

*Adult and Community Services*

# The Blue Badge Scheme of Parking Concessions for Disabled and Blind People

## APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

• Please **3** as appropriate

### Part A

Full name of applicant

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

Date of Birth

Address

Telephone

  

E-mail Address

Postcode

Current Badge Expiry  
Date (if applicable)

### Part B

1. Are you registered as blind under the  
National Assistance Act 1948?

YES  NO

*If YES, please give the name of the local authority with which you are registered.*

2. Do you receive Mobility Allowance or the higher rate of the  
mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance?

YES  NO

*If YES, please supply evidence. This must be a recent official letter  
confirming an award of the allowance, showing the expiry date.*

3. Do you receive War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement?

YES  NO

*If YES, please supply evidence (eg an official letter confirming  
an award of War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement).*

If you have answered YES to ANY of the questions in Part B, please go to Part F.

If you have answered NO to ALL the questions in Part B, you may qualify for a badge under Part C or Part D.

### ***Important Notes – please read carefully before completing Parts C or D.***

- If you have answered NO to all the questions in Part B you will qualify for a badge only if you cannot walk or can walk only with severe difficulty or if you hold a valid driving licence and have a severe disability in both upper limbs and are unable to turn by hand the steering wheel of a vehicle even if that wheel is fitted with a turning knob.
- The intention of the Scheme is that only very severely disabled people will qualify under these conditions.
- It is essential that each applicant under Part C or Part D is considered carefully. You may be asked to provide medical evidence of your disability or have a medical examination.

- Badges will only be issued to people who would otherwise find it impossible to visit shops, public buildings or other places; or to drivers who cannot turn by hand the steering wheel of a vehicle.
- People with temporary disabilities, such as a broken leg, will not qualify for badges.

*If after reading these notes you think you may qualify for a badge, please complete Parts C and D.*

### Part C

**Complete this part only if you consider that you have a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.**

1. What is the nature of your disability?

  


2. What is the maximum distance you can walk without stopping, severe discomfort, or help from another person?

3. Do you regularly use a walking aid?

YES  NO

*If YES, please state type of aid:*

*Now go to Part E*

### Part D

**Complete this part only if you hold a valid driving licence and have a severe disability in both upper limbs and are unable to turn by hand the steering wheel of a vehicle even if that vehicle is fitted with a turning knob.**

1. What is the nature of your disability?

  


2. Do you drive a specially adapted car?

YES  NO

*If YES, please state type of adaptation:*

### Part E

**Please complete this part if you have completed Part C or Part D**

1. What is the name and address of your family doctor?

**Name**

**Address**

  


2. Are you willing to have a medical examination to determine the extent of your disability for the purpose of obtaining information to support your application?

YES  NO

## Part F

### **This part must be completed in all cases.**

Applications should be accompanied by one passport type photograph of the applicant. The photograph should be signed on the back by the applicant. Your photograph will be returned to you if your application is unsuccessful. You may send photograph taken from a self-service photo booth or any suitable photograph cut down to an appropriate size. Please tick as appropriate:

I attach one photograph       I am unable to provide photograph because:

### **DECLARATION**

#### **Please read this declaration carefully before signing the form.**

- This is my application under the Blue Badge Scheme for parking concessions for disabled and blind people.
- I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I authorise the Council to make any necessary enquiries to verify the information on this form.
- I authorise the Council to cross check the information I have given with my doctor, with other sections of the Council, other local authorities and benefits authorities.
- I understand that if I give information that is incorrect or incomplete, allow other persons to misuse the Blue Badge or fail to report any changes that might affect my entitlement to a Blue Badge, this may result in the badge being withdrawn by the Council and I, or those persons who have misused the badge, may be prosecuted.

### **DATA PROTECTION**

The information collected on this form and from supporting evidence will be used by Oldham Council to process your application for a Blue Badge.

We may check information provided by you, or information about you provided by a third party, with information held by us. We may also get information from certain third parties, or give information to them to check the accuracy of information, to prevent or detect crime, or to protect public funds in other ways, as permitted by law. These third parties include Government departments and other local authorities.

We will not disclose information about you to anyone outside Oldham Council or use information about you for other purposes unless the law permits us to.

Oldham Council is the Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998.

**I know that, after I sign this form, I must tell the Council of any changes in my circumstances that may affect my entitlement to a Blue Badge or may require the Council to update their records.**

**This could be things like:** *A change of address; the holder of the badge ceasing to be a disabled person; the badge is no longer required; the badge has become so mutilated or faded that it is no longer clearly legible when displayed on a vehicle.*

I declare that I have read and understood the above declaration:

Signature of applicant

Date

## Letter of Authorisation

You may wish to allow a friend or relative to assist and represent you in enquiries about your application. For example, you may have special needs due to illness or disability or possible language difficulties that prevent you from visiting or contacting us.

Having a representative may help us to deal with your application quicker.

**Under the Data Protection Act we need your permission to share information about your application.**

If you complete the Letter of Authority below we would be able to tell your representative for example:

- Whether your application has been successful.
- Whether we need further information to process your application and what the information is.

If you do not give us permission to discuss your claim with your chosen representative, it will not affect your application – it just means that we will deal with you directly. If you give us permission and then change your mind we will follow your wishes. Just contact us and let us know.

If you want to give us permission to discuss your application with your chosen representative, please complete the section below.

**I give Oldham Council permission to share information about my application for a Blue Badge with my chosen representative.**

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chosen representative \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Representative's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Ethnic Monitoring

### White

- White British     Irish  
 Any other White background (please state)

### Black or Black British

- Caribbean     African  
 Any other Black background (please state)

### Asian or British Asian

- Bangladeshi     Kashmiri  
 Indian     Pakistani  
 Any other Asian background (please state)

### Mixed/Dual Heritage

- White & Black Caribbean  
 White & Asian     White & Black African  
 Any other Dual Heritage (please state)

*When completed, this form should be returned to:*

The Executive Director of Adult and Community Services, Blue Badge Team,  
Unit J, Prince of Wales Industrial Units, Vulcan Street, Oldham OL1 4ER