

Blue Badge Scheme (Disabled Parking Badge)

What is it?

The Blue Badge Scheme provides a national arrangement of on street parking concessions for:

- drivers or passengers with severe walking difficulties or who are registered blind
- drivers with a severe impairment in both upper limbs who are unable to operate, or who have great difficulty in operating, all or some types of parking meter
- children under two with certain serious medical conditions requiring the transportation of bulky medical equipment or who need to be kept near a vehicle at all times in order to be treated in the vehicle or taken immediately to a place where they can be treated

How do I apply for a badge?

- Phone the Crescent Resource Centre: 020 8547 6600
- Email: crescent@rbk.kingston.gov.uk
- Blue Badge Application form: www.kingston.gov.uk/bluebadge.htm
- For help filling in the application form, phone Age Concern on 020 8942 8256
- Kingston Centre for Independent Living (KCIL): www.kcil.org.uk

Where can I park?

- Parking rules and availability in Kingston, Greater London and nationally – see www.kingston.gov.uk/bluebadge.htm
- If you do not have access to the internet, phone 020 8547 5944 or 4683 (for parking in Kingston) and 020 8547 5314 (for parking outside Kingston)
- For information about parking abroad, see www.dft.gov.uk/access

Can I have a blue badge parking space near my home?

There are very strict criteria which have to be observed before a disabled persons' parking bay can be provided in a residential area.

- Phone Parking Services: 020 8547 5911 or 5907
- Email parking.schemes@rbk.kingston.gov.uk
- Visit www.kingston.gov.uk/bluebadge.htm

Where can I get more advice?

- Kingston's Disability Equality and Access Officer: 020 8547 5314
- Crescent Resource Centre: 020 8547 6600
- Age Concern First Contact Telephone Helpline: 020 8408 8170
- Kingston Centre for Independent Living: 020 8546 9603

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