

# The Blue Badge Scheme



The Blue Badge Scheme operates under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2002.

The Scheme provides parking concessions for people who are permanently unable to walk or have very considerable difficulty in walking or who regularly drive but cannot turn a steering wheel by hand. It allows badge holders to park nearer to their destination by providing designated parking spaces in car parks and on the road near to shops, offices, surgeries etc.

## NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

### **YOU CAN GET A BADGE IF -**

- You are registered blind
- You receive the higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance.
- You are over 65 and in receipt of the mobility addition to Income Support.
- You receive a War Pension Mobility Supplement.
- You use a motor vehicle either supplied or adapted with the aid of a grant from the Department of Health and Social Security .
- You have a permanent and substantial disability which means you are unable to walk or have extreme difficulty in walking. In this case your doctor may be asked to answer a series of questions to help the Department of Health and Social Security determine whether you are eligible for a badge. People with a psychological disorder will not normally qualify unless their handicap causes extreme difficulty in walking.
- You have a severe disability in both upper limbs, regularly drive a motor vehicle but cannot turn the steering wheel of a motor vehicle even if that wheel is fitted with a turning knob.

**(Note: Children under two years of age do not qualify for a badge because they would not normally be expected to be able to walk independantly.)**

### Where To Apply -

Application forms are available from Social Services and on completion should be returned to them, their address is :-

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION  
Department of Health and Social Security  
Hillary House, Prospect Hill  
Douglas  
Isle of Man  
IM1 1EQ**

**Telephone : 686325**

### Photographs -

The Blue Badge has space for a photograph of the holder. Your application should, therefore, be accompanied by 2 recent photographs which you must sign on the back. You may send passport type photographs taken from a self service booth or by a professional photographer or any suitable photographs cut down to size - (5 x 5 cms / 2 x 2 inches)

Note : The photograph is on the back of the badge and is therefore NOT VISIBLE when the badge is being displayed on a vehicle.

### WHERE THE SCHEME APPLIES -

- Throughout the Isle of Man subject to local parking regulations, which may include the use of a time clock.
- You will be able to use your Blue Badge in the UK and EEC countries.
- There are time limits in certain places and you may need to use a time clock in conjunction with the Blue Badge. If travelling off the Island you may find that concessions vary slightly so it is advisable to check local arrangements first.