

## What is a Blue Badge Scheme?



Caerphilly Social Services operates the Blue Badge Scheme on behalf of the Department of Transport. The Scheme provides a national arrangement of parking concessions for registered blind people and people with certain disabilities. This includes children over the age of 2yrs.

Children under 2 years of age are not normally eligible because they would not usually be expected to be able to walk independently. However, in exceptional circumstances, blue badges have been awarded to children under 2yrs when they need to carry heavy equipment, such as oxygen cylinders or suction machines with them at all times.

The scheme allows people to park closer to the shops, hospitals and services they need to use, whether they are the driver or a passenger in a car.

The Blue Badge Scheme is a replacement of the Orange Badge Scheme. The Blue Badge is recognised in European countries, and allows the same parking concessions as residents of the country you are visiting.

### Eligibility

If your child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance Higher Rate Mobility Component he/she will be automatically eligible for a blue badge.

If your child is not automatically eligible, the authority will write to your child's G.P. or consultant paediatrician for medical information about your child's condition.

## How do I apply for a Badge?

You can apply for a Badge in a number of ways:

- Apply over the telephone by calling Adult Services Disability Team (ASDIT) on the telephone number 0808 1002500 and select option 1 for car badges, **or**
- Apply in person by visiting one of the Council's [Customer First Centres](#) in Blackwood, Fochriw or Risca. If you are eligible, the badge will be made while you wait:

5 Market Place – Blackwood NP12 1AU

Risca Cash Office, 97 Commercial Street, Risca NP11 6AZ

Fochriw Community Centre, Pontlloftyn Road, Fochriw CF81 9NH

- **or** [Apply on-line](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/trans/services) at [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/trans/services](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/trans/services)

## How much does it cost?

Currently, the authority charges a £2.00 administration fee. They will also need 2 passport-size photos of your child and proof of identification.