

Applying for a permit.

Local municipal councils are responsible for administering the Scheme. Application forms are available online or in person from the City of Ballarat website or offices.

The first part of the application form must be completed by the applicant or applicant's agent, who must give the form to you at the consultation.

The rest of the application form should be completed by the Specialist Medical Practitioner of Clinical Psychologist for intellectual disabilities and the Medical Practitioner for other disabilities, who must return both pages to the council in which the applicant resides. The applicant's authority to release medical information may be retained by you.

The applicant or the applicant's agent is responsible for any fees incurred in the completion of the form.

In the case of an intellectual disability, where a General Practitioner has an applicant's full medical history, including reports from relevant Specialist Medical Practitioners or Clinical Psychologists, the application form may be completed by the General Practitioner based on these reports, provided such information is still applicable.

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(behind the Town Hall, cnr Sturt and Armstrong Streets)

Online

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Disabled Persons' Parking Scheme

Information for Applicants, Medical Practitioners, Specialist Medical Practitioner or Clinical Psychologists.

What is the purpose of the Scheme?



A statewide Disabled Persons' Parking Scheme currently operates in Victoria. The Scheme has two categories with varying parking concessions, based on the applicant's need for assistance.

Applicants with significant intellectual and ambulatory disabilities who meet the eligibility criteria for category one will be permitted to park in a bay reserved for disabled parking only.

Applicants with walking difficulties who require rest breaks when walking will not be permitted to park in these special bays but will be allowed extra time, upon payment of the initial fee, when parking in a green signed area.

Types of Permits.

There are 4 types of Disabled Persons' Parking Scheme permits as follows :

Code A

For a disabled **driver/passenger**.

Code B

For a disabled **passenger**.

Code C

For an **organization** providing transport service for people with disabilities.

Code D

For a **temporary** permit.

Codes A, B & D apply to both categories of eligibility.

Who is eligible? Category 1.

A person may hold only one Disabled Persons' Parking Permit and be eligible for a Category One permit :

- If a Medical Practitioner indicates that he/she has significant ambulatory disabilities such that he/she is required to use a complex walking aid* that prevents access to a vehicle in a standard size 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.

- If a Medical Practitioner indicates that he/she suffers from a condition that 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 that is not likely to improve within six months (Code D)

- If a specialist medical practitioner or 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 the continuous attendance by a caregiver (Code B).

CATEGORY ONE CONDITIONS

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



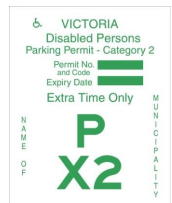
Who is eligible? Category 2.

A person may hold only one Disabled Persons' Parking Permit and be eligible for a Category Two permit :

- If a medical practitioner indicated 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)

CATEGORY TWO CONDITIONS

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



Permit Renewal

Applicants with a permanent disability will be issued with a permit for three years. At the end of this period the permit holder may be required to complete a new application to renew the permit.

Temporary permits will be issued for a disability that is not likely to improve within six months and a further medical certificate must be presented for renewal of the permit.