Apply for a Blue Badge

Apply for yourself, someone else or an organisation.
A Blue Badge costs £10.
You’ll need to provide copies of your proof of identity, address and benefit (if applicable). Originals will not be returned to you unless you ask us to do so. A recent photograph of the applicant’s face, including shoulders should also be supplied.

We may refuse to issue a badge if you do not provide adequate evidence that you meet the eligibility criteria.

Visit: gov.uk/apply-blue-badge

Please complete and return this form to:
Assessments, PO Box 676, Truro, TR1 9EQ

Who are you applying for?

☐ Myself (The badge is for you)

☐ Someone else (A relative or somebody you care for)
  Fill in the answers and sign the form on their behalf.
  Where the form says “you”, it is referring to the applicant.

☐ An organisation (Which transports disabled people)

Do you already have a Blue Badge?

☐ Yes
  Enter the badge number (first 6 digits) ☐☐☐☐☐☐

☐ No

If you’re applying for somebody else, we’ll ask for your name and your relationship to the applicant.

If applying for a child under 3, please go to Section 6 once you have completed Section 1.

For organisations, you only need to fill in the organisation section.

If you don’t know the badge number, leave it blank and we should be able to find the badge using your details.
# Section 1 – Applicant details

For organisations, please complete **Section 8.**

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| **Alternative phone number** (optional) |

Should be the full name of the person the badge is for.

This will be used for updates about the application.

Including the applicants telephone number helps enforcement officers check the badge is being used correctly.
If you are applying on behalf of somebody else

Who should be contacted about this application?
(If you’re the contact, put your full name here)

Your relationship to the applicant

For you or the person you’re applying for

Which of these are you providing as proof of identity?
(Choose one, to attach as a copy)
- Birth or adoption certificate
- Marriage / Civil partnership / Dissolution or Divorce certificate
- Passport
- Driving licence

Do you give Cornwall Council permission to check their Council Tax records to prove your address?
- Yes
- No - You must provide a copy of your proof of address

Recent photograph of the applicant
You’ll need a photo to be printed on the back of the Blue Badge. The requirements are similar to a passport photo.

Make sure it:
- Has a plain, light, background
- Includes face and shoulders
- Shows the face clearly
- Is a true likeness

Attach a copy of the proof of identity to this application.

If you don’t give us permission. You must attach a copy of either:
- Council Tax
- Driving licence
- School records
- Benefit letter

It’s best to get somebody else to take the photo.
The photo should have the applicant's name and a signature on the back.
### Vehicle Registration

**Do you drive yourself, or do you normally travel in a specific motor vehicle?**

- **Yes** - Enter the vehicle registration number
  
  [Enter vehicle registration number here]

- **No** - If there is no main vehicle you travel in, please select this option

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**Badge issue fee**

If your application is successful, we will tell you how to make a payment. Please do not send cash or a cheque with your application.

A Blue Badge costs £10.

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### Section 2 – Benefits or severely sight impaired

For organisations, please complete **Section 8**.

You may automatically qualify for a Blue Badge if you either:

- Are severely sight impaired (blind) NOT partially sighted
- Received **8 or more points in the “moving around” part of a mobility assessment** for Personal Independence Payment (PIP).
- Receive **10 points in the “planning and following journeys” part of a mobility assessment** for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) **but only if this is because “You cannot undertake any journey because it would cause overwhelming psychological distress”**.
- Receive the higher rate of the mobility component for Disability Living Allowance (DLA).
- Receive the War Pensioners’ Mobility Supplement.
- Receive a qualifying award under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

If none of these apply to you, go to **Section 3**. Otherwise, you should complete the relevant section below and then go to **Section 9**.
Severely sight impaired (blind)

If you are registered as severely sight impaired (blind) with Cornwall Council, do you give us permission to check this register?

☐ Yes

☐ No - Enclose a copy of your Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Were you awarded the higher rate of the mobility component?

☐ Yes - If your award has an end date, enter the end date

Day          Month          Year

☐ No - You should answer the questions in Section 3

If you were awarded the higher rate of the mobility component, you need to attach a copy of the letter from the DWP. This should be dated within the last 12 months and clearly show that you receive the high rate of the mobility component. You should have an uprating letter every year telling you of the amount you will receive.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Did you score 8 points or more in the “moving around” part of the mobility assessment?

☐ Yes - How many points were scored?

If your award has an end date, enter the end date

☐ No - Answer the next question under “PIP”

If you did score 8 points or more in the “moving around” part of the mobility assessment you need to attach a copy of every page of your award letter from the DWP. This will show your entitlement to PIP and the points that you were awarded under the “moving around” part and will normally be on your original award letter. We also need to see that you continue to be paid this benefit and this should be your annual uprating letter (dated within the last 12 months).
Did you score this specific points descriptor in the “planning and following a journey” part of the mobility assessment?

Descriptor E (10 points) - You cannot undertake any journey because it would cause overwhelming psychological distress

☐ Yes - If your award has an end date, enter the end date

☐ No - You should answer the questions in Section 3

If you did score 10 points in the “You cannot undertake any journey because it would cause overwhelming psychological distress” part of the “Planning and following a journey” of the mobility assessment you need to attach a copy of every page of your award letter from the DWP. This will show your entitlement to PIP and the points that you were awarded under this very specific part and will normally be on your original award letter. We also need to see that you continue to be paid this benefit and this should be your annual uprating letter (dated within the last 12 months).

Armed Forces Compensation Scheme

Have you received a lump sum payment within tariff levels 1 to 8 of the scheme?

and have you been certified as having a permanent and substantial disability?

☐ Yes - Enclose a copy of your letter from Veterans UK* as proof

☐ No

War Pensioners’ Mobility Supplement

Do you receive the War Pensioners’ Mobility Supplement?

☐ Yes - If your award has an end date, enter the end date

☐ No

You must enclose a copy of your letter as proof of entitlement.

*Letters were previously issued by the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA)
# Section 3 – Walking difficulties

If you answered “yes” to any of the questions in section 2, go straight to **Section 9**.

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<td>☐ Yes – Continue answering the questions in this section</td>
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How does your health condition make walking difficult for you?

☐ Excessive pain

If you didn’t tick “Excessive Pain”, don’t answer this section.

How would you describe the pain you experience, when walking? (You can choose more than one)

☐ When I take my pain relief medication I am able to cope with the pain
☐ Even after taking pain relief medication I have to stop and take regular breaks
☐ Even after taking pain relief medication the pain makes me physically sick
☐ Even after taking pain relief medication I am frequently in so much pain that walking for more than 2 minutes is unbearable
☐ Other - Describe the pain below

☐ Breathlessness

If you didn’t tick “Breathlessness”, don’t answer this section.

When do you get breathless? (You can choose more than one)

☐ Walking up a slight hill
☐ Trying to keep up with others on level ground
☐ Walking on level ground at my own pace
☐ Getting dressed or trying to leave my home
☐ Other - Describe when you get breathless below

Also known as shortness of breath, this could be described as an intense tightening in the chest, or a feeling of suffocation.
Balance, coordination or posture
Describe how the way you walk is affected by your condition
(For example, if your posture is affected or you struggle to take full steps)

How would you describe your balance or coordination, when walking?
(You can choose more than one)

- I can walk around a supermarket, with the support of a trolley
- I can walk up/down a single flight of stairs in a house
- I can only walk around indoors
- I can walk around a small shopping centre
- Other - Describe your balance or coordination, when walking

Have you seen a healthcare professional for any falls in the last 12 months?

- Yes
- No
It's dangerous to my health and safety
Describe how your condition makes walking dangerous

Do you have a chest, lung or heart condition / epilepsy?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Something else
What is it about your condition that causes you difficulty walking?

Only fill in the extra text-boxes if you’ve ticked the checkbox.
Help to get around - tell us about any aid or support that you use

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<th>What is this aid or support? (For example, a wheelchair, crutches or a member of your family)</th>
<th>When do you need this help? (For example, to get to the shops)</th>
<th>If it’s an aid, how was it provided? (For example, Hospital or bought privately)</th>
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**How long can you walk for without stopping?**
(If you listed an aid, then your answer should be when using that aid)

Only tick one

- [ ] I can’t walk at all
- [ ] Less than a minute
- [ ] Between 1 and 5 minutes
- [ ] Between 5 and 10 minutes
- [ ] More than 10 minutes

If you cannot walk, go to section 7

“Stopping” could be to take a rest or to catch your breath.

Only tick one.
Describe somewhere you can walk from and to  
(Be specific and use place names or house numbers)

How long does it take you?  (For example, 8 minutes)

You can now go to: Section 7 – Treatments, medication, healthcare professionals and supporting documents

Section 4 – Non-visible (hidden) conditions

If you answer “no” to the first question in this section, but “yes” to any of the questions in section 3, you can skip this section and go straight to Section 7.

Do you have a non-visible (hidden) condition, causing you to severely struggle with journeys between a vehicle and your destination?

☐ Yes  - Continue answering the questions in this section

☐ No  - Go to Section 7

What affects you taking a journey?  
(Tick all that apply)

☐ I am a risk near vehicles, in traffic or car parks

When are you a risk?

☐ Almost never  ☐ Sometimes

☐ Almost every journey  ☐ Every journey

Remember, when we are referring to “you” this is the applicant. If you’re applying for somebody else, answer the questions on their behalf.

If some, or most, of these do not apply to you, please use the free text boxes to explain what affects you.
Please give an example of when you have been a risk near vehicles, in traffic or car parks

I struggle to plan or follow a journey

**What journeys does this apply to?**
- [ ] Unfamiliar journeys
- [ ] Every journey

I find it difficult or impossible to control my actions and lack awareness of the impact they could have on others

**How often does this happen?**
- [ ] Almost never
- [ ] Sometimes
- [ ] Almost every journey
- [ ] Every journey

Please describe the kinds of incidents that have happened or are likely to happen on journeys
I regularly have intense responses to overwhelming situations causing temporary loss of behavioural control

**How often does this happen?**

- [ ] Almost never
- [ ] Sometimes
- [ ] Almost every journey
- [ ] Every journey

Please give examples of the situations that cause temporary loss of behavioural control

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I can become extremely anxious or fearful of public/open spaces

**When do you become extremely anxious/fearful?**

- [ ] Almost never
- [ ] Sometimes
- [ ] Almost every journey
- [ ] Every journey

Please give examples of the situations where you become extremely anxious or fearful of public/open spaces

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Remember, when we are referring to “you” this is the applicant. If you’re applying for somebody else, answer the questions on their behalf.
Something else
Please describe what affects you taking a journey

How would a Blue Badge improve taking a journey between a vehicle and your destination for you?
(Describe your needs, in detail)

Remember, when we are referring to “you” this is the applicant. If you’re applying for somebody else, answer the questions on their behalf.
What measures are currently taken to try to improve journeys for you between a vehicle and your destination?
(List the measures taken to try to improve journeys)

How effective are they?

Remember, when we are referring to “you” this is the applicant. If you’re applying for somebody else, answer the questions on their behalf.
Section 5 – Disability that affects both arms

If you answer “no” to the first question in this section, but “yes” to any of the questions in sections 3 or 4, you can go straight to Section 7.

Do you have a disability in both arms?

☐ Yes - Continue answering the questions in this section
☐ No - Go to Section 6

Do you drive regularly?

☐ Yes - Continue answering the questions in this section
☐ No - Go to Section 6

Name any health conditions or disabilities that affect your arms

(Try to use the correct medical terms, if you know them)

Remember, when we are referring to “you” this is the applicant. If you’re applying for somebody else, answer the questions on their behalf.
Do you struggle to operate parking machines?

☐ Yes - Describe how you struggle to operate parking machines

☐ No

Do you drive an adapted vehicle?

☐ Yes - Describe how it has been adapted for you. You should also attach copies of insurance details or Vehicle Registration document which verify this.

☐ No
Section 6 – Children under 3 years old

This section is for people applying on behalf of a child that is under 3 years old.

Are you applying for a child under 3 years old?

☐ Yes - Continue answering the questions in this section

☐ No - Go to Section 7

Which of these applies to the child under 3?

☐ They need to be accompanied by bulky medical equipment

☐ They need to be near a vehicle to receive or be taken for treatment

☐ Neither of these

Name any health conditions or disabilities that affect the child

(Try to use the correct medical terms, if you know them)

You should enclose a letter from any healthcare professionals that are involved in the child's treatments, which confirms the details of the condition.
Section 7 – Treatments, medication, associated professionals and documents

This section is for if you have answered any of the questions in sections 3, 4, 5 or 6. Otherwise, go to Section 9.

Treatments

Has your condition required any treatments?
These could have been in the last 10 years, ongoing or any treatment you have booked in the next 3 years. List any surgeries, treatments or clinics that are to do with your condition.

☐ Yes - Add the treatment details in the table below

☐ No - Go to “Medication”

Describe the treatment
Anything relevant to your condition that you’ve seen (or are due to see) a professional for. For example, hip replacement operation, physiotherapy or pain clinic

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<td>If it’s in the future – Do you expect the condition to improve afterwards?</td>
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Medication

Do you take any medication for your condition?
(Any medication or pain relief you currently take for your condition)

☐ Yes - Add the medication details below

☐ No - Go to “Associated professionals”
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<th>Name of the medication or pain relief And is it prescribed?</th>
<th>How much do you take at a time? (Dosage)</th>
<th>How often do you take this?</th>
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Associated or healthcare professionals

**Do you currently see any professionals for your condition?**
(Or if you have seen any in the last 3 years)

- **Yes** - Add their details below
- **No** - Go to “Supporting documents”

**Examples of professionals could be consultants, teachers, therapists, neurologists, psychologists, or psychiatrists**

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Supporting documents

Are you attaching supporting documents to this application?
These could have been in the last 10 years, ongoing or any treatment you have booked in the next 3 years. List any surgeries, treatments or clinics that are to do with your condition.

☐ Yes - List the documents you are attaching below.
☐ No - Go to Section 9

It’s especially important to attach documents where we’ve asked for you to provide proof or verification.

List the documents you are attaching to this application where possible
For example, diagnosis letters, PIP decision and award letters, evidence of the progression of the condition over time, confirmation of ongoing treatments.

Section 8 – Organisation badges

Does your organisation care for people who need a Blue Badge?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your organisation transport the people you care for?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How many people does your organisation care for that would need a Blue Badge?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the vehicle only used for the transportation of the people in your care?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the vehicle registered to the organisation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the vehicle registered with the DVLA as being adapted?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer “No” to either of these questions, it is unlikely your organisation is eligible for a Blue Badge.

A copy of the V5 certificate should be supplied.
What’s the name of your organisation?

Charity number (if applicable)

Postal address  (This is where the badge will be posted to)

Postcode:

Who should be contacted about this application?
(If you’re the contact, put your full name here)

Email address (optional)

Main phone number (required)

Alternative phone number (optional)

This will be used for updates about the application.

List the vehicles the badge will be used in

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Section 9 – Declaration
Sign one of the three sections.

Read the appropriate declaration carefully and only sign it once you are clear.

Applying for yourself

By submitting this application you agree that:
• you have read and understand the rules for using a Blue Badge
• the details provided are complete and accurate
• you won’t hold more than one Blue Badge at any time
• you will tell your local authority about any changes that may affect your eligibility

You also agree that your local authority may:
• contact you if there are any issues with this application or to prevent badge misuse
• if required, arrange a phone-based or in-person assessment for you
• check your eligibility with the information they hold
• suggest other benefits or services that you may be eligible for

☐ I agree to this declaration

Signed

Date of signature
Applying on behalf of somebody else

By submitting this application you agree on behalf of the applicant that:

- the rules for using a Blue Badge have been read and understood
- you have the authority to submit this application
- the details provided are complete and accurate
- they won’t hold more than one Blue Badge at any time
- your local authority will be told about any changes that may affect their eligibility

You also agree that your local authority may:

- contact the person whose details have been provided if there are any issues with this application or to prevent badge misuse
- if required, arrange a phone-based or in-person assessment for the applicant
- check their eligibility with the information they hold
- suggest other benefits or services that they may be eligible for

☐ I agree to this declaration

Signed

Date of signature

Organisations

By submitting this application you agree that:

- you’re authorised to complete this application on behalf of your organisation
- the details you have provided are complete and accurate
- you will tell your local authority about any changes that will affect your organisation’s Blue Badge entitlement
- your local authority can check any information they already have about you so that they can process your application

☐ I agree to this declaration

Signed

Date of signature
Data Protection

Cornwall Council, as the Data Controller, is committed to protecting your privacy and any personal data you provide or we collect about you will be stored securely and only used for blue badge assessments. We will not use your information for any other purpose or give it to anyone else unless we are required to do so by law. For example, we have a duty to protect public funds so we may need to use the information held about you for the prevention and detection of fraud which would require us to share it with other Council statutory services or organisations responsible for auditing or administering public funds. For more information visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/yourdata](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/yourdata)