

Apply for a Blue Badge

Apply for yourself or someone else. A Blue Badge costs £10

Inspire Community Trust (Inspire) provides the Blue Badge Service on behalf of the London Borough of Bexley.

Inspire may refuse to issue a badge if you do not provide adequate evidence that you meet the eligibility criteria.

Visit: gov.uk/apply-blue-badge



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Who are you applying for?

- Myself (The badge is for you)
- Someone else (A relative or somebody you care for)

Fill in the answers and sign the form on their behalf. Where the form says “you”, it is referring to the applicant.

- An organisation (Which transports disabled people)

If you're applying for somebody else, we'll ask for your name and your relationship to the applicant.

If applying for a child under 3, please **contact Inspire for an application form**

For organisations, you can apply online or contact Inspire for an application form.

Do you already have a Blue Badge?

- Yes
Enter the badge number (6 digits)

- No

If you don't know the badge number, leave it blank and your Inspire should be able to find the badge using your details.

Section 1 – Applicant details

Full name (First name and Last name)

Should be the full name of the person the badge is for.

Has your name changed since birth?

Yes

Enter full name at birth

No

Gender

Man (or Boy)

Woman (or Girl)

Identify in a different way

Enter gender identified with

Date of birth (Day / Month / Year)

National insurance number

(Leave blank if you don't have one)

This helps us to find your details if you call up about your application.

Postal address

(This is where the badge will be posted to)

Postcode:

Email address (required)

This will be used for updates about the application.

Mobile phone number (required)

Including the applicants telephone number helps enforcement officers check the badge is being used correctly.

Alternative phone number (optional)

If you are applying on behalf of somebody else

Who should be contacted about this application?

(If you're the contact, put your full name here)

Your relationship to the applicant

For you or the person you're applying for

Which of these are you providing as proof of identity?

(Choose one, to attach as a certified copy)

- Birth or adoption certificate
- Marriage / Civil partnership / Dissolution or Divorce certificate
- Passport
- Driving licence

Do you give Inspire permission to check records to prove your address?

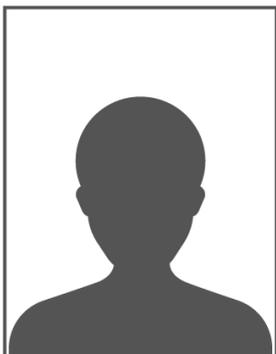
- Yes
Which records should we check? (Choose one)

Council tax / Electoral roll / School records

- No
You must provide a copy of your proof of address

Recent photograph of the applicant

You'll need a photo to be printed on the back of the Blue Badge. The requirements are similar to a passport photo.



Make sure it:

- Has a plain, light, background
- Includes face and shoulders
- Shows the face clearly
- Is a true likeness

Vehicle Registration

Do you drive yourself, or do you normally travel in a specific motor vehicle?

Attach a **certified copy** of the proof of identity to this application.

If you don't give us permission. You must attach a copy of either:

- Council tax
- Driving licence
- School records
- Benefit letter

It's best to get somebody else to take the photo.

The photo should have the applicant's name and a signature on the back.

The vehicle could be owned by the applicant, or one that is owned and driven by their main carer e.g. their

Yes
Enter the vehicle registration number

No

If there is no main vehicle you travel in, please select this option

partner/spouse or their parent/carer.

Blue Badges can be used in any motor vehicle the holder is travelling in.

Badge issue fee

You will need to make the £10 payment when submitting your application.

A Blue Badge costs £10

Section 2 – Benefits or severely sight impaired

You may automatically qualify for a Blue Badge if you either:

- Are severely sight impaired (blind)
- Received 8 or more points in the “moving around” part or 10 points (Descriptor E) in the “planning and following journeys” part of a mobility assessment for Personal Independence Payment
- Receive the higher rate of the mobility component for Disability Living Allowance
- Receive the War Pensioners’ Mobility Supplement
- Receive a qualifying award under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme

If none of these apply to you, go to **Section 3**. Otherwise, you should complete the relevant section below and then go to **Section 5 ‘supporting documents’**.

Unless you are registered as severely sight impaired (blind), you will need to attach a copy of the proof of your benefit to this application.

Severely sight impaired (blind)

Are you registered as severely sight impaired (blind) and do you give us permission to check the register at the local authority?

Yes
Enter the name of the local authority you are registered to

No

If you are not registered as severely sight impaired (blind) and you would like to be, let the local authority know. The local authority will be able to add you to the register if you have your Certificate of Vision Impairment.

Enclose a copy of your Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Were you awarded the higher rate of the mobility component?

- Yes
If your award has an end date, enter the end date

- No
You should answer the questions in **Section 3**

If you were awarded the higher rate of the mobility component, you need to attach a copy of the letter from DWP, dated within the last 12 months. This certificate of entitlement should confirm your mobility rating.

Make sure you send a copy of the award letter with this application.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Did you score 8 points or more in the “moving around” part of the mobility assessment?

- Yes
How many points were scored?

If your award has an end date, enter the end date

- No
Answer the next question under “PIP”

If you did score 8 points or more in the “moving around” part of the mobility assessment, you need to attach a copy of every page from the award letter from DWP dated within the last 12 months. It should show your entitlement to PIP, assessment scores (including the mobility scores).

Make sure you send a copy of all of the pages from the award letter with this application.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Did you score this specific points descriptor in the “planning and following a journey” part of the mobility assessment?

Descriptor E (10 points) - You cannot undertake any journey because it would cause overwhelming psychological distress

- Yes
If your award has an end date, enter the end date

- No

You should answer the questions in **Section 3**

If you did score the 10 points outlined above in the “planning and following journeys” part of the assessment, you need to attach a copy of every page from the award letter from DWP dated within the last 12 months. It should show your entitlement to PIP, assessment scores (including the mobility scores).

Armed Forces Compensation Scheme

Have you received a lump sum payment within tariff levels 1 to 8 of the scheme?

and have you been certified as having a permanent and substantial disability?

- Yes
Enclose the original letter from Veterans UK* as proof.

- No

Make sure you send a copy of all of the pages from the award letter with this application.

You must enclose a copy of your letter as proof of entitlement.

*Letters were previously issued by the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA)

War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement

Do you receive the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement?

Yes

If your award has an end date, enter the end date

No

You must enclose a copy of your letter as proof of entitlement.

Section 3 – Walking difficulties

If you answered “yes” to any of the questions in section 2, go straight to **Section 5 ‘supporting documents’**.

Do you have a condition or disability which means you cannot walk or find walking very difficult?

Yes

Continue answering the questions in this section

No

Go to **Section 4**

Name any health conditions or disabilities that affect your walking

(Try to use the correct medical terms, if you know them)

Remember, when we are referring to “you” this is the applicant. If you’re applying for somebody else, answer the questions on their behalf.

Be as descriptive as possible, but we’ll ask you some more questions after this about how your walking is affected and things like medication.

How does your health condition make walking difficult for you?

Excessive pain

If you didn't tick "Excessive Pain", don't answer this section.

How would you describe the pain you experience, when walking? (You can choose more than one)

When I take my pain relief medication I am able to cope with the pain

Even after taking pain relief medication I have to stop and take regular breaks

Even after taking pain relief medication the pain makes me physically sick

Even after taking pain relief medication I am frequently in so much pain that walking for more than 2 minutes is unbearable

Other
Describe the pain

Only fill in the extra text-boxes if you've ticked the checkbox.

Breathlessness

If you didn't tick "Breathlessness", don't answer this section.

When do you get breathless?
(You can choose more than one)

- Walking up a slight hill
- Trying to keep up with others on level ground
- Walking on level ground at my own pace
- Getting dressed or trying to leave my home
- Other
Describe when you get breathless

Also known as shortness of breath, this could be described as an intense tightening in the chest, or a feeling of suffocation.

Balance, coordination or posture
Describe how the way you walk is affected by your condition

(For example, if your posture is affected or you struggle to take full steps)

How would you describe your balance or coordination, when walking?

(You can choose more than one)

- I can walk around a supermarket, with the support of a trolley
- I can walk up/down a single flight of stairs in a house
- I can only walk around indoors
- I can walk around a small shopping centre
- Other

Describe your balance or coordination, when walking

Have you seen a healthcare professional for any falls in the last 12 months?

- Yes No

It's dangerous to my health and safety
Describe how your condition makes walking dangerous

Only fill in the extra text-boxes if you've ticked the checkbox.

Do you have a chest, lung or heart condition / epilepsy?

Yes No

Something else

What is it about your condition that causes you difficulty walking?

Help to get around

What is this aid or support? (For example, a wheelchair, crutches or a member of your family)	When do you need this help? (For example, to get to the shops)	If it's an aid, how was it provided? (For example, Hospital or bought privately)

How long can you walk for without stopping?

(If you listed an aid, then your answer should be when using that aid)

- I can't walk at all
- Less than a minute
- Between 1 and 5 minutes
- Between 5 and 10 minutes
- More than 10 minutes

“Stopping” could be to take a rest or to catch your breath.

Only tick one.

Describe somewhere you can walk from and to
(Be specific and use place names or house numbers)

For example, “from my home to Tesco” or “from my home to No. 36 on my street”

How long does it take you?
(For example, 8 minutes)

If you use an aid to get around, then your answer should be whilst using that aid

You can now go to: **Section 5 – Treatments, medication, healthcare professionals & supporting documents**

Section 4 – non-visible (hidden) conditions

If you answer "no" to the first question in this section, but “yes” to any of the questions in section 3, you can skip this section and go straight to **Section 5**.

Do you have a non-visible (hidden) condition, causing you to severely struggle with journeys between a vehicle and your destination?

Yes
Continue answering the questions in this section

No
Go to **Section 5**

Remember, when we are referring to “you” this is the applicant. If you’re applying for somebody else, answer the questions on their behalf.

What affects you taking a journey?

(Tick all that apply)

I am a risk near vehicles, in traffic or car parks

When are you a risk?

Almost never

Sometimes

Almost every journey

Every journey

Please give an example of when you have been a risk near vehicles, in traffic or car parks

I struggle to plan or follow a journey

What journeys does this apply to?

Unfamiliar journeys

Every journey

If some, or most, of these do not apply to you, please use the free text boxes to explain what affects you.



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I find it difficult or impossible to control my actions and lack awareness of the impact they could have on others

How often does this happen?

- Almost never
- Sometimes
- Almost every journey
- Every journey

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

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

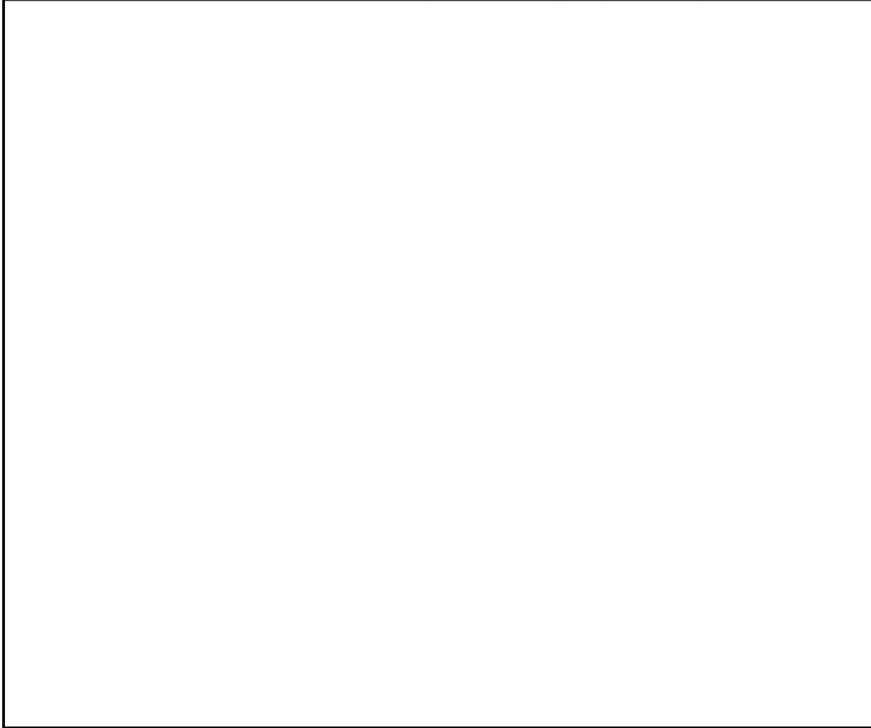
When do you become extremely anxious/fearful?

- Almost never
- Sometimes
- Almost every journey
- Every journey

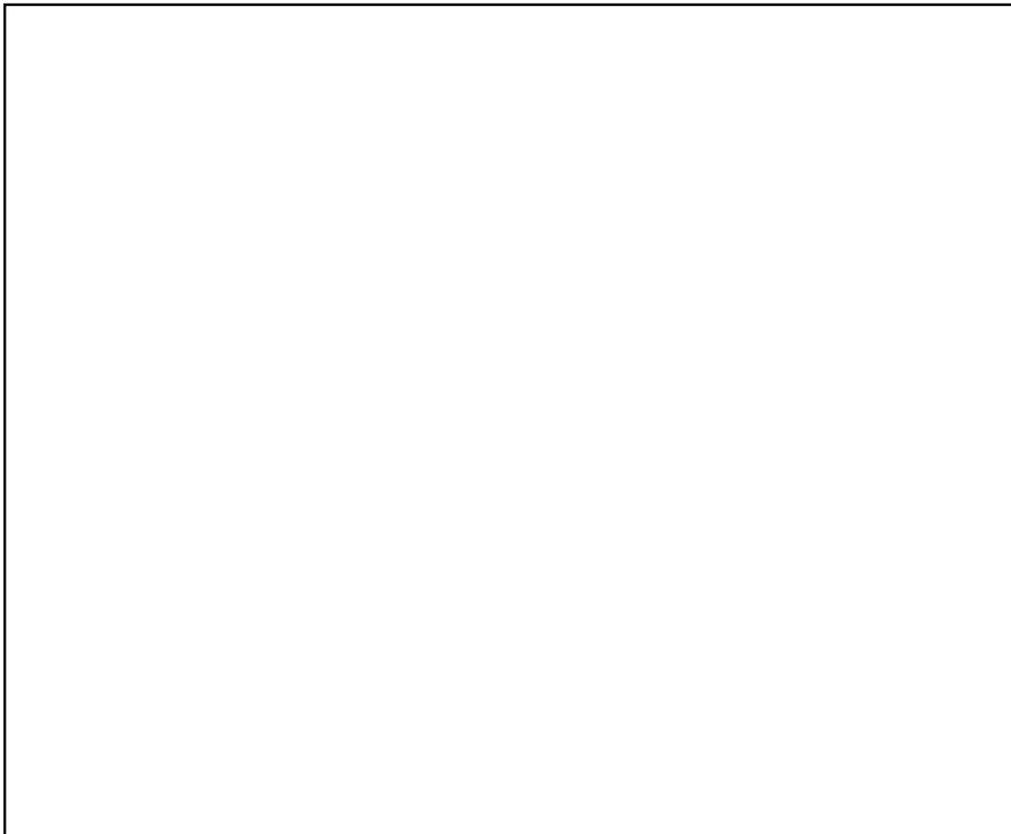
Please describe the levels of anxiety

Something else

Please describe what affects you taking a journey

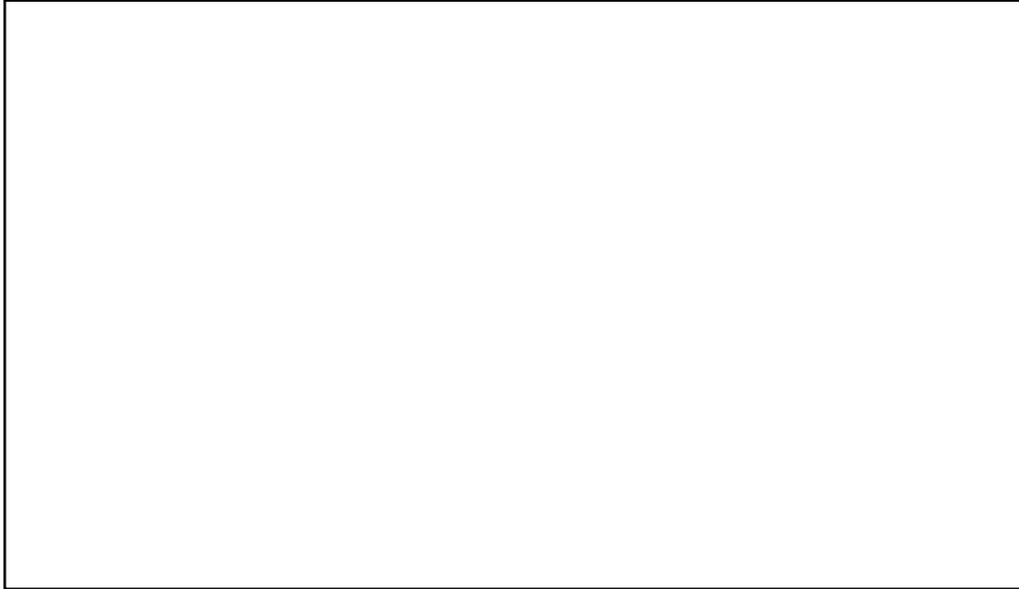


How would a Blue Badge improve taking a journey between a vehicle and your destination for you?(Describe your needs, in detail)



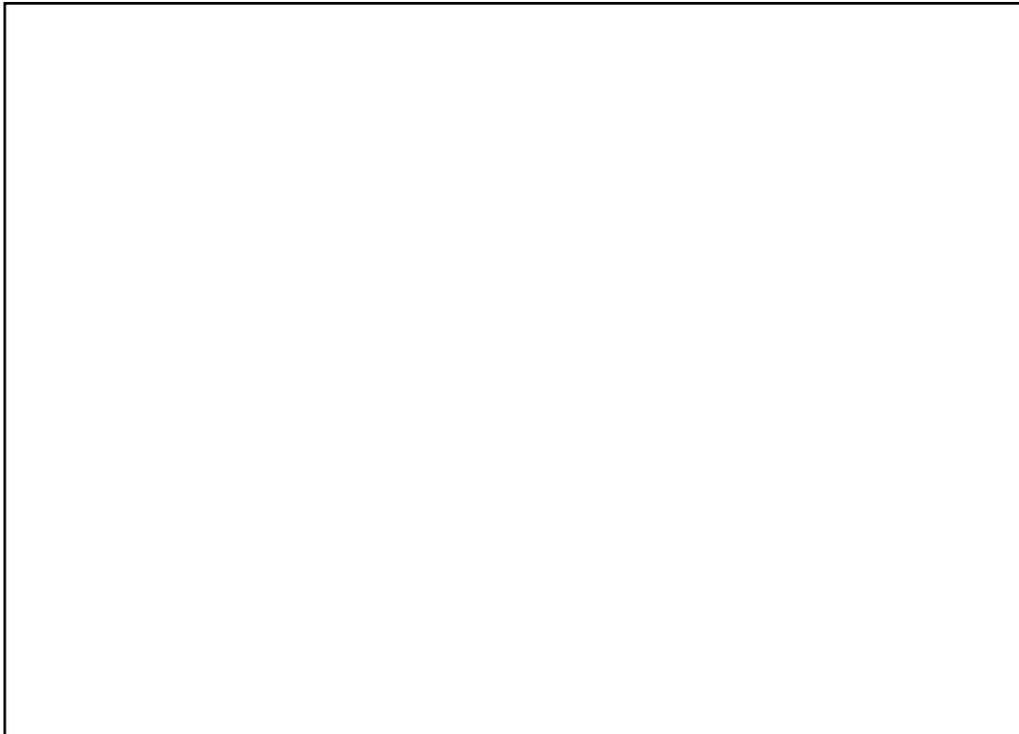
What measures are currently taken to try to improve journeys for you between a vehicle and your destination?

(List the measures taken to try to improve journeys)



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How effective are they?



Section 5 – Treatments, medication, associated professionals & documents

This section is for if you have answered any of the questions in sections 3 or 4 . Otherwise, go to **Section 6**.

Treatments

Has your condition required any treatments?

These could have been in the last 10 years, ongoing or any treatment you have booked in the next 3 years. List any surgeries, treatments or clinics that are to do with your condition.

Yes

Add the treatment details below

No

Go to “**Medication**”

Treatments

Describe the treatment	Date of the treatment
Anything relevant to your condition that you've seen (or are due to see) a professional for. For example, hip replacement operation, physiotherapy or pain clinic.	If it's in the future – Do you expect the condition to improve afterwards?

Medication

Do you take any medication for your condition?

(Any medication or pain relief you currently take for your condition)

Yes

Add the medication details below

No

Go to “Associated professionals”

Remember, when we are referring to “you” this is the applicant. If you’re applying for somebody else, answer the questions on their behalf.

Medication

Name of this medication or pain relief And is it prescribed?	How much do you take at a time? (Dosage)	How often do you take this?

Associated or healthcare professionals

Do you currently see any professionals for your condition?

(Or if you have seen any in the last 3 years)

Yes

Add their details below

No

Go to **“Supporting documents”**

Associated or healthcare professionals

Name and role of the professional

(This cannot only be your GP)

Where do they work?

(Include organisation name, address, email and telephone number if possible)

Supporting documents

Are you attaching supporting documents to this application?

Yes

List the documents you are attaching below.

No

Go to **Section 9**

Examples of professionals could be consultants, teachers, therapists, neurologists, psychologists, or psychiatrists

What documents are you attaching?

List the documents you are attaching to this application where possible

It's especially important to attach documents where we've asked for you to provide proof or verification.

For example, diagnosis letters, PIP decision and award letters, evidence of the progression of the condition over time, confirmation of ongoing treatments.

- PIP Decision/DLA letter*
- War pension Mobility Supplement letter*
- Certificate of Visual impairment (CVI) for confirmation you are registered severely sight impaired (blind)*
- Diagnosis Letter from GP*
- Encounter Report from GP/Medical Summary*
- MRC Scale/Grade*
- Letter from Hospital Consultant*
- EHCP report/Educational Psychologists report*
- Psychiatrist Report*
- Proof of address dated within 3 months*
- Proof of identity*

Section 6 – Declaration

Sign one of the these sections.

Applying for yourself

By submitting this application you agree that:

- you have read and understand the rules for using a Blue Badge
- the details provided are complete and accurate
- you won't hold more than one Blue Badge at any time
- you will tell Inspire about any changes that may affect your eligibility
- You understand that all documents relating to the application will be dealt with in line with Data Protection Act 2018 & GDPR 2018 and we may share them with other local authorities, the police and parking enforcement officers to detect and prevent fraud

You also agree that Inspire Community Trust may:

- contact you if there are any issues with this application or to prevent badge misuse
- if required, arrange an in-person assessment for you
- check the information held by the Council and any Health Care professional you have listed above for extra information
- contact the Council and any Health Care Professional you have listed above for additional information
- suggest other benefits or services that you may be eligible for

I agree to this declaration

Signed

Date of signature

Applying on behalf of somebody else

By submitting this application you agree on behalf of the applicant that:

- the rules for using a Blue Badge have been read and understood
- you have the authority to submit this application
- the details provided are complete and accurate
- they won't hold more than one Blue Badge at any time
- Inspire will be told about any changes that may affect their eligibility
- You understand that all documents relating to the application will be dealt with in line with Data Protection Act 2018 & GDPR 2018 and we may share them with other local authorities, the police and parking enforcement officers to detect and prevent fraud

You also agree that Inspire Community Trust may:

- contact the person whose details have been provided if there are any issues with this application or to prevent badge misuse
- if required, arrange an in-person assessment for the applicant
- check the information held by the Council and any Health Care professional you have listed above for extra information
- contact the Council and any Health care Professional you have listed above for additional information
- suggest other benefits or services that they may be eligible for

I agree to this declaration

Signed

Date of signature