

VICTORIA

DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING SCHEME

Conditions of use of a Disabled Person's Parking Permit

- A permit is not valid beyond its expiry date or if the date or the permit number are not legible;
- The parking entitlements applicable to the permit apply anywhere in Victoria. Reciprocal arrangements between States which have been agreed to by the Australian Transport Advisory Council also apply;
- The permit must be clearly displayed at the left side of the front windscreen, with the expiry date and permit number visible from the outside of the vehicle;
- When requested by an authorised officer, a driver using the permit must:
 - state his/her name and address;
 - produce his/her driver's licence;
 - produce the relevant valid disabled person's permit;
 - show proof that he/she or a passenger in the vehicle is the permit holder; and
 - move the vehicle from the reserved place, if the officer deems that the permit is invalid or that there is insufficient proof that the driver or a passenger in the vehicle is the permit holder.
- A driver using the permit must either be the permit holder or must be parking the vehicle for the convenience of the permit holder who needs to enter or leave the vehicle.
- The permit remains the property of the issuing Council, and must be returned within seven (7) days of notification of such return being required.
- A person may only hold one permit.
- An organisation may hold more than one permit but must justify in writing to the Council the number of permits required or any increase in the number of permits required. An organisation may also hold a trip specific permit.
- Provided no other restrictions on parking are breached, a vehicle correctly displaying a valid disabled person's parking permit may be parked either:
 - in a parking area or bay designated for use by people with disabilities, for the time and parking fee specified for that area or bay, if applicable; or
 - for twice the specified time for any parking area or bay not designated for use by classes of persons or classes of vehicles, upon payment of any initial parking fee, if applicable.

Purpose of Scheme

The purpose of the Statewide Disabled Persons Parking Scheme is to provide people with significant ambulatory or intellectual disabilities with equality of opportunity to access facilities and services throughout the State. Permits issued under this Scheme are also recognised in other States under reciprocal arrangements.

The Scheme will be administered by individual municipal Councils in accordance with the guidelines in this Code, to ensure consistent administrative practices and eligibility criteria.

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Categories of Permits

Category One

A permit holder (driver/passenger) is entitled to park a vehicle in a bay reserved for disabled motorists only, for the specified time only, or may park a vehicle in any ordinary area or bay for twice the specified time (upon payment of an initial parking fee, if applicable).

Category Two

A permit holder (driver/passenger) may park a vehicle in any ordinary area or bay for twice the specified time (upon payment of any initial parking fee, if applicable).

Types of Permits

The following types of parking permits will be issued for use under the Disabled Persons Parking Scheme (Category One or Two):

- a Code A for disabled driver/passenger;
- b Code B for passenger;
- c Code C for an organisation providing a transport service for people with disabilities (not applicable to Category Two); and
- d Code D for a temporary permit.

Eligibility Criteria

Category One

- (a) A person may hold only one disabled person's parking permit and be eligible for it:
- *if a medical practitioner indicates that he/she has significant ambulatory disability such that he/she is required to use a complex walking aid that prevents access to a vehicle in a standard sized parking bay, or he/she cannot access a vehicle in a standard size parking bay (Code A or B).
* A complex walking aid is defined as an aid which has more than one contact point with the ground.*
 - **OR**
 - *if a medical practitioner indicates that he/she suffers from a condition which is critical or dangerous to their health, which may be either chronic or acute, and affects the applicant's ambulatory ability to such an extent that walking distances is injurious (as opposed to inconvenient) (Code A or B).*

A significant permanent ambulatory disability is a disability that is not likely to improve in the person's lifespan (Code A or B).

A significant long-term ambulatory disability is a disability that is not likely to improve within six months (Code D).
 - **OR**
 - *if a specialist medical practitioner or a clinical psychologist indicates that he/she has a significant intellectual disability such that he/she is an extreme danger to himself/herself and others in a public place without continuous attendance by a caregiver (Code B).*

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3.

- (b) An organisation will be eligible for a disabled person's parking permit if it is recognised by a Council as providing a transport service for people with significant ambulatory or intellectual disabilities. An organisation providing transport for people with disabilities on an occasional basis (i.e. for a day or weekend trip) will be eligible for a trip specific permit (Code C). An organisation may hold more than one permit but must justify in writing to the Council the number of permits required or any increase in the number of permits required.

Category Two

A person may only hold one disabled person's parking permit and will be eligible for it:

- if a medical practitioner indicates that he/she has a significant ambulatory disability or severe illness which does not affect their ability to walk distances but will require rest breaks when continuous walking is undertaken (Code A, B or D).

Disputed Eligibility

A Council must consult its Medical Officer of Health, the applicant's medical practitioner, specialist medical practitioner or clinical psychologist in the event of Council disputing an applicant's eligibility for a permit. When an applicant is refused a permit, Council must give reasons for its decision in writing and reconsider the application if the applicant seeks a second opinion from another medical practitioner, specialist medical practitioner or clinical psychologist.

Confidentiality

A Council must treat with strict confidentiality any information of a medical nature supplied for the purpose of this Code but may disclose the information in accordance with Section 27 (5) of the Road Safety Act 1986.

Form of Permits

The form of the permits will be as shown in Appendix A. They will display the permit number, expiry date and the name of the issuing municipality. The block for the permit number and the expiry date must be a surface that allows for engraving.

Permit Application

Application forms will be provided by Councils. To be a valid application the form must contain the information asked for in the sample form included in Appendix B.

If any permit is lost/stolen/damaged or otherwise rendered unusable, the applicant or the applicant's agent must submit a statutory declaration to the Council, giving details as to why the permit needs to be replaced and accompanied by supportive proof wherever possible. The Council shall issue a replacement permit on receipt of such declaration.

Permit Renewal

Expiry dates have been established for administration purposes as follows:-

- (a) Three years from the date of issue for a Significant Permanent Ambulatory or Intellectual Disability;
- (b) Six months from the date of issue for a Significant Long-term Ambulatory Disability; or
- (c) Twelve months from the date of issue for an organisation providing a transport service for people with disabilities.

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Councils may require a new application form for renewal of an existing permit or may issue a new permit without an application on receipt of an expired permit.

Permit Cancellation

A permit is automatically cancelled after the expiry date and may be cancelled at any time for wilful misuse or breach of the Conditions of Use. The issuing Council will notify the permit holder in writing of such cancellation and will require that the permit be returned within seven (7) days.

Phasing in of Revised Disabled Persons Parking Scheme

A disabled person's parking permit, issued by a Council prior to the date of publication of this Code on 30 March, 1994, to a person with a disability is to be treated as issued in accordance with the Code until such label expires.

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Disabled Persons' Parking Scheme - Application

PART A

* The Applicant is the person with the disability.

To be completed by the Applicant or the Applicant's Agent. Use BLOCK letters only

Office Use Only Date

No.

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Expiry Date / /

1. Title (cross out whichever is not applicable)

Surname

MR

MRS

MS

2. Given / Christian Names

Date of Birth

3. Address

Telephone Number

4. Is the label for a:

Driver/Passenger

Passenger Only

Temporary Permit

Question 5 should be completed by Driver / Passenger only

5. **Driver Details**

Driver's Licence No.

Expiry Date

6. What is your disability?

7. What appliance do you use as an aid?

8. **Declaration by Applicant**

I make this declaration in the firm belief that all the information provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct and I am aware that false declarations may be punishable by law. I will fully comply with the "Conditions of Use" for the Permit. If my circumstances change in any way likely to affect my eligibility for the Permit, I agree to notify the issuing authority within fourteen (14) days. I further agree that the Permit remains the property of the issuing Council and will be returned within seven (7) days of notification of such return be being required. The Applicant's agent may sign and take full legal responsibility on the Applicant's behalf.

Applicant's signature (or Applicant's Agent)

Date

Part B

STATEMENT FOR COMPLETION BY A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER/SPECIALIST MEDICAL PRACTITIONER / CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

PLEASE NOTE: **The information on this form will be used by Council staff to determine the eligibility of your patient for a Disabled Person's Parking Permit.** A Permit will not be issued unless all details on the application are completed.

9. What is your patient's disability?

10. Does your patient's disability require him/her to continually use an appliance for support to aid his/her mobility?

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[Empty box]

11. What appliance does your patient use as an aid?

[Empty box]

12. Does your patient require additional space to access his/her vehicle due to the disability?

[Empty box]

13. Does the use of the aid cause your patient the need to use this space?

[Empty box]

(Please circle)

14. Is the significant disability permanent? Yes No
If NO go to question 15. If YES go to Question 16.

15. Is the significant disability likely to last less than six months? Yes No

16. Does your patient's disability result in extreme danger to themselves or others in a public place without the continuous attendance of a caregiver? Yes No

17. Does the applicant have either an acute or chronic illness in which minimal walking may endanger his/her health acutely or in the long term? Yes No
If "yes" please explain?

[Empty box]

18. Does your patient's disability affect their capacity to walk distances such that they require rest breaks? Yes No

19. Is the mobility aid consistent with the applicants disability?

[Empty box]

20. Additional supporting information known to you.

[Empty box]

Declaration

I make this declaration in the firm belief that all the information provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct and I am aware that false declarations may be punishable by law.

Signature of Medical Practitioner/Specialist/Clinical Psychologist

Qualification

[Empty signature and qualification boxes]

Name of Medical Practitioner/Specialist/Clinical Psychologist

Date

[Empty name and date boxes]

Address

Telephone No.

[Empty address and telephone number boxes]

An appropriate charge for completion of this application and any necessary examination is to borne by the Applicant.

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