

Appendix 14: Criteria for issue of a Blue Badge

A person automatically qualifies for a Blue Badge without any further assessment if they:

- receive the higher rate of the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or
- receive the mobility component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) because they meet a descriptor from the 'moving around' activity with a score of 8 or more points, in which case the expiry date of the badge will be linked to the end date of the benefit if this is less than three years or
- are registered blind or
- receive a War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement (WPMS) or
- have been awarded a lump sum benefit at tariffs 1–8 of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and certified as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes the inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.

A person may be eligible for a Blue Badge subject to further assessment if they:

- drive a vehicle regularly, have a severe disability in both arms and are unable to operate, or have considerable difficulty in operating, all or some types of parking meter.
- have a permanent and substantial disability that causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.

Children

Children automatically qualify for a Blue Badge without further assessment if they are aged two years or more but must be in receipt of:

- Receive disability living allowance (DLA) at the higher rate of the mobility component.
- Are registered as blind (severely sight impaired)

Children under the age of three may be eligible for a Blue Badge following further assessment if they fall into either or both of the following descriptions:

- on account of a condition must always be accompanied by bulky medical equipment which cannot be carried around with the child without difficulty and/or
- on account of a medical condition, must always be near a vehicle at all times, so that if necessary, treatment for that condition can be treated in the vehicle or be quickly driven to a place where they can be treated

Application Process

Applicants may apply for a Blue Badge by post through the completion of an application form which they can obtain from the Council's Assisted Travel Section, or they can [apply online](#) via the Council's website which links to the Gov.uk website.

The application form process is designed to determine whether an applicant meets the criteria for the provision of a Blue Badge. If the application is successful the applicant will be contacted by the Assisted Travel team to inform them of the next process where the Council

will require proof of identity and address. These documents will need to be taken to one of the Council's Customer Access Points which are situated at Burnt Oak Library or Barnet House. The documents must be presented by the applicant in person.

Administration charge

Each successful Blue Badge Applicant (those who are awarded a badge) will be subject to a **£10.00 administration charge**. This must be paid before the badge is issued.

Applicants are asked to allow a week for their identity and address documents which they took to the Council's Customer Access Points to be uploaded to the Assisted Travel Team, and then call the Assisted Travel team to make the £10 administration payment.

Once payment has been made, the Blue Badge will be ordered. The administration for all Blue Badges is carried out outside of the London Borough of Barnet and the Badge will be delivered to the applicant within **10 days** from the date of payment.