

## Blue Badge information about accepted proofs and photos

### Eligible without further assessment

If you are applying for a badge within this category, please supply any of the following, which must be dated within the last 12 months.

- Your Disability Living Allowance (HRMCDLA) Benefit Award letter confirming entitlement to higher rate mobility component.
- Your Personal Independence Payment (PIP) award letter with a score of 8 points or more in the 'moving around' descriptor of the mobility component'.
- Your Personal Independence Payment (PIP) award letter with a score of 10 points specifically for Descriptor E in the 'planning and following journeys' on the grounds that you are unable to undertake any journey because it would cause you overwhelming psychological distress.
- Blind Registration Card or Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI)
- War Pension confirming Mobility Supplement. (WPMS)

You will also qualify under this category if you've received a lump sum benefit from the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (within tariff levels 1-8). You must also have been certified as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.

In addition, you will need to bring a copy of one item from each of the following lists:

Proof of Address:

- Valid driving licence (card or paper version).
- Benefit Award letter from DWP, SPVA, Housing or Pensions dated within the last 12 months.
- Council Tax or Utility bill date within the last 12 months.

Proof of Identity:

- Birth / Adoption certificate (full or extract).
- Marriage / Divorce certificate.
- Civil Partnership / Dissolution certificate.
- Valid driving licence (card or paper version).
- Valid passport.
- National Identity Card.

### Eligible subject to further assessment

If you do not fall within the above category, you may still be entitled to a blue badge subject to further assessment. In addition to completing Section 4 & 5 of the blue badge application you will need to bring a copy of one item from each of the following lists:

Proof of Address:

- Valid driving licence (card or paper version).
- Benefit Award letter from DWP, SPVA, Housing or Pensions dated within the last 12 months.
- Council Tax or Utility bill date within the last 12 months.

Proof of Identity:

- Birth / Adoption certificate (full or extract).
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- Valid driving licence (card or paper version).
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It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the relevant evidence to support their application and demonstrate their eligibility for a Blue Badge under the new criteria. This could include (but is not limited to):

- Letter of diagnosis
- Confirmation of ongoing treatments / clinic attendances, or referral for such.
- Evidence of prescribed medication relevant to the applicants disability/symptoms.
- Evidence of specialist consultations, or referral for such.
- Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP), which may provide insight into the needs, experiences and coping strategies devised for younger people with complex needs, learning disabilities and/or behavioural difficulties.
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP) decision letters.
- Social housing letters / assessment reports from the local authority.
- Care Plans from social care teams.
- The applicants Patient Summary or Summary Care Records.
- Evidence of the progression or advancement of the condition over time. (This may be especially relevant if someone is re-applying having been previously rejected because the condition was previously not judged to be severe enough.)
- Evidence of other benefits received by the applicant.
- Letters from professionals involved in the care of the applicant.

### Photograph required

Applicant's photograph should be similar to those required for passports, but do not need to be taken by a professional or in a photograph booth. These can be taken with a digital camera or smartphone and printed as a high-quality image. To meet our requirements, photographs must:

- Show you on your own
- Be taken within the last 6 months
- Be in colour, not black and white
- Be clear and in sharp focus, with a clear difference between your face and the background
- Be taken against a plain light background
- Be of you forward facing and looking straight at the camera
- Not be torn, creased or marked
- Be printed as a high-quality image
- Show your full head, without any head covering, unless you wear one for religious beliefs or medical reasons.
- Be a close-up of your head and shoulders.