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Disabled Person Parking Permits

Overview

This page provides information about disabled person parking permits.

Special parking privileges are available for individuals with disabilities. Those who are certified by an authorized health care provider as having a permanent or temporary disability are eligible.



Note: Permit holders are required to submit a new certificate of disability each time they renew their disabled person parking permit.

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Types of Permits

There are several types of disabled person parking permits with a variety of privileges:

Renewable, Temporary, Temporary Duplicate (travel), Family, or Foreign Disabled Person Parking Permit: Allows a person with a disability, or another person while transporting a person with a disability to:

- Park in a public parking zone that has a limit of more than 30 minutes.
- Park in any space reserved for disabled person parking, except for wheelchair user only spaces.

Note: Van accessible disabled person parking spaces (have a van accessible sign attached under the standard blue disabled person parking sign) should be left available for special transport vehicles equipped with lift ramps requiring a wider access aisle.

Program Permit: Allows a person with a disability, or another person while transporting a person with a disability to:

- Park in a metered parking space for 3 hours or less while persons with disabilities are getting into or out of the vehicle;
- Park in a public parking zone for 3 hours or less while persons with disabilities are getting into or out of the vehicle; or
- Park in any space reserved for disabled person parking, except for wheelchair user only spaces.

Wheelchair User Permits: Allows a person with a disability, or another person while transporting a person with a disability to:

- Park in a public parking zone that has a limit of more than 30 minutes without paying the parking meter fee;*

- Park in a public parking zone that has a limit of more than 30 minutes without being charged overtime penalties; or*
- Park in any space reserved for disabled person parking.

*Local parking authorities may allow these privileges for any disabled parking permit holder.

Limitations

Parking privileges for **all types** of disabled person parking permits **do not** apply to a zone where:

- Parking is only permitted for 30 minutes or less.
- Stopping, parking or standing of all vehicles is prohibited.
- Late evening or overnight parking is prohibited.
- Parking is reserved for special types of vehicles or activities.

Placard Styles Available

There are three different styles of disabled person parking permit placards currently in use. These have either a medium blue, dark blue or red background (click on any permit to see a larger view):



Medium Blue Placard: Provided for persons with disabilities that use wheelchairs or low-powered motorized or mechanically propelled vehicles for conveyance. They allow the holder to use special designated wheelchair user only parking spaces, in addition to the regular designated parking spaces (see Disabled Parking Signs for more information). These permits display the words “Wheelchair User” on the lower portion of the placard and a large white “W” to the right of the internationally recognized disabled persons symbol.

Dark Blue Placard: Provided for persons with disabilities on a permanent basis, i.e., they are renewable over and over again.

Red Placard: Provided for persons with disabilities on a temporary basis. They are issued for a limited time.

To Qualify

You must meet the definition of a disabled person as outlined in [ORS 801.387](#), where a “**Person with a Disability**” is defined as:

1. A person who has severely limited mobility because of paralysis or the loss of use of some or all of the person’s legs or arms;
2. A person who is affected by loss of vision or substantial loss of visual acuity or visual field beyond correction; or
3. A person who has any other disability that prevents the person from walking without the use of an assistive device or that causes the person to be unable to walk more than 200 feet, including but not necessarily limited to:
 - a. Chronic heart condition;
 - b. Emphysema;
 - c. Arthritis;
 - d. Rheumatism; or
 - e. Ulcerative colitis or related chronic bowel disorder (Formerly 801.235).

Validity/Expiration

The valid term varies by the type of disabled person parking permit:

Renewable Disabled Person Parking Permit: Valid until the expiration of the holder's driver license or ID card. The permit must be renewed when the license or ID card is renewed, and a certificate of disability must be submitted each time the permit is renewed.

Temporary Duplicate (travel) Disabled Person Parking Permit: Valid for 30 days from the date of issuance, and you must have a current valid parking permit in order to get a duplicate.

Temporary Disabled Person Parking Permit: Valid for the length of time the physician deems necessary, not to exceed 6 months.

Wheelchair User Disabled Person Parking Permit: Valid until the expiration of the holder's driver license or ID card. The permit must be renewed when the license or ID card is renewed, and a certificate of disability must be submitted each time the permit is renewed.

Family Disabled Person Parking Permit: Valid for 8 years from issuance.

Program Disabled Person Parking Permit: Valid for 8 years from issuance.

Foreign Disabled Person Parking Permit: Valid for 30 days from issuance.

To Apply

To apply for a disabled person parking permit you must:

- Have a valid Oregon Driver License or an Identification Card to obtain a renewable, temporary duplicate (travel) or wheelchair permit;
- Complete the application for [Parking Permit for an Individual with a Disability](#) (Form 735-265), **including** a licensed physician's signature; and
- Submit your completed application in person at a [DMV office](#) or by mail (depending upon the specific instructions listed below for each type of permit) to:

*DMV Driver Issuance Unit
1905 Lana Ave NE
Salem , OR 97314*

Additional instructions for specific permit types:

Temporary Disabled Person Parking Permits: You may apply in person or by mail.

Renewable Disabled Person Parking Permits: If you have a current, valid Oregon Driver License or ID Card, you may apply in person or by mail. If you **do not** have a current, valid Oregon Driver License or ID Card you will need to apply in person.

"Non-Photo" Parking Identification Cards: If you qualify for this card, as certified by your physician, then you must apply by mail.

Family or Program Disabled Person Parking Permits: You must complete the [Application for Family Parking Permits for Disabled Persons](#) (Form 265FPP) or the [Application for Program Parking Permit](#) (Form 265PP), and apply by mail.

To Return or Replace Placard

If you have a disabled person parking permit and you are moving out of the state, you must return it to the Oregon DMV either before or immediately after you move.

Unused and found permits, or permits that were held by a deceased person should be returned to DMV immediately.

Permits may be returned in person at a [DMV office](#) or by [mail](#). If returning a permit by mail, please include a note with a brief explanation of why it is being returned.

Contact [DMV](#) if your disabled person parking permit placard is damaged, lost or stolen.

Disabled Person Parking Signs

The internationally recognized disabled persons symbol is used to indicate which spaces are reserved for holders of disabled person parking permits. Each parking space will have this symbol painted on the ground and displayed with standard text on a blue sign at the front.

Parking space designations vary so check the signs carefully. Look for the following signs and sign combinations authorizing reserved spaces for certain types of disabled parking permits and transport vehicles (click on the sign to open a larger version):



International Symbol & Standard Text: These spaces are designated for all persons with disabilities. All persons that have a valid disabled person parking permit may park in these spaces.

Wheelchair User Only: These spaces are designated for persons with disabilities who use wheelchairs or similar low-powered devices. Only persons that have a valid wheelchair user permit (placard includes "Wheelchair User" and a large white "W") can park in these spaces.

Van Accessible: These spaces are designed with a wider access aisle for special transport vehicles equipped with a lift. Although all persons holding a valid disabled person parking permit may park in van

accessible spaces, permit holders are asked to use a regular disabled parking space if they do not require the additional room.

Van Accessible & Wheelchair User Only: Some spaces may display both “van accessible” and “wheelchair user only” signs. Anytime a “wheelchair user only” sign is posted, a person is required to have a valid “wheelchair user only” permit to park in the space.

Click on the poster below to see a larger version.

DISABLED SIGNS AND PERMITS

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Note: You may want to check with local authorities about regulations governing parking fees in cities where you will be parking in reserved spaces for persons with disabilities.

Disabled Person License Plates

The only disabled person license plates issued by DMV are Disabled Veterans Plates and they **do not** allow parking in disabled person parking spaces. The purpose of these plates is to identify and honor the sacrifices made by veterans.

If you have Disabled Veteran plates on your vehicle, you will also have to apply for a disabled person parking permit if you want to use parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

Reciprocity

Oregon recognizes disabled person parking permits that are issued by other states for the purpose of identifying vehicles permitted to utilize parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

Fees

There is no fee required for obtaining a disabled person parking permit.

Related Information

Additional information that may be relevant includes:

- [Disabled Veteran Plates - Application & Information](#)

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