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Information for people in Newcastle upon Tyne

Blue Badge Scheme

The Blue Badge scheme allows people who have difficulty getting about to park their cars close to the facilities and services that they need to use. They last for three years and need to be renewed.

How do I get a Blue Badge?

Anyone aged over 2 years old automatically qualifies for a Blue Badge if they:

- are registered blind
- are receiving a War Pensioner's Mobility supplement
- are receiving the higher rate of the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance
- are aged 16-64 and receive 8 points or more under the 'Moving Around' activity of the mobility component of **Personal Independence Payment** because they cannot stand and walk (aided or unaided) more than 50 metres
- have a terminal illness and hold a DS1500 report from your GP or the MacMillan Nursing Trust
- are 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
- use a motor vehicle for disabled people supplied by a government health department
- have a severe disability in **both** upper limbs and regularly drive a motor vehicle and either cannot operate or have considerable difficulty operating all or some type of parking meter (for example, due to a thalidomide related disability)
- under 2 years of age and have a condition that requires that you must always be accompanied by bulky medical equipment, or must remain close to a vehicle for emergency medical treatment
- enduring psychological or mental disability

What if I don't qualify for a blue badge?

If you do not automatically qualify for a blue badge you can contact

Adult Social CarePoint at Newcastle City Council. They give information and support to adults in Newcastle who are struggling at home with day to day activities. For example, community activities, moving around your home, eating, washing or caring for someone.

How do I apply for a Blue badge?

To apply for or renew your blue badge you will need:

- an electronic photograph of yourself
- your National Insurance (NI) number
- an email address
- proof of your address, such as a council tax bill
- proof of who you are, such as a passport or birth certificate
- proof of any benefit or registration as severely sight impaired that proves you qualify
- information and proof of any medical conditions, treatment or diagnosis to support your application

If you are renewing your badge, please remember to apply at least 6 weeks before your current one expires to make sure you get your new one in time.

Apply online at **www.gov.uk**

Contact **Blue badge scheme** at Newcastle City Council. You can apply online and upload your supporting documents.

Cost and how to pay

It costs £10 to get a Blue Badge. This can be paid online after you have had confirmation that your application was successful.

Additional Information

Blue Badges may also be available for organisations that care for and transport disabled people, who would themselves meet one or more of the eligibility criteria.

If you have a Blue Badge you can apply for an exemption account for using the **Tyne Tunnel**.

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Useful Organisations

Blue Badge Scheme at Newcastle City Council

Website: http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/parking/disabled-parking-and-blue-badge-scheme

Telephone: 0191 278 7878

Address: Blue Badge Scheme, NE1 8QH

Adult Social CarePoint at Newcastle City Council

Email: ASCP@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/AdultSocialCare

Telephone: 0191 278 7878

Address: Adult Social CarePoint Newcastle City Council, NE4 9LU

Tyne Tunnels

Email: tt2limited@tt2.co.uk

Website: https://www.tt2.co.uk/

Telephone: 0191 574 0031

Related Articles

Home adaptations, equipment and aids

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Nexus TaxiCard Scheme – Accessible Transport

Community transport or minibus services

Public transport

Driving as you get older

Motability: car scheme for disabled people.

Help with shopping and prescriptions

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Concessionary travel