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Bracknell Forest Council

Blue Badge Non Visible (Hidden) Conditions Application Form

Section 1. Personal Details

If you currently hold a blue badge, please provide the following information.

Serial No. (Badge Number) Expiry Date of Current Badge Issued by (Name of Local Authority)
 First 6 Characters Only

Title: Forenames (s):

Surname: Surname at Birth:

Gender: NHS Number:

Date of Birth: / / Country of Birth:

Current Address (Including Postcode)

Previous Address, if different in the last three years

Phone Number: Email Address:

National Insurance Number:

Section 2. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible without further assessment

Are you registered as severely sight impaired blind, under the National Assistance Act 1948? Yes No

If **yes**, please specify the local authority which you are registered with and provide a copy of your registration card or Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI).

Do you receive Disability Living Allowance at the Higher Rate for Mobility? Yes No

If **YES**, please provide a copy of the official DWP letter confirming your current award. If you require an up-to-date copy, please contact the DWP on 0800 121 4600

Please note: Attendance Allowance is not automatic criteria. If you receive Attendance Allowance, please go to Section 3 and complete the Form.

Section 2: Eligibility Criteria Continued

Do you score 8 or more points for 'MOVING AROUND' under the mobility part of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)?

Yes No

Or

Do you specifically score 10 points for "Planning and following a journey" under the mobility part of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) on the grounds that you are unable to take any journey because it would cause overwhelming psychological distress?

Yes No

If **YES**, please provide a copy of the official DWP letter confirming your current award.

Please ensure you include the section of the letter which confirms the number of points awarded for mobility.


If you require an up-to-date copy, please contact DWP on 0800 121 4433


Do you receive a War Pensioners Mobility Supplement (WPMS) or a lump sum benefit (within tariff 1-8) of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and been assessed as having a permanent and substantial disability which caused inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking?

Yes No

If yes, please provide a current copy of the official SPVA letter confirming the allowance.

If you require an up-to-date copy, please contact Veterans UK on 0800 1914 218

 If you answered Yes to any of the questions above, please go to **Section 5**.

 If you answered No to all of the questions above, please go to **Section 3**

Section 3. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible subject to further assessment

Non-Visible (Hidden) Conditions/Disabilities

Do you have a Non-Visible (Hidden) conditions or disability, causing you to severely struggle with journeys between a vehicle and your destination?

Yes Please continue answering the questions in this section.

No Please download or request a form for Physical Disabilities

What affects you taking a journey?

I am a risk of serious harm to myself or others whiles Walking

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 of awareness of the impact they could have on others.

If ticked above how often does this happen?

Almost Never Sometimes Almost every Journey Every Journey

Section 3. Eligibility Criteria continued

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 (Meltdown)

If ticked above 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.

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

If ticked above how often does this happen?

Almost Never Sometimes Almost every Journey Every journey

Please describe levels of Anxiety

Please describe what affects you when taking a journey.

How would a Blue Badge improve taking a journey between a Vehicle and your destination?

What measures do you currently take to try and improve journeys for you between a vehicle and your destination?

List the measures you take at moment and how effective they are.

Section 4: Supporting your Application.

All applicants with a Non-Visible (Hidden) Condition/ Disability must supply evidence to support their application.

Examples of relevant medical evidence include:

Letter of Diagnosis

Patient Summary

Evidence of prescribed medication

Evidence of specialist consultations

Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

Observations of presenting difficulties (email/letter from school/nursery evidencing that the presenting behaviours described are causing risk or distress to occur on a 'more often than not' basis)

Please identify the names and contact details of any Health or Social Care Practitioners involved in your diagnosis and ongoing treatment.

| Name of Professional | Contact Number |
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Please document any treatment or medication you receive to help you manage your condition.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to high volume of applications, we receive, we are unable to pursue applicants for missing information.

Applications without evidence will be withdrawn and you will need to apply again.

Section 5: Vehicle Registration

To be completed by ALL Applicants

Will you be a driver or passenger in a car when using a blue badge?

Driver Passenger Both

Vehicle Registration Number for Principal Car in which badge will be used.

One registration should be nominated, however other vehicles may be used, and the badge transferred when necessary.

Further Information

Please use this space to tell us anything else you think we should know to support your application:

Please now complete declaration on next page

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Important Information

All applicants **MUST** complete this declaration, if this page is not completed the form will be returned to you and your application will be delayed.

DECLARATION (to be completed by ALL Applicants) Please mark all boxes.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge all the information I have provided is correct.

I understand that I must promptly inform my local issuing authority of any changes that may affect my entitlement to a badge.

I agree to the local authority contacting an accredited health professional, if necessary, for the purpose of obtaining information to support my application.

I agree to the local authority sharing information in this form with other local authorities responsible for the Blue Badge Scheme and with parking enforcement agencies for the purposes of preventing and detecting crime.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

I understand that the information supplied to me on this form will be maintained by the local authority and will not be disclosed to any other party except those who are responsible for the enforcement of parking restrictions, those responsible for the discounts for congestion charging or otherwise as the law allows.

I further understand that the medical information I have supplied to support this application is deemed to be 'Sensitive Personal Data' and I consent to its disclosure only to a third party who is responsible for the operation and administration of the Blue Badge Scheme and other Government Departments or agencies to validate of entitlement.

BFC is under duty to protect the public fund it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

For further information, see [National fraud initiative | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](#) or contact legal.services@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

PLEASE FILL IN THE BELOW

Name:

Signed:

Date:

Please turn to next page for checklist

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CHECKLIST

Please enclose all the relevant documents

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| I have completed (Please Mark) | Section 1 | |
| | Section 2 | |
| | Section 3 | |
| | Section 4 | |
| | Section 5 | |
| | Declaration and Signature Section | |

Please do not enclose originals when submitting your application through the post as Bracknell Forest Council cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of documents.

All applications must be submitted with the following (Please Mark each section that you have sent one of the following in that section)

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| Confirmation of Address e.g., Driving Licence, Utility Bill, Pension Letter, Council Tax Bill | |
| Confirmation of Identify e.g., Copy of Passport, E+ Card, Birth/Adoption/Marriage Certificate or Pension Letter 'etc' | |
| Medical Evidence (Required if you not meet the Automatic Criteria in Section 2) e.g., Copy of Repeat Prescription/ Medication List, Hospital or GP Letters | |
| Attached 1x recent colour Passport style Photograph. (With Applicants name printed on the back) | |

Please note: We can not contact your GP/Hospital on your behalf, We cannot reimburse any fees you may incur if you request letters from your GP/Hospital and Appointment letters are not accepted as medical evidence.

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| Enclosed up to date proof of benefit e.g. DLA/PIP/WPMS/AFCS (if applicable), DWP award letter of Higher Rate Mobility Component of DLA/PIP or War Pensioners Mobility Supplement (if applicable) | |
| Enclosed a copy of CVI or registration card for people registered BLIND (if applicable) | |
| Please enclose ALL PREVIOUS EXPIRED BLUE BADGES with your completed application form (Please cut these in half to avoid misuse if lost) | |

Payment (£10.00) – Please call our Customer Services Team on **01344 352000** to pay over the phone by Debit/Credit card. If your application is unsuccessful, your payment will be refunded.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO

Blue Badge Dept
Time Square
Market Street
Bracknell
Berkshire
RG12 1JD

Blue Badge Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am-4:30pm

Blue Badge Enquiries Please Email: BlueBadge@Bracknell-Forest.gov.uk

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GUIDANCE NOTES ONLY

A local authority will issue a badge if the equipment is always needed and cannot be carried without great difficulty.

Example of highly unstable conditions that mean children who have them may need quick access to transport to hospital or home are:

Tracheotomies, Severe Epilepsy/Fitting, Highly Unstable Diabetes, Terminal Illness that prevent children from spending any more than brief moments outside and need a quick route home.

Declaration

All applicants must sign and date the form, If the applicant cannot sign for themselves this section can be countersigned by an appointee or person with Power of Attorney.

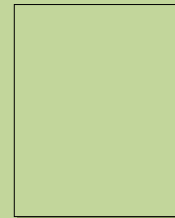
Photograph

A photograph is necessary to order to ensure correct use of the scheme. It is not required that a photograph be taken in a photo booth, however. It must be the same dimensions as detailed, showing the applicants Face clearly and in colour. A photo which is smaller or exceeds the size. will not be accepted and will be returned to you delaying the application.

Please do not place tape across the front of the photograph, this. will obscure the image and may damage it.

Image Box Size

35mm



45mm

IMPORTANT information for ALL applicants

Reports of misuse and lost/stolen badges are recorded on file, these reports are taken into account when a person applies to review their blue badge.

It is therefore extremely important that you keep your blue badge in a safe place when it is not in use.

It is a criminal offence for you or anyone else to misuse your Blue Badge, and doing so could lead to a £1000 fine and confiscation of the badge.

ALL BLUE BADGES REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE ISSUING LOCAL AUTHORITY

ALL EXPIRED BLUE BADGES MUST BE RETURNED

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I use my expired badge whilst I am awaiting a renewal?

Under no circumstances should be an expired badge be displayed, using an expired badge is illegal and you could be fined. All expired Blue Badges must be returned to the issuing local authority.

How long is a Blue Badge Valid for?

Badges are usually valid for 3 years from the date it was issued, however if you are entitled to a badge because you get the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance at the higher rate or score 8 points or more for the Moving Around descriptor for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or specifically 10 points for the Planning or Following Journeys descriptor and your current award expires in less than 3 years' time, then the badge will only run for the same time period as the award.

Can I collect my Blue Badge if approved?

All badges will be sent to customers directly in post.