

FACTSHEET NO. 3: MOTORING AND PARKING

Blue Badge Scheme

If you have problems with walking or other serious mobility problems you may be able to get a Blue Badge to enable you to park your car near shops and other places you wish to visit. You will be automatically entitled if you are on high rate mobility component of DLA, have been awarded **8 or more points for the moving around activity** under PIP, or are registered as severely sight impaired. To find out more contact <http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/bluebadge> or call Hillingdon Social Care Direct on 01895 556633.

Free Road Tax Disc

You can get a free tax disc if you get the enhanced mobility component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP), the high rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance, or are getting War Pensioners Mobility Supplement/Armed Forces Independence Payment.

You can also get a 50% discount on your road tax if you receive the standard mobility component of PIP. For more information see <https://www.gov.uk/financial-help-disabled/vehicles-and-transport> or www.disabledmotoring.org/motoring/road-tax-exemption

You can also apply by phone on 0300 790 6802 or by textphone on 0300 123 1279

Congestion Charge Exemption

If you hold a valid Blue Badge in the European Economic Area, you are eligible to register for a 100 percent discount, even if you don't own a vehicle or drive.

You can register up to two vehicles that you would normally use to travel within the charging zone. This could be your own vehicle, or one you travel in. Please note you can also register a one-off or occasional driver but you will need to call 0343 222 2222 on the day of the journey.

Fill in the registration form on this website: <https://www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/congestion-charge/discounts-and-exemptions>. Once you have received an approval letter, you can drive or be driven in the zone, free. Until then, you must pay the charge.

You have to pay £10 for this discount.

Motability cars are automatically exempt from the charge.

Disabled Parking Bays

If you are a resident of Hillingdon you may be eligible for a personal car parking bay. Below is a list of the criteria:

- applicant must be a resident of Hillingdon borough and a registered 'Blue Badge' holder, with severe mobility difficulties
- a car must be registered at the address stated in the application form

For more information visit <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/7312/Parking-bays-for-the-disabled>

Carer's Permit

If you are a resident in Hillingdon borough, and you have regular, ongoing care needs which mean that you need a carer to visit, you may be eligible for a carer's permit.

The permit is issued to you, and must be kept at your address. It is only to be used in your controlled parking zone.

For more information call 01895 250111 and ask for the parking services line.

The Motability Scheme

The Motability Scheme can help you with leasing or buying a car, powered wheelchair or scooter. You'll need to be getting the higher rate of the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance, enhanced mobility component of Personal Independence Payment or War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement.

To get further information call 0300 456 4566 or visit www.motability.co.uk

Disabled Motoring UK

Disabled Motoring UK is a campaigning charity for disabled drivers, passengers and Blue Badge holders. It is not just an organisation for drivers. They also campaign for and support passengers, scooter and wheelchair users, families and carers. There is a membership fee of £24.00 per year for full/associate member, or free online membership.

Their information officers can answer your questions about accessible parking, vehicle adaptations, congestion charging and other issues that affect their members.

You can call 01508 489449 or email info@disabledmotoring.org. Alternatively, there is a website at: www.disabledmotoring.org