NEW YORK STATE | Department of Motor Vehicles

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PARKING PERMIT OR LICENSE PLATES FOR PERSONS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please read pages 1 and 2 of this packet before you complete the application on page 3. You are eligible for a parking permit or special license plates if you are a New York State resident who has one or more severe **disabilities** that impair your **mobility**. For a description of **these disabilities** see Part 2 of the application on page 3 of this packet.

A parking permit may be issued for either a permanent or temporary disability. Permits are **issued to the person with the disability**. Permit applicants are not required to have a driver license or own a vehicle. Children of any age who have a severe disability and a person who is legally blind are eligible for permits.

1) **To apply for the parking permit**:

(a) Fill out Part 1 of the application on page 3.

If this is the first time you are applying for a parking permit, you must have the medical certification section in Part 2 completed by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, podiatrist (for disabilities related to the foot) or optometrist (for blindness).

If you are renewing a permit for a permanent disability, another medical certification is not required, you only need to complete Part 1.

(b) **Take your completed application to the city, town, or village that issues the parking permits where you live. DO NOT SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)- DMV DOES NOT ISSUE PARKING PERMITS.** If you have a driver license or a non-driver ID card that is issued by the NYS DMV, you must show the document when you submit your application.

NEW YORK CITY RESIDENTS - The New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) issues permits to residents of New York City. If you are a New York City resident who needs a permit, you must **mail** your application **and** a copy of your driver license or non-driver ID card to the NYC Department of Transportation, Permits and Customer Service, 30-30 Thomson Avenue, 2nd Floor, Long Island City, NY 11101-3045. For more information and instructions, visit the NYC DOT website at https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/home/home.shtml or call (718) 433-3100.

NASSAU COUNTY RESIDENTS - To find out how to apply for a parking permit, call the Nassau County Office for the Physically Challenged at (516) 227-7399 or visit their website at https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1744/Physically-Challenged

ALL OTHER NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS - Call your local city, town or village office to find out where to bring your completed application. **Most city, town or village clerks, and some police departments, issue permits**.

2) **To apply for the special license plates**:

(a) Your disability **must** be permanent.

(b) The vehicle on which the special plates will be used must be **registered to the person with the disability**. You must be a minimum of 16 years old to have a vehicle registered in your own name.

(c) Fill out Part 1 of the application on page 3. A physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, podiatrist (for disabilities related to the foot) or optometrist (for blindness) must fill out the "Permanent Disability" section in Part 2 of the application form and return the form to you. NOTE: The need for a medical certification may be waived by the Motor Vehicles office if you are permanently disabled and have an obvious, visually-identifiable disability (such as the loss of a leg) ***OR*** if you have a permanent (blue) parking permit for the disabled. Permit holders should bring the permit with them and, also, fill out Part 1 of the application and attach a copy of the permit application showing the medical certification or doctor's statement.

(d) You can **get the plates at any Motor Vehicles office**. Bring the completed application with you.

- To register your vehicle for the first time, you must provide all of the items required for an original registration and include proof of your disability.
- If you have plates on your car, bring the plates with you to exchange for plates for persons with severe disabilities. You must fill out a registration application (form MV-82) and pay $25.00 for the new plates that show the International Symbol of Access (ISA).
- If this transaction is done at any time other than when you renew a vehicle registration, you will have to pay an additional $3.75 transaction fee.
- Personalized plates with the ISA are available from DMV's Custom Plates office. For information, call (518) 402-4838.

NOTE TO *CUSTOMERS* AND *MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS*

According to the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law and the Penal Law, it is a crime (a felony or a misdemeanor) to make a false statement or to provide false information on an application for a parking permit or license plates for a person with severe disabilities. This crime is punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. If this crime involves an application for a parking permit, the crime may also result in liability for payment of a civil penality of $250 - $1,000.

For *Customers* Who Want Special License Plates or a Parking Permit for Persons with a Disability:

When you sign Part 1 of this application, you certify:

- that the information you provide on this application is true;
- that you have read and understand the conditions for "Using the Special License Plates and Parking Permits" stated on page 2; and
- that you agree to comply with those conditions.

For *Medical Professionals* Who Provide Medical Information in Support of an Application for License Plates or a Parking Permit for Persons with a Disability:

When you sign Part 2 of this application, you certify:

- that the medical information you provide is true and complete; and
- that, in your opinion, the person named in Part 1 of the application is medically qualified to receive the special license plates or a parking permit for persons with a disability, according to the medical criteria specified in Part 2.

USING THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND PARKING PERMITS

- The special plates and permits may be used to park in reserved parking spaces **only when the person with the disability rides in or drives the vehicle**. People who are not disabled cannot use your parking permit or special plates to park in a reserved space; persons who park illegally in these spaces violate Section 1203-c(4) of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law and can be fined. Municipalities can impose higher fines. Any person who abuses or misuses any parking permit or license plates for the disabled may have the permit or plates revoked.

- Parking permits should be hung from the rear-view mirror when the vehicle is parked, but should be removed from the mirror when the vehicle is driven.

- Generally, the plates and permits are valid everywhere in New York State where parking spaces are reserved for persons with disabilities. However, use of the plates or permit does not exempt you from state or local parking regulations or fees or the requirement to obtain permission to park in a designated area. The plates and permits are also valid in most other states, territories and foreign countries. If you will travel outside of New York, check with the police or Motor Vehicles agency in the location where you will be to be sure your permit or plate will be accepted.

- Parking spaces reserved for people with disabilities must be marked with conspicuous and permanently installed above-grade signs that display the wheelchair symbol. These signs are positioned at a height of five to seven feet above the parking space surface. Designation of reserved spaces may include the use of blue painted lines or markings. **Do not park in the striped access aisle next to spaces reserved for people with disabilities** even if you have a permit or plates. Access aisles provide room for people with wheelchairs and other specially equipped vehicles to transfer safely to and from their vehicles.

- Localities designate parking spaces for persons with disabilities by local law or ordinance. If you have a question about parking for the disabled on a particular street, contact the authority that maintains the road. If you have a question about reserved parking at any facility with off-street parking, contact the facility manager or the local building inspector.

- **PARKING IN NEW YORK CITY**

  New York City (NYC) does not reserve spaces on its streets solely for persons with disabilities. Reserved parking spaces are available in parking lots for shopping centers, malls, office buildings, apartment buildings, and college campuses. You can use the special plates or the State permit to park in designated spaces in those off-street lots. However, NYC offers a City permit (a rectangular dashboard permit) that allows a person with severe disabilities to park at City curbside spaces that are not available to most vehicles, or at legal metered spaces without charge. This permit is not valid outside of New York City. You can have a City permit and a New York State permit, which are issued by the NYC Department of Transportation.

  For more information or to get a permit application, visit the NYC DOT website at www.nyc.gov/dot or call (718) 433-3100.

TEAR at the PERF and keep pages 1 & 2 for your information.

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APPLICATION FOR A PARKING PERMIT OR LICENSE PLATES, FOR PERSONS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES

Read pages 1 and 2 of this packet before you complete this application. If you apply for a parking permit, take the completed application to the local municipality that issues parking permits in the city, town or village where you live. **Do not send your application to the Department of Motor Vehicles because DMV does not issue parking permits.**

Part 1 INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON WITH A DISABILITY — *(Please type or print and sign.)*

Last Name	First	M.I.	Telephone No.

Address: No. and Street	Apt. No.	City	State	Zip Code

Date of Birth | Sex ☐ M ☐ F ☐ X | I want: ☐ License Plates *(Apply to DMV.)* ☐ A Parking Permit ☐ I Want to Renew a Parking Permit

Do you have license plates for persons with disabilities?
☐ Yes - The plate number is:_____ ☐ No

NYC residents - Attach a copy of your driver license or non-driver ID. If you had a New York State permit, print the permit number here:

Read note at top of page 2 before you sign

X _____ _____

(Signature of Person with Disability or Signature of Parent or Guardian) — *If signed by a parent or guardian, please write your relationship to the person with the disability after your signature.* (Date)

Part 2 MEDICAL CERTIFICATION (not required to renew a parking permit)

Disabilities must be certified by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, podiatrist (for disabilities related to the foot) or optometrist (for blindness).

Check the box(es) that describe the disability, and fill in the diagnosis:

☐ **TEMPORARY DISABILITY:** A person with a temporary disability is any person who is temporarily unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device. Examples of an assisting device include, but are not limited to, a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, another person, wheelchair or walker. ***IMPORTANT:*** Temporary permits are issued for recovery periods up to 6 months.

Expected Recovery Date: _____ **Diagnosis:** _____

What assistive device is needed? _____

☐ **PERMANENT DISABILITY:** A "severely disabled" person is any person with one or more of the PERMANENT impairments, disabilities or conditions listed below, which limit mobility.

Diagnosis: _____ Please **check the conditions that apply:**

☐ Uses portable oxygen ☐ Legally blind ☐ Limited or no use of one or both legs ☐ Unable to walk 200 ft. without stopping

☐ Neuromuscular dysfunction that severely limits mobility ☐ Class III or IV cardiac condition. (American Heart Assoc. standards)

☐ Severely limited in ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition

☐ Restricted by lung disease to such an extent that forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg of room air at rest

☐ Has a physical or mental impairment or condition not listed above which constitutes an equal degree of disability, and which imposes unusual hardship in the use of public transportation and prevents the person from getting around without great difficulty.
EXPLAIN BELOW HOW THIS DISABILITY LIMITS FUNCTIONAL MOBILITY.

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Name of certifying medical professional	Professional License No.
Address of medical professional	**Telephone No.**

Read note at top of page 2 before you sign

X _____ _____

(Signature of Certifying Medical Professional) (Date)

Part 3 FILE INFORMATION *(For Issuing Agent Use Only)*

☐ Blue ☐ Red **Permit No.** _____ Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____

☐ Second Permit Issued **Permit No.** _____ Date Issued: _____

9-digit number from NYS Driver License/ID Card _____

☐ Denied ☐ Revoked Reason: _____ _____ (Date)

X _____ _____

(Issuing Agent) (Locality)