

Blue Badge Application Form

Risk in Traffic - a mental health, cognitive or behavioural condition which means you lack awareness of danger from traffic which is likely to compromise your safety or the safety of others.

Send your application to

- Blue Badges, Fairfield House, 8 Lothian Road, Dalkeith, EH22 3AA
- ptu@midlothian.gov.uk
- hand in to any Midlothian Library

Cost

If this application is successful the applicant will receive a letter/email requesting £20.

Useful information

- www.mygov.scot/apply-blue-badge/eligibility.

Who is completing this form?

If you are completing the form on behalf of someone.

Details	Information
Full Name (Forename and Surname)	
Surname at birth (if different)	
Mobile Number	
Email Address	
Relationship to applicant	
Local Authority of residence	

Information about the applicant

Details	Information
Full Name (Forename and Surname)	
Mobile Number	
Email Address	
If you have blue badge which Local Authority issued it and what is the serial number and expiry date?	
Date of Birth	
Place of birth (Town and Country)	
The vehicle registration number(s) for the main 3 cars you will use.	
National Insurance Number (16 and over) or NHS Number (under 16)	
Home address and postcode Please provide evidence - either Council Tax bill, Utility bill, Lease or NHS letter	
Previous address, if different in the last three years	

Proof of identity

Copy of document

Please attach a copy of one of the following (do not send original documents):

- Birth/Adoption certificate
- Marriage/Divorce certificate
- Passport
- Civil Partnership/Dissolution certificate
- Valid driving licence

Recent passport quality photograph

The photograph needs to show the applicant's full face. No one else should be in the photograph.

Write the applicant's name on the back of the photograph.

Eligibility - condition

If you are re-applying on the basis of the same condition and your circumstances have not changed, you do not need to provide new evidence.

You may be required to undertake a mobility assessment with a regulated healthcare professional who is independent of my existing care and treatment.

Details	Information
What condition do you have? What evidence can you provide e.g. information from medical professionals, teachers, social workers, carers, psychologists.	
How will a Blue Badge help you?	
Will your condition improve in the next 3 years? If yes please provide details.	
Do you need treatment or attend specialist clinics for your condition? If yes please give details.	
What medication do you take for your condition?	

Eligibility – disability benefits

If you receive any of these please enclose a copy of your original letter (for Personal Independence Payments show the breakdown of points)

Benefit	Yes/No
Higher rate of the care and/or mobility component	
Disability Living Allowance or Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance.	
Lower rate of Attendance Allowance	
Higher rate of the mobility component of Child Disability	
Payment or enhanced mobility component of Adult Disability Payment	
Middle rate of the care component of the Disability Living Allowance or Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance	
Higher rate of Attendance Allowance	
Personal Independence Payment and have awarded a total of at least 8 points in respect of the following: communicating verbally reading and understanding signs, symbols and words engaging with other people face-to-face planning & following a journey	

Declaration of applicant

The details I have provided are complete and accurate and the photograph is a true likeness of myself. I understand that action may be taken against me if I have provided false information.

- I will promptly inform Midlothian Council of any changes that may affect my entitlement to a Blue Badge.
- I will not allow any other person to use the Blue Badge and I must only use the Blue Badge in accordance with the rules of the scheme.
- I will not hold more than one valid Blue Badge at any time.
- I have included copies of information required:
 - Documentation proving the relevant benefits I receive
 - Supporting information confirming the condition
 - Counter Signatory Questionnaire completed by a healthcare, social work or teaching professional
 - Document to prove my address
 - Document and photograph to prove my identity

Signature.....

Date of application.....

If the applicant is unable to sign themselves the person on the front of this form can sign for them.

All documents relating to this application will be dealt with in line with the Data Protection Act 2018, UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). By completing this you give us consent to check your details on the Council Tax/Assessor and Electoral Register, National Entitlement Card systems or school records. Details may be shared within the local authority, with other local authorities, the police and parking enforcement officers to detect and prevent fraud. We also have our own Privacy Policy, details of which can be found on our website.

Any medical information that you have supplied to support this application will only be disclosed to third parties as necessary for the operation and administration of the Blue Badge scheme, and to other government departments or agencies, to validate proof of entitlement or as otherwise required by law.

Counter signatory questionnaire

These questions are for a registered healthcare, social work or teaching professional who has seen the applicant during the last 12 months and who is not the applicant's GP.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information about whether the applicant meets the Blue Badge criteria of being someone who, because of a mental disorder within the meaning of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, lacks awareness of danger from traffic and is likely to compromise their safety, or that of others.

Points to consider:

- **Do you know the applicant well enough?** You need to know about their behaviours, responses and needs when they are negotiating roads and traffic.
- **Having a Mental Disorder/Cognitive Impairment on its own is not enough to qualify for a badge.** Blue Badges are awarded based upon current adequately evidenced risk to the individual (or others) not upon potential or future risk associated with the condition. Also, if successful strategies are in place to minimise risk (e.g. if supervision is required but this keeps the applicant safe, or handholding and/or verbal prompting manages risk) it is unlikely that a Blue Badge will be awarded.
- **Provide as much detail as possible,** giving clear examples of current strategies, when strategies have failed and resulted in actual risk to the safety of the applicant or others.
- **Blue Badges are not permanent.** Badges may be awarded for up to 3 years. Please indicate if there is the potential for the applicant's responses and behaviours to change in the future, and if it is possible that their safety or risk levels may increase or decrease e.g. if they are adjusting to a new routine or if you are working with them to increase their safety awareness and promote independent living.

Your details	Information
Full Name (Forename and Surname)	
Job title	
Organisation	
Work phone	
Email Address	
Date of last contact with applicant	

- 1. Can the applicant follow the route of a familiar journey on their own appropriate to their age? In the case of children, could the applicant learn this?**
- 2. Can the applicant follow basic instructions such as “slow down”, “stay here” or “stop” in situations involving traffic? How does the applicant respond?**
- 3. Has the applicant put themselves at risk as a result of being unaware of the dangers from traffic? How often does this occur, when the last time it happened and how is the applicant is being kept safe now?**
- 4. What supervision does the applicant need while travelling in the community (if over and above that is normally required for their age)? E.g. hand holding, arm linking, physical or verbal guidance. How do they respond?**
- 5. What does the applicant do when faced with unexpected changes in their journey? How often does this occur? When did this last occur?**

6. **Does the applicant walk or run away or become disorientated when exiting a vehicle, causing danger to themselves or others?** If yes how is this risk managed at present? For example, use of rear door safety lock, parking with applicant towards pavement side.

7. **If the applicant is a child, has an NHS buggy been provided for safety reasons?**

8. **What coping strategies are currently in place to ensure the applicant's safety?**

9. **How would a Blue Badge improve applicant's safety and/or reduce level of support required?**

10. **In your professional opinion, having considered the actual and current risk to this individual applicant, not the potential risk associated with the condition, does the applicant regularly place themselves or others in danger? If so do you think this will reduce over time?**

Signature.....

Date of application.....