**SERVICE ONTARIO**

**MEDICAL PARKING PERMITS**

**How to get an accessible parking permit**

Accessible parking permits are issued to a person or business and not a vehicle.  Permit holders must have been in the vehicle and the permit displayed on the dashboard in order to park in an accessible parking space.

Only people with certain health conditions can apply for an accessible parking permit. Read the eligibility requirements below before you apply.

To apply for an accessible parking permit, there are 2 parts to the application form:

* **Part A** – to be completed by the applicant
* **Part B** – to be completed by your health care practitioner

You can obtain an application form by visiting any ServiceOntario centre or by [downloading a PDF version of the form](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?OpenForm&ACT=RDR&TAB=PROFILE&SRCH=&ENV=WWE&TIT=accessible+parking+permit&NO=002-SR-LV-129E).

Submit the completed form with [original documents](https://www.ontario.ca/government/acceptable-identity-documents-ontario-photo-card/) showing proof of name, date of birth and signature to a ServiceOntario centre in-person.

Applications can also be sent by mail to the address below.  If applying by mail, send photocopies only.

         ServiceOntario
         P.O. Box 9800
         Kingston ON
         K7L 5N8

[Find the nearest ServiceOntario centre](https://www.services.gov.on.ca/locations/mapLocations.do?ext=t&mapsDisplay=NORMAL&id=120&locale=EN)

**Cost**

Free

**Delivery**

3 weeks by mail
7 weeks when submitted at a ServiceOntario centre

**Interim permit**

While you are waiting for your permit to arrive in the mail, you can get an interim accessible parking permit valid for 90 days at a ServiceOntario centre.

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**Legal Name Requirements**

To apply for an accessible parking permit, you must provide proof of the following: legal name, date of birth, and signature. When applying in-person, all documents must be original. If applying by mail, send only copies, not originals.

**Authorized Representatives**

If you are asking an individual to submit an application on your behalf, you must sign the application and provide a letter of authorization, Power of Attorney document or other court-appointed document authorizing the individual to act on your behalf.  You must also provide your identity documents when submitting your application.

A letter of authorization must include:

* legal name of the individual authorized to act on behalf of the applicant
* applicant’s name, address and date of consent
* a statement that authorizes the individual to apply for your accessible parking permit
* signature of both parties

If you are unable to sign the application and an authorized representative has signed on your behalf, the application must include a Power of Attorney document or other court appointed documents which authorizes them to act on your behalf (not applicable to dependants under the age of 18).

The designated Authorized Representative  such as Power of Attorney  would also need to provide identity documents.

Information and assistance in obtaining a POA can be obtained through the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee. For detailed information phone 416-314-2800 or toll-free 1-800-366-0335 or TTY: 416-314-2687. For more information about Powers of Attorney, visit the [Ministry of the Attorney General website](http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/pgt/poakit.asp).

**Permit Holder Rules**

Always display your permit on the dashboard or sun visor of the car you are travelling in so the permit number and expiry date is clearly visible.

Only the person named on the permit can use it to park in an accessible parking space. The permit must be returned to a ServiceOntario centre when the person named on the permit is either deceased, the holder is no longer a person with a disability, the permit contains incorrect information or, the permit is cancelled. If another person uses the permit, it can result in fines of up to $5,000 and the permit may be seized.

**Eligibility**

To get an accessible parking permit, your healthcare practitioner must certify that you have one or more of the following health conditions:

* cannot walk without assistance of another individual or of a brace, cane, crutch, lower limb prosthetic device or similar assistive device or who requires the assistance of a wheelchair,
* suffers from lung disease to such an extent that his or her forced expiratory volume in one second is less than one litre, portable oxygen is a medical necessity,
* suffers from cardiovascular disease to such an extent that the individual’s functional capacity is classified as Class III or Class IV  according to Nomenclature and Criteria for Diagnosis of Diseases of the Heart and Great Vessels, ninth edition, published by Little, Brown & Co. in 1994,
* severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, musculoskeletal or orthopaedic condition,
* visual acuity is 20/200 or poorer in the better eye with corrective lenses if required, or whose maximum field of vision using both eyes has a diameter of 20 degrees or less,
* mobility is severely limited by one or more conditions or functional impairments  Healthcare practitioners

When you apply, your condition can only be certified by a:

* physician
* chiropractor
* registered nurse practitioner (extended class)
* physiotherapist
* occupational therapist
* chiropodist or
* podiatrist

They will indicate on your application whether you have a permanent condition, temporary condition or subject-to-change disability.

**Types of permits**

There are 5 types of accessible parking permits you may be eligible for:

**If you have a permanent disability:** you can get a permanent permit. It is valid for 5 years and can be renewed without re-certification from a health care practitioner.

**If you have a disability that is considered subject to change:** you can get a subject-to-change permit. It is valid for 5 years. To renew this permit you are required to be re-certified by a health care practitioner.

**If you have a short-term disability (up to 12 months):** you can get a temporary permit. This permit is not renewable.

**If you are travelling outside Ontario:** you can get a traveller’s permit to park your car in an Ontario airport while you use your regular permit during your trip. This permit is valid up to 1 year.

**If you are a company or non-profit organization:** you can [get a company permit](http://www.ontario.ca/faq/how-do-i-get-accessible-parking-permit-company-vehicle) for every vehicle of your company or non-profit organization that is used mainly to transport people with disabilities. It is valid for 5 years and can be renewed.

**Get a motorcycle decal**

**Eligibility**

You can only get an accessible parking permit motorcycle decal if you:

* hold an unexpired accessible parking permit for general use
* hold a valid motorcycle driver’s licence (class M or M2)
* own or lease a motorcycle or motor assisted bicycle

You must carry your accessible parking permit with you, even if the decal is displayed on your motorcycle plate when parking in an accessible parking space

**How to apply**

To obtain a motorcycle decal, you must send a written request to ServiceOntario.

In your letter, state you are applying for a new accessible parking motorcycle decal and include:

* your full **legal** name
* your current permanent or subject-to-change accessible parking permit number
* your driver’s licence number (must be class M or M2)
* the licence plate number of each motorcycle registered in your name to which the decal will be  attached

Send your request to:

ServiceOntario
P.O. Box 9800
Kingston ON K7L 5N8

**Travelling with permit (outside Ontario)**

If you are travelling outside of Ontario and hold an unexpired permanent or subject to change accessible parking permit, you may apply for a traveller permit.  In order to be issued a traveller permit, you must specify the location or circumstances in which it may be used to ServiceOntario.

If you want to use your accessible parking permit outside of Ontario, you should contact the authorities in the location(s) you are travelling.  Always follow the local rules and regulations where you are travelling.

**Acceptable identification**

To apply for an accessible parking permit, you must provide proof of the following three elements of your identity: legal name, date of birth, and signature. When applying in-person, all documents must be original. If applying by mail or fax, send only copies, not originals.

**List 1**

Documents shown on this list provide proof of all three elements of identity in one document (legal name, date of birth and signature).

* Passport – Canadian or Foreign
* Canadian Citizenship Card with photo (issued prior to February 1, 2012)
* Canadian Permanent Resident Card with signature
* Record of Landing (Form IMM 1000)
* Confirmation of Permanent Resident (Form IMM 5292)
* Report Pursuant to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act with photo (Form IMM 1442)
* Student Authorization/Study Permit (Form IMM 1442)
* Employment Authorization/Work Permit (Form IMM 1442)
* Visitor Record (Form IMM 1442)
* Temporary Resident’s Permit (Form IMM 1442) – formally Minister’s Permit/Extension of Minister’s Permit
* Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card (issued on or after December 15, 2009,by Indian & Northern Affairs Canada)
* Driver's licence, Enhanced driver's licence or Ontario Photo Card – issued by the Government of Ontario
* Canadian Department of National  Defence driver's licence (Form DND 404)

**List 2**

A combination of the documents shown on this list will provide proof of all three elements of identity (legal name, date of birth and signature) when shown together.

**Proof of legal name and date of birth**

* Canadian Birth Certificate or a proof of birth document issued by a US jurisdiction
* Canadian Permanent Resident Card without signature (issued after February 4, 2012)
* certified copy of Statement of Live Birth – issued by the Government of Ontario
* US Passport Card

**Proof of legal name**

* certified copy of marriage certificate – issued by the Government of Ontario

**Proof of legal name and signature**

* Certificate of Indian Status (laminated card issued by Indian & Northern Affairs Canada)

**Proof of date of birth**

* Nexus Card and FAST/EXPRESS Card

**Proof of signature**

* Driver's licence or enhanced driver's licence – issued by another Canadian or US jurisdiction
* Ontario Health Card
* Identity Card issued by a Canadian or US jurisdiction (enhanced or non-enhanced)
* Ontario Student Card with signature
* Declaration from a Guarantor (Form SR-LD-40)
* Canadian Department of National Defence (DND) Identity Card

**Visitors to Ontario**

Any ServiceOntario centre may issue a visitor permit for general use to a visitor in Ontario. You must prove that you hold a valid permit in your home jurisdiction.  This may include:

* accessible parking permit from your home jurisdiction,
* number plate or other marker or device bearing the international symbol of access for persons with a disability, or
* other evidence that you are from another jurisdiction and have a disability

Visitors to Ontario who are applying for a visitor’s accessible parking permit must provide the following acceptable proof:

* One out-of-province government issued document bearing the name and address of the applicant plus one of the following:
	+ application for an accessible parking permit (form SR-LV-129) completed by a recognized health care practitioner,
	+ out-of-province hospital card,
	+ health care practitioner’s certificate or letter,
	+ medical insurance document, or
	+ other appropriate medical document

The visitor permit will be valid for up to six months.  A sponsor may apply for a permit in advance of the visitor’s trip to Ontario.

[Find the nearest ServiceOntario centre](https://www.services.gov.on.ca/locations/mapLocations.do?ext=t&amp;mapsDisplay=NORMAL&amp;id=120&amp;locale=EN)

**How to**

* [renew an accessible parking permit](https://www.ontario.ca/page/renew-replace-or-change-accessible-parking-permit)
* [replace a lost accessible parking permit](https://www.ontario.ca/page/renew-replace-or-change-accessible-parking-permit#lost)
* [replace a stolen accessible parking permit](https://www.ontario.ca/page/renew-replace-or-change-accessible-parking-permit#stolen)
* [replace a damaged accessible parking permit](https://www.ontario.ca/page/renew-replace-or-change-accessible-parking-permit#damaged)
* [change information on an accessible parking permit](https://www.ontario.ca/page/renew-replace-or-change-accessible-parking-permit#info)
* [find out information on seized accessible parking permits](https://www.ontario.ca/page/renew-replace-or-change-accessible-parking-permit#seized)

**Frequently asked questions**

* [How do I get a traveller’s accessible parking permit?](https://www.ontario.ca/)
* [What does the P or P/D mean on the upper right hand corner of my accessible parking permit?](https://www.ontario.ca/)
* [How should I display my accessible parking permit when I park in accessible parking spaces?](https://www.ontario.ca/)
* [How do I get an accessible parking permit for a company vehicle?](https://www.ontario.ca/)
* [How do I change a name on an accessible parking permit?](https://www.ontario.ca/)

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**Related information**

* [Others also looked at](https://www.ontario.ca/)
	+ [Renew, replace or change an accessible parking permit](https://www.ontario.ca/page/renew-replace-or-change-accessible-parking-permit)
	+ [Get medical advice: Telehealth Ontario](https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-medical-advice-telehealth-ontario)
	+ [Change the address on your driver’s licence and health card](https://www.ontario.ca/page/change-address-your-drivers-licence-and-health-card)
	+ [Health card renewal](https://www.ontario.ca/page/health-card-renewal)
	+ [Get a G driver’s licence: new drivers](https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-g-drivers-licence-new-drivers)
* [Recommended for you](https://www.ontario.ca/)

[Check and download recommended browsers for online services](https://www.ontario.ca/faq/what-browsers-work-best-online-services)

[Frequently asked questions about accessible parking permits](https://www.ontario.ca/search/frequently-asked-questions-accessible-parking-permits?type=faq)

[Apply for a company accessible parking permit](https://www.ontario.ca/faq/how-do-i-get-accessible-parking-permit-company-vehicle)