

## Application Form for Disabled (Blue) Badge

Mobility Support Services provide a range of concessionary travel and parking schemes to give residents with disabilities greater opportunities for independent travel. The Disabled Person's Blue Badge is a parking concession for Tower Hamlets residents with impaired mobility. The Disabled Person's Blue Badge scheme is funded and administered by the Council.

To apply for this service, complete the section below, and supply PHOTOCOPIES of all the documents requested. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE RETURNED WHICH MEANS YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT LONGER TO RECEIVE THE SERVICE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED. PLEASE DO NOT SEND US ORIGINALS.** If original documents are supplied, the Council can accept no responsibility for their safe return.

First Name..... Last Name.....

Title..... Date of Birth..... National Insurance No.....

Last Name at Birth.....

Town of Birth..... Country of Birth.....

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

Home Phone Number..... Mobile Phone Number.....

Email address.....

### Please supply:

**Proof of residency** (council tax, gas, water or electricity bill (dated within last three months) or Tower Hamlets tenancy agreement) **PHOTOCOPY ONLY PLEASE**

**One passport-sized photograph**, which must be countersigned by a person working or retired from a recognised profession or a person of good standing in the community. (Please see attached list of acceptable professions).

**NB.** Please find attached Photograph Guidelines that must be complied with.

**Proof of ID:** Please provide one copy of proof of identity **PHOTOCOPY ONLY PLEASE** i.e. Passport; Driving Licence; Birth Certificate; Marriage or Divorce Certificate

**Entitlement:**

If one of the six categories below applies to you, you are automatically eligible to receive this service. **Please tick the box and ensure you enclose a photocopy of the relevant proof.**

- Registered blind – Provide copy of CVI; BD8 or Tower Hamlets registration
- Receiving Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance (or Motability car/grant) – You must provide pages 1 & 2 of award letter showing the weekly payment amount you receive. NB Old award letters will not be accepted and will delay your application.
- In receipt of Personal Independence Payment award (PIP) of 8 points or more in respect of the "Moving Around" element. Provide award letter showing the points awarded.
- Receiving a War Pensioners' mobility supplement – Please provide award letter
- Child under three who due to a specific medical condition, needs to travel with bulky medical equipment or be close to a vehicle for emergency medical treatment. A Doctor's letter of confirmation is required
- Severe disabilities in both arms and regularly drives a non-adapted vehicle but cannot operate, or has considerable difficulty in operating, all or some types of parking meter. – Doctor's letter AND driving licence required

If you are not automatically entitled, you may still be eligible on other mobility grounds and you may need to attend an assessment. Please give brief details here of the medical condition from which your mobility problems arise and ensure you provide written medical evidence from your GP/Hospital Doctor as to the nature of your condition. Applications not supported by medical evidence will be returned and delay the application process.

**Contact with Third Parties**

We cannot discuss your details with anyone else without your permission. If you think we may need to talk to anyone else about your application or any other mobility services you may already receive from us or apply for in the future, please give their details here:

Name.....

Address.....

Phone number..... Relationship to applicant.....

**Signature and Authorisation**

I confirm that the information I have given is true. I authorise the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to release details of this application, or any other mobility service I may already receive or apply for in the future.

I know that Tower Hamlets Council is responsible for protecting public money and may use the information I have provided to detect fraud. It may also share the information with other public organisations for the same reason.

I understand that Blue Badges are for use by the holder only and must not be displayed unless the primary purpose of the journey is to provide them with transport. If the badge is misused it may be withdrawn and I may be liable for prosecution. If anyone else misuses the badge they may be liable for prosecution also.

I accept that misuse of any mobility service or making a false statement may result in prosecution and/or permanent withdrawal of the service

Signed..... Name.....

Date.....

## **PHOTOGRAPH GUIDELINES**

The photograph must conform to government travel card standards. The purpose of the photograph is to enable transport operators to validate that the pass holder boarding the transport is entitled to the concession. Although requirements for photographs are not as rigorous as for passports, where possible a white background should be used and the photograph should clearly show the whole face without a hat.

- Facing forwards, looking straight towards the camera. Your whole head must be in the frame
- Nothing covering your face
- Your full head without any head covering, unless worn for religious beliefs or medical reasons
- Taken quite recently
- Passport style and sized 45mm x 35 mm
- Colour photograph (not a printout), taken against a plain background
- Undamaged e.g. By staples; paperclips; creases or other marks
- Your eyes open and clearly visible. Reactor glasses may be worn so long as your eyes are clearly visible through the lens. Dark glasses are permitted if worn for medical reasons.

## **PHOTOGRAPH COUNTERSIGNATORIES**

Counter signatories must work in (or be retired from) a recognised profession or be a “person of good standing in the community”. They should have known you for more than 2 years and should write on the back of the photo:-

*"I certify that this is a true likeness of (title and full name)"* then sign and date the photo.

List of recognised professions:

- Accountant
- Assurance Agent of recognised company
- Bank/Building Society official
- Barrister
- Chairman/Director of limited company
- Chiropodist
- Commissioner of Oaths Councillor, e.g. local or county
- Civil Servant (permanent)
- Dentist
- Engineer – with professional qualifications
- Financial Services Intermediary e.g. stockbroker or insurance broker

- Fire Service official
- Funeral director
- Journalist
- Justice of the Peace
- Legal Secretary
- Licensee of public house
- Local Government officer
- Manager/Personnel Officer of a limited company
- Member of Parliament
- Merchant Navy officer
- Minister of a recognised religion
- Nurse – RGN or RMN
- Officer of the armed services
- Optician
- Person with honours e.g. OBE or MBE
- Pharmacist
- Photographer – professional
- Police Officer
- Post Office official
- Social Worker
- Solicitor
- Surveyor
- Teacher/Lecturer
- Trade Union officer
- Travel Agent – qualified
- Valuer or Auctioneer
- Warrant Officers and Chief Petty Officers

LBTH wishes to prevent fraudulent applications and prevent disabled persons' parking places being blocked by people who are not entitled to use them. If you suspect Blue Badge fraud then you can email [parking.fraud@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parking.fraud@towerhamlets.gov.uk). All reports are investigated and treated in strictest confidence.