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Australian Disability Parking Permits – for individuals

The Queensland Disability Parking Permit Scheme was harmonised with all states and territories of Australia and is now called the Australian Disability Parking Permit (ADPP).

The **Queensland Blue disability parking permit is no longer valid** and those who use it may incur a fine.

In late 2012, the Queensland issued disability parking permit also changed from a polypropylene permit to a paper permit. The paper permit retains the vast majority of the features of the polypropylene permit.

Polypropylene permits will remain in circulation until they are renewed; both the polypropylene and paper permits will be valid for the near future.

The ADPP includes additional security and technology features such as micro printing, holographic foil and background printing to assist in preventing misuse of the permit.

Below is an example of the ADPP design.



Eligibility

In Queensland, the Disability Parking Scheme is a mobility scheme.

Eligibility criteria are based on a person's functional impairment to their ability to walk. It is not based on intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive or sensory impairment, unless in addition to this impairment, the person also has a severe impairment to their ability to walk.

Therefore, applicants with intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive or sensory impairment alone do not meet the eligibility criteria unless the applicant also has a mobility impairment that impacts on their functional ability to walk.

To apply for an ADPP, the applicant must be a Queensland resident and meet **1** of the following eligibility criteria:

- must be unable to walk and always require the use of a wheelchair
- their ability to walk is severely restricted by a permanent medical condition or disability
- their ability to walk is severely restricted by a temporary medical condition or disability.

A temporary medical condition or disability must be of at least 6 months duration, as certified by a doctor or occupational therapist.

Newly approved applicants will be granted one of the following:

- an ADPP for a period of between 6 and 12 months, or
- an ADPP for a 5 year period.

Parking concessions

ADPP holders are entitled to parking concessions that allow access to on-street and off-street parking bays. On-street parking in local government metered and regulated parking areas is free of charge with the following conditions:

- where the time limit specified by a sign is less than 30 minutes, parking will be allowed for 30 minutes
- where the time limit specified by a sign is 30 minutes or more, parking will be allowed for an unlimited amount of time.

Parking is also available in parking bays displaying the international symbol of access for on street and off-street parking bays. Off-street parking bays are situated in areas such as shopping centres, hospitals, entertainment areas etc.

An international symbol of access (regardless of colour of the signage) is used to identify parking bays for people with disabilities. Please note that private car parks **may** charge parking fees.

When travelling interstate permit holders should check local arrangements for parking concessions as they may vary.

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ADPP 5 year permit

An ADPP is granted for a period of 5 years. When the permit expires, the permit is no longer valid and cannot be used. Enforcement officers may issue fines for the use of expired permits. Individuals must apply for another permit if they still meet the eligibility criteria (see [Renewing permits](#) (<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/travel-and-transport/Disability-access-and-mobility/Disability-Parking-Permit-Scheme.aspx#renew>)).

ADPP 6 to 12 month permit

A temporary condition by nature has a limited duration as declared by the doctor or occupational therapist, at the time of the application. An ADPP permit, granted to eligible applicants who have a temporary condition are granted for a period of between six and 12 months only.

This temporary condition must be expected to last for at least 6 months duration, as certified by a doctor or occupational therapist. When the 6 to 12 month permit expires the permit is no longer valid and can no longer be used. Enforcement officers may issue fines for the use of expired permits.

Individuals who require another 6 to 12 month permit after their permit has expired must submit a new application using the [Australian Disability Parking Permit Application \(Individual\) F4814](#) (<http://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/Forms/QF4814>), have their medical practitioner or occupational therapist complete section 2 on the application form, and pay the non-refundable fee.

Who is responsible for what?

Transport and Main Roads is responsible for the administration of both the Queensland Disability Parking Permit (Red Permit) and the Australian Disability Parking Permit (ADPP) for Queensland residents.

The department grants permits in accordance with the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* and departmental policies.

Local government is responsible for ensuring that parking bays, signage and road markings are provided and comply with the Australian Building Code.

The local governments may enter into an agreement with the owners of private car parks such as shopping centres to enforce their parking requirements. This then allows local governments to issue infringement notices for the misuse of private parking bays.

Both local government and Queensland Police Service officers may issue infringement notices for the misuse of parking bays in on-street areas.

Applying for an Individual ADPP applications

Download the [Disability Parking Scheme Permit Application \(Individuals\) – \(form F4814\)](#) (<http://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/qtforms/QF4814/>) or collect a form from any Transport and Main Roads customer service centre or, alternatively, have the form mailed out.

When applying, the applicant must complete section 1 of the [Disability Parking Scheme Permit Application \(Individual\) form \(F4814\)](#)

<http://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/Forms/QF4814> .

An agent/parent/carer may complete the form if the applicant is under 18 years of age or unable to do so. Section 2 must be completed by the applicant's medical practitioner or occupational therapist. Once this is complete, the applicant must lodge the form with the department and pay the appropriate non-refundable fee.



Lodgement Process

Lodge the completed application, including any non-refundable fees, with the department by mail to: **Dept of Transport & Main Roads Disability Parking Permit Scheme PO Box 525, Fortitude Valley 4006** Or at your local Transport and Main Roads customer service centre.

More information can be gained from the Department's website at: <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/travel-and-transport/Disability-access-and-mobility/Disability-Parking-Permit-Scheme.aspx#eligibleorganisation>