Are you also seeing a Health Professional or Consultant? If so:

Name	
Role e.g heart specialist, oncologist, physiotherapist, audiologist	
Address	
Postcode	
Daytime telephone number	
Approximate date last seen	

Consent to Sharing Information

"I confirm that the local authority may contact my GP and accredited health professionals if necessary, for the purpose of obtaining information to support my application."

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please print your name in full	
Clients Signature	
Date	
Representative or Guardian's Signature	
Date	

If you do not consent to sharing information we will make the decision on your application based on the information provided.

Although information from health professionals is considered, the final decision about whether to issue you a Blue Badge is made by the local authority. The decision is based on your mobility difficulties and not a medical diagnosis. You may need to attend an interview with an independent mobility assessor.

SECTION B: Eligibility without further assessment

These questions are intended for people who may qualify for a Blue Badge automatically because they are severely sight impaired (Blind), receive the Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance, receive the 'Enhanced' Mobility component of Personal Independence Payments, receive the War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement or receive a qualifying award under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation) Scheme.

B1 People who are severely sight impaired (blind)				
Are you registered as blind (severely sight impaired)?	Yes		No	
If YES, please state which local authority you are registered with:				
If YES, do you give consent to us to check the local authority's register of blind people to see whether your disability is already known to the council?	Yes		No	
If NO, then please indicate whether you have enclosed a copy of your Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) or a BD8 form, signed by a Consultant Ophthalmologist and that you wish to be registered as blind.	Yes		No	
B2 People who receive the Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance				
Do you receive disability living allowance at the higher rate for mobility?	Yes		No	
If YES, have you been awarded this benefit indefinitely?	Yes		No	
If NO, when is your award of this benefit due to end?				
B3 People who receive Personal Independence Payments				
Have you been awarded 8 or more points in the "moving around" activity of the Mobility Component?	Yes		No	
When is your award of this benefit due to end?	Date			
B4 People who receive the War Pensioner's Mobility supplement				
Do you receive the War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement?	Yes		No	
B5 People who receive a benefit under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation) Scheme				
Do you receive a lump sum benefit under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation) Scheme within tariff levels 1 - 8 (inclusive) and have been certified by the SPVA as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty walking?	Yes		No	

If you have answered YES to any of the above, please provide the relevant proof (DWP award letter issued within the last 12 months)

- If you have answered **Yes** to any questions in **Section B** please go to **Section D**
- If you have answered **No** to all questions in **Section B** please go to **Section C**

SECTION C: Eligibility subject to further assessment - applicants with walking difficulties

C1 Under this criterion Blue Badges are only issued to people who are unable to walk at all, or who demonstrate very considerable difficulty in walking due to a permanent and substantial disability.

Please describe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any medical conditions/ disabilities which affect your walking. If you know them please state the medical terms for the condition you have been diagnosed with. 	Medical conditions/disabilities		
Please describe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any surgeries, courses of treatment or specialist clinics you have undergone in relation to each medical condition/disability you have mentioned. Please state when you underwent any relevant surgery or treatment. 	Surgeries/courses of treatment/ specialist clinics	Dates you received this treatment	
What medication do you currently take in relation to the conditions/disabilities you described above?	Medication	Dosage	
Are you currently taking any pain relief in relation to the medical conditions/ disabilities you mentioned above?	Yes (please explain what you are taking and how frequently you need it, below):	No	
Are you currently... (Please tick whichever statements apply to you and provide further details in the space below)		Awaiting surgery in relation to the conditions described above?	
		Recuperating from surgery in relation to the conditions described above?	
		Awaiting treatment for any of the conditions described above?	
		Managing your condition/ disability since you have been advised it is not expected to improve any further?	
		None of the above	

Do you anticipate that your condition will improve in the next 3 years? (Tick as appropriate)	Yes		No	
If you ticked YES, please describe how much you expect your condition to improve...				
How do the conditions/ disabilities you described above affect your ability to walk?				
Please tick whichever of the following statements describe your general walking ability: (Please tick whichever options apply to you)		I am able to walk well, including recreational walks		
		I am able to walk around the supermarket to do my own shopping		
		I am able to walk and can use public transport for some of my local trips		
		I am able to walk, but struggle with longer distances or hills		
		I am able to walk, but find it too painful to walk for more than a few minutes		
		I am able to walk but use a wheelchair for longer trips outside the home		
		I am able to walk around my home, but am unable to climb the stairs		
		I am unable to walk at all		
Are you able to walk outside without help? (Please tick the option which applies to you)	Yes		No (please describe the help you need in the space below...	
Where, in your local area, can you comfortably walk to from your home? (Please state a specific location or landmark which could be found on a map, e.g. a shop, street address or park)				

<p>Please tick the box that best describes the way you walk:</p>		Normal	No specific problems with walking	
		Adequate	For example, you walk with a slight limp	
		Poor	For example, you walk with a heavy limp, a stiff leg or shuffle, or have problems with balance	
		Extremely poor	For example, you drag your leg, stagger, swing through two crutches or need physical support	
		Other	If there is not a box that describes the way you walk, please tell us in your own words about the way you walk in the space provided below:	
<p>Do you use any of the following when you are walking? (Please tick whichever options apply to you)</p>		1 elbow crutch		2 elbow crutches
		1 walking stick		2 walking sticks
		Walking frame (Zimmer frame)		Rollator
		Wheelchair		Powered wheelchair
		Other (please describe in the space below)		
<p>Were your walking aids... (Please tick whichever options apply to you)</p>		Purchased privately by me		Prescribed by a healthcare professional
		Provided by Social Services		Other (please describe below):

How far would you estimate you are able to walk before you feel severe discomfort? (Please state the distance in metres or yards using whichever measure is best for you.)		: metres		: yards
	When answering this question please note that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The average adult step is just less than one metre, which is 1.1 yards or 3 feet and 4 inches. • If you walk alongside someone and they take 100 steps you would have walked roughly 90 metres, or 100 yards. • The average double-decker bus is about 11 metres, or 12 yards, long. • A tennis court is about 24 metres, or 26 yards, long. • A full size football pitch is about 100 metres, or 110 yards, long. 			
Roughly how much time would you estimate it takes you to walk this distance?		: minutes		
Are you able to continue walking after a short rest?		Yes		No
If you can continue, roughly how long (in minutes) are you able to walk for in total?		: minutes		

Have you been diagnosed with a heart or lung condition (other than asthma)? If yes, complete the following section:		Yes		No
Please answer 'Yes' or 'No' to each of the following questions by ticking the relevant box:			Yes	No
	Are you troubled by shortness of breath when hurrying on level ground or walking up a slight hill?			
	Do you get short of breath walking with other people of your own age on level ground after walking 15-20 minutes?			
	Do you have to stop for breath when walking at your own pace on level ground after a few minutes?			
	Do you get too breathless to leave your home, or after dressing?			

SECTION C2: Questions for 'subject to further assessment' applicants with a disability in both arms

These questions are intended for people who have answered NO to all of the questions in Section 2 and 3. Please note that you will only qualify for a Blue Badge under this criterion if you, or the person on whose behalf you are applying, are over two years of age and:

- **drive a vehicle regularly, have a severe disability in both arms and are unable to operate, or have considerable difficulty in operating, parking meters.**

If you are unsure whether these questions apply to you, then please consult the guidance notes enclosed with this application form.

Under this criterion Blue Badges are only issued to a person who meets all of the following: (a) drives a vehicle regularly; (b) has a severe disability in both arms; and (c) is unable to operate, or has considerable difficulty in operating, all or some types of parking meter’.				
Do you drive regularly?	Yes		No	
Do you have a severe disability in both arms?	Yes		No	
Please describe your medical condition				
Are you unable to operate, or have considerable difficulty operating a parking meter or pay and display machine due to your upper limb disability?	Yes		No	
If yes, please describe the difficulties you have with operating parking meters and pay and display machines.				
Do you drive a specially adapted vehicle?	Yes		No	
If yes, please describe how the vehicle has been adapted for you , and enclose a copy of your insurance details verifying this adaptation.				

SECTION C3: Questions for 'subject to further assessment' applicants under the age of three

These questions are intended for children under the age of three who may be eligible for a Blue Badge because:

- They have a condition requiring the transportation of bulky medical equipment at all times.
- They must always be kept near a motor vehicle on account of a condition so that they can, if necessary, be treated for that condition in the vehicle or taken quickly in the vehicle to a place where they can be so treated.

If you are unsure whether these questions apply to your child, then please consult the guidance notes enclosed with this application form.

<p>Are you applying on behalf of a child under the age of three who has a condition requiring transportation of bulky medical equipment at all times?</p>	Yes		No	
<p>If YES, please state what type of equipment is required.</p>				
<p>Are you applying on behalf of a child under the age of three that suffers from a condition that requires that they must be always kept near a motor vehicle so that they can, if necessary, be treated for that condition on the vehicle or be taken quickly in the vehicle to a place where they can be treated?</p>	Yes		No	
<p>If YES, please describe the child's medical condition</p>				
<p>Please enclose a letter from a healthcare professional that has been involved in your child's treatment (for example your GP or paediatrician) giving details of the child's medical condition and the type of medical equipment they need, or provide the healthcare professional's contact details below:</p>				

SECTION D: Applicant Status

Driver/Passenger status and vehicle registration (to be answered by ALL Individual applicants)

Will you be a driver or passenger when using a Blue Badge?

Driver	<input type="checkbox"/>	Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/>	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Vehicle registration of principal car in which badge will be used

One vehicle registration number should be nominated, but other vehicles may be used and the badge transferred when necessary.

SECTION E: Extra Information

Please use this space below to provide more information that can help us assess your application that has not been covered above. In addition please provide details of your lost/stolen badge i.e. crime reference number, where and how lost or stolen.

Feel free to use extra paper should you wish to.

Please go to **section G**

SECTION F: Applying for an Organisational Blue Badge

These questions are intended for organisations involved in the care of disabled people who are seeking a Blue Badge for a vehicle/vehicles (e.g. minibus, or specially adapted commercial vehicle) which is/are to be used to carry disabled people who would themselves qualify for an individual Blue Badge. Please see Section 6 of the accompanying guidance note for a list of the eligibility criteria prescribed in the regulations that govern the scheme.

An 'organisation' is defined in legislation as meaning an organisation concerned with the care of disabled persons to which a disabled person's badge may be issued.

Organisational badges will therefore only be issued to an organisation which:

- **Cares for and transports disabled people who would meet one or more of the eligibility criteria for a individual Blue Badge; and**
- **Has a clear need for an organisational badge rather than using the individual Blue Badges of people it is transporting.**

Organisational badges should **only** be used when transporting disabled people in their care who meet one or more of the eligibility criteria for a badge - and must not be used for the employee's benefit when they are carrying out other business on behalf of the organisation. It is unlikely that taxi or private hire operators and community transport operators would be eligible for an organisational Blue Badge as they are not usually concerned with the care of disabled people who would meet one or more of the eligibility criteria for a badge.

If you are unsure about how to answer these questions, then please consult the guidance notes enclosed with this application form.

Name of organisation:				
Main contact name				
Address				
Postcode				
Telephone				
Email				
Does your organisation care for disabled people who would themselves qualify for an individual Blue Badge? See Section 6 of the accompanying guidance note for a list of the eligibility criteria	Yes		No	
If YES, please give details of the nature of this care				
As part of that care, does your organisation provide them with transportation?	Yes		No	

If YES, please give details of the types of vehicles used and how often they are used to transport disabled people:	Type of vehicle		Frequency used to transport disabled people	
Are any of your vehicles licensed under the Disabled Passenger Vehicle (DPV) taxation class?	Yes		No	
If YES, please give details and attach a photocopy of the tax disc(s) to this application				
How many disabled people are in the care of your organisation?			: people	
How many of these people are already in receipt of a Blue Badge as individuals?			: people	
How many of these people do you estimate would be eligible to receive a Blue Badge if they applied as individuals (see description of eligible disabled people in the accompanying guidance note)?			: people	
Charity Number of your organisation: (if applicable)				
Please describe why your organisation is applying for a Blue Badge and the types of trips it will be used for...				
How often do you envisage your organisation will use the Blue Badge?				

If you already have an organisational Blue Badge:	What is the serial number on the current badge(s)?	
	What is the expiry date of the current badge(s)?	
How many organisational badges are you applying for? (Please note that your organisation will be required to pay the badge issue fee for each Organisational Badge that is issued)		
Please provide the Vehicle Registration Numbers of the vehicles in which you intend to use the Blue Badge:		

SECTION G

Data Protection Act 1998

We will deal with the personal information you provide in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. We will use the information to assess whether you qualify for a disabled person's parking badge and manage our services. We will not use your information for any other purpose.

We may use the information that you have provided to prevent or detect fraud. We may also share the information you have provided with other sections in the council and with agencies such as the police, parking enforcement or Transport for London.

We will not discuss your application or personal details with anyone unless you give us permission to do so. If a representative or guardian has completed this form on your behalf we may discuss your application with them.

Declaration (to be completed by ALL applicants)

- I declare that to the best of my knowledge all the information I have provided is correct. I confirm that the photographs submitted are a true likeness of my current appearance.
- I understand that I must promptly inform Slough Borough Council of any changes that may affect my entitlement to a badge.
- I agree that if you issue me a Blue Badge it will only be displayed in a vehicle in which I am travelling. I will return it when I no longer need it, it expires or I collect a new badge upon successful renewal.
- I will not misuse the Blue Badge by altering it, copying it, using it once it has expired or by allowing others to use it. I understand that misuse can result in the Blue Badge being withdrawn and a fine imposed upon conviction.
- I agree to Slough Borough Council contacting an accredited health professional if necessary, for the purpose of obtaining evidence to support my application.
- I understand that you will deal with all documents relating to this application in line with the Data Protection Act 1998, and you may share with other agencies and the police to detect and prevent fraud.

Signed

Full Name

Date

Ethnicity

Please tick appropriate box.

White	UK	
	Irish	
	European	
	Other please specify below	

Black	African	
	Caribbean	
	Other please specify below	

Asian	Bangladeshi	
	Indian	
	Pakistani	
	Kashmiri	
	Chinese	
	Other please specify below	

Mixed	White - African	
	White - Caribbean	
	White - Asian	
	Other please specify below	

Checklist

Please tick appropriate box.

Completed	Section A	
	Section B	
	Section C if required	
	Section D	
	Section E	
	Section F	
	Section G signed and dated	

Enclosed copies	Proof of Residence	
	Proof of Identity	
	Evidence of Higher rate of the Mobility component of D.L.A	
	Evidence of War Pension/Armed forces compensation scheme	
	Evidence in relation to children under three	
	One recent Passport type photographs with your name on the back	
	Organisational Badge - a photocopy of the tax discs for any vehicles registered under the Disabled	

All original documents sent in as proof of entitlement will be available for collection at the same time as your Blue Badge. We will not keep your original documents for any longer than is necessary to process your application.

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Application help notes

Please read these notes before completing your application
Please detach and retain these notes for your information

Council and applicant's responsibilities

The disabled person's parking scheme came into being on 1st December 1971 under Section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970. The scheme is currently governed under the Disabled Persons Regulations 2000 (SI 2000/682) and subsequent amendments) as well as local Authorities Traffic Order Regulations 2000/683).

Slough Borough Council is authorised and required to administer the Blue Badge Scheme under the above statutory regulations and associated government guidance. The council is permitted to issue Blue Badge to applicant's that do not meet the specific eligibility criteria.

As an applicant you are responsible for providing adequate evidence to demonstrate that you meet the specific criteria required for a Blue Badge. If your application form is incomplete we will return it and your application will not be processed. If your eligibility is unclear you may be asked to attend a mobility assessment, this will be carried out by an independent occupational therapist. Please note that we cannot take responsibility for any travel costs you incur whilst your application is being processed, regardless of the outcome.

Your application and any other medical evidence you provide will be carefully considered. However the final decision rests with the council and will be based solely on whether the council is satisfied that the eligibility criteria has been met.

Please note that you are responsible for allowing at least one (1) month for the renewal of an existing badge. Late application for renewals cannot be given priority. Until you have a valid Blue Badge it is the vehicle keeper's responsibility to ensure their vehicles are parked legally at all times.

Please review the checklist in Section G to ensure you have completed all relevant parts of the form and enclosed supporting documentation before returning to:

Slough Borough Council
Blue Badge Team
My Council
Landmark Place
Slough SL1 1JL

Telephone enquires: 01753 475111
Email enquires: enquires@slough.gov.uk

Disabled Persons Parking Badge

Please complete sections

A, B, C, D, E and G

Organisational Parking Badge

Please complete Sections F and G

Guidance Notes

You should mark the box showing whether this is a first time, renewal, lost or stolen application. If this is a renewal, lost or stolen application insert serial number and expiry date for previous badge.

Section A: Information about you

This section asks for your personal details including name, date of birth, National Insurance number, address, telephone number and email address (where applicable). All fields should be filled in.

There is a question for those who already have a Blue Badge which is due to expire shortly. The expiry date should be in the relatively near future, and two badges will not be valid for one applicant at the same time.

Proof of your identity and address

You are required to provide proof of identity and address. Without this your applications will be returned - see page 15 for checklist.

Previous addresses and past badge information helps us to correctly identify you and process your application more quickly and efficiently. If your previous Blue Badge was provided by a borough other than Slough your application will be treated as a new application under current Slough Borough Council processes and procedures.

We ask you to provide us with your GP and other health professional's details together with the consent to share information with relevant parties. If you are not automatically eligible this assists us with further enquiries without delaying your application.

Section B: Questions for 'without further assessment' applicants

You will be automatically eligible for a badge if you can satisfy residency and identity checks, and meet at least one of the eligibility criteria in Section B.

You will need to provide the appropriate documentation to prove eligibility under one of the criteria. An example of proof of entitlement is proof of payment of the allowance.

Section B1): for those registered as severely sight impaired (blind) - you are asked to state the name of the local authority or borough with which you are registered. You should state the county, metropolitan district or London borough council.

In many cases, you will be registered with the same authority to which the application for a badge is being made. If this is not the case, local authorities will check with the named authority that you are registered as severely sight impaired (blind).

The formal notification required to register as severely sight impaired (blind) is a Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI), signed by a Consultant Ophthalmologist. However, registration is voluntary.

Section B2): for those who receive the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance (HRMCDLA). An applicant receiving HRMCDLA will have had an award notice letter from the Pension, Disability and Carers Service (PDCS). In addition, recipients of HRMCDLA are sent an annual uprating letter, stating their entitlement and this letter can be used as proof of receipt of HRMCDLA if the award letter is more than 12 months old. If you have lost your HRMCDLA award letter or your uprating letter, then please contact the PDCS for a current award letter by:

- Telephone: 08457 123 456
- Textphone: 08457 22 44 33
- Email:
DCPU.Customer-Services@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

This helpline is open from 7.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday, and further details can be found online at:
www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/FinancialSupport/DisabilityLivingAllowance/DG_10011925

Section B3) for those who receive Personal Independence Payments (PIP). An applicant receiving PIP will have had an award notice letter from the Pension, Disability and Carers Service (PDCS). In addition, recipients of PIP are sent an annual uprating letter, stating their entitlement and this letter can be used as proof of receipt of PIP if the award letter is more than 12 months old. If you have lost your PIP award letter or your uprating letter, then please contact the PDCS for a current award letter by:

- Telephone: 0845 850 3322
- Textphone: 0845 601 6677

This helpline is open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and further details can be found online at: <https://www.gov.uk/pip/what-youll-get>

Section B4): for those who receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS). An applicant receiving WPMS will have an official letter from the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency demonstrating receipt of the grant. If you have lost this letter, then the agency can be contacted via the free-phone enquiry number: 0800 169 22 77.

Section B5): for those who receive a lump sum benefit under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation) Scheme within tariff levels 1-8 (inclusive) and have been assessed and certified by the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking. You will have been issued with a letter from the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency confirming the level of your award and also confirming that you have been assessed as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking. You must enclose the original copy of this 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.

Any documents sent in as proof of entitlement will be returned to the applicant as quickly as possible, once they are no longer needed by the issuing authority.

Section C1: Questions for 'subject to further assessment' applicants with walking difficulties

Section C1 is to be completed if you have a permanent and substantial disability (i.e. a condition that is likely to last for the duration of your life) which means you cannot walk or which means that you have very considerable difficulty walking. Medical conditions such as autism and psychological/behavioural problems are not in themselves a qualification for a badge. People with these conditions may be eligible under this criterion, but only if they are unable to walk or have very considerable difficulty in walking, in addition to their condition. Applicants are asked to describe the nature of their disability and give an estimate of the maximum distance they can walk without assistance or severe discomfort.

It can be difficult to accurately work out the distance you can walk. There are several things that can help you:

- Ask someone to walk with you and pace the distance you walk.
- The average adult step is just under one metre. For example, if the person walking with you took 100 steps, you would have walked about 90 metres.

- A size 9 shoe is about a third of a metre.
- The average double-decker bus is about 11 metres long.
- A full-size football pitch is about 100 metres long.

If you still find it difficult to work out the distance you can walk in metres, please tell us:

- The number of steps you can take, and how long, in minutes, it would take you to walk this distance.
- About your walking speed.
- The way that you walk, for example, shuffling or small steps etc.

Your local authority may ask you to have a mobility assessment with a medical professional, such as a physiotherapist or occupational therapist, in order to determine whether you meet the eligibility criteria.

You may have had a mobility assessment in the last 12 months which covered your walking ability and you can give details of this in section E (any extra information).

Section C2 – Questions for ‘subject to further assessment’ applicants with disabilities in both arms

Section C2 is for applicants over the age of two who have a severe disability in both arms. You will need to show that you drive a vehicle regularly, that you have a severe disability in both arms and that you are unable to operate, or have considerable difficulty operating, all or some types of on-street parking equipment. You will need to satisfy all three conditions above in order to obtain a badge. Local authorities may make arrangements to meet applicants applying under this criterion.

Section C3 – Questions for ‘subject to further assessment’ applicants under the age of three

Section 5 covers:

- children under three years of age who have a medical condition which means that they must always be accompanied by bulky medical equipment which cannot be carried around with the child without great difficulty; or
- children under three years of age who have a medical condition which means that they need to be kept near a vehicle at all times, either for treatment, or for transportation to a location where treatment can be performed.

A parent or guardian must apply on behalf of a child under the age of three. The list of bulky medical equipment referred to above may include:

- ventilators;
- suction machines;
- feed pumps;
- parenteral equipment;
- syringe drivers;
- oxygen administration equipment;
- continuous oxygen saturation monitoring equipment; and
- casts and associated medical equipment for the correction of hip dysplasia.

A local authority may issue a badge if the equipment is always needed and cannot be carried without great difficulty.

Examples of highly unstable medical conditions that mean children who have them may need quick access to transport to hospital or home are:

- tracheotomies;
- severe epilepsy/fitting;
- highly unstable diabetes; and
- terminal illnesses that prevent children from spending any more than brief moments outside and who need a quick route home.

Please note that the above lists are not exhaustive, to allow for new advances in technology and treatment equipment.

Section D: Applicant Status

This section requires you to tell us if you will be a driver, passenger or both and the primary registration number of the car you will be travelling in.

Section E: Extra Information

You can use this space to provide more information to help us assess your application more quickly and efficiently, also you can use this space to provide information, details of your lost/stolen badges, i.e. crime reference number, where and how lost or stolen

Section F: Organisational badges

This is to be completed if you are representing an organisation applying for an organisational badge.

An organisational badge may be issued to organisations whose responsibility includes the care and transportation of disabled people who would themselves meet the eligibility criteria for a badge should they apply individually. Eligible disabled persons are defined as a person who is over two years old and:

- receives the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance; or
- is registered blind (severely sight impaired);

or

- receives a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement; or
- receives a lump sum benefit under the Armed Forces and Reserved Forces (Compensation) Scheme within tariff levels 1-8 (inclusive) and has been assessed and certified as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking; or
- drives a vehicle regularly, has a severe disability in both arms and is unable to operate, or has considerable difficulty in operating, all or some types of parking meter; or
- has a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.

In addition, eligibility covers children under the age of three who fall within either or both of the following descriptions:

- a child who, on account of a condition, must always be accompanied by bulky medical equipment which cannot be carried around with the child without great difficulty;
- a child who, on account of a condition, must always be kept near a motor vehicle so that, if necessary, treatment for that condition can be given in the vehicle or the child can be taken quickly in the vehicle to a place where such treatment can be given.

Organisational Badges will therefore only be issued to an organisation which both:

- Cares for and transports disabled people who would meet one or more of the eligibility criteria for a individual Blue Badge; and
- Has a clear need for an organisational badge rather than using the personal Blue Badges of people it is transporting.

In all circumstances, badges will be supplied to organisations or departments (e.g. Social Service Department) rather than to individual staff members.

All employees of the organisation who will be using the badge should be reminded that they must only use the badge for the purposes of transporting disabled people in their care who meet one or more of the eligibility criteria for a badge. These employees should be reminded that if they use the badge to take advantage of the concessions when there are no passengers in the vehicle who are eligible for a badge they will face a fine of up to £1,000.

It is unlikely that taxi or private hire operators and community transport operators would be eligible for an organisational Blue Badge as they are not more of the eligibility criteria for a badge. Such operators are, of course, able to use an individual's Blue Badge when carrying that person as a passenger.

Section G: Declaration

All applicants, or guardians and representatives on their behalf, must sign and date the form to confirm they have read, understood and agree with each of the statements.

Appeals

If your application is rejected you may appeal. In order for the council to undertake a further review of the decision you will need to provide new evidence or information concerning your disability and how it severely affects your ability to walk.

You do not need to submit another application form, please write a letter clearly stating:

- Your name, address and date birth
- Your intention to appeal the council's decision
- The reason for your appeal
- The criteria (see above) that you believe you qualify under

Appeals are accepted if made in writing within 1 month of the application being rejected. We aim to process appeal applications within 1 month of the appeal being received. Only the information presented in your appeal can be considered so please ensure you notify us if you are seeking further information.

You may report your case to the Local Government Ombudsman if you feel that there have been procedural irregularities in dealing with your application. You are able to obtain further information about this from Slough Borough Council on telephone 01753 475111.