

Blue Badge

How can I apply for a Blue Badge?

Application forms for a Blue Badge can be collected from:

- Any local Library in the Borough of Bexley (except for Bexley village or Slade Green Library)
- Civic Offices in Watling Street
- Inspire Community Trust, 20 Whitehall Lane, Slade Green, DA8 2DH
- Alternatively you can print off a blue badge application form from the Inspire Community Trust website: www.inspirecommunitytrust.org

What Documents do I need to Provide/Submit with my Application?

With the completed application form please supply the following:

- One recent colour passport sized photograph with your name printed on the back, with a plain white or light background. Must be taken within the last 12 months.
- A cheque for £10 payable to "Inspire Community Trust" (cash can be accepted over the counter at the Libraries or at Inspire).
- Proof of address, not more than 3 months old (e.g. utility bill, council tax, landline phone bills, benefits letter etc.)
- Proof of ID (birth certificate/adoption certificate, marriage/divorce certificate, current passport, civil partnership/dissolution, valid driving licence)

For automatic criteria applicants, please supply one of the following:

- Proof of War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement or AFCS Tariff 1-8, or
- An original letter of entitlement of the higher rate **mobility** component of the Disability Living Allowance; or the new Personal Independence Payment, point 8 or above for moving around. This must have a minimum of 8 months to run on the award, on receipt of your application. Letters must be issued within the last 12 months, or
- A copy of your ophthalmologist's report, BD8 or CVI report issued within the United Kingdom, if you are registered as blind. If you are registered with Bexley's sensory impairment team, we can check this.

If you do not meet the automatic criteria and are not enclosing the documents listed above, you will be required to attend a mobility assessment by our mobility assessor so that we can see how your disability affects your walking.

Do I need a letter from my GP?

Since the Government's reforms to the Blue Badge Scheme in April 2011 the new procedures for Blue Badge mobility assessments have been in place with the local authority undertaking the assessment instead of seeking a medical report from GPs. You will not need to submit a letter/report from your GP, but copies of any recent hospital letters and prescriptions that support the information you are giving are very useful so please enclose them with your application and if appropriate bring them to your mobility assessment. If required, we may contact your consultant at a later date to seek information regarding your medical condition that affects your mobility.