



Blue Badge Your Go-To Guide



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Parking card for persons with disabilities

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What is the Blue Badge?

The Blue Badge is a legal document that allows persons with disabilities (document holders) to park the vehicle in which they are travelling, in designated parking spaces due to an impairment.

In Malta and Gozo, the Blue Badge is issued by Aġenzija Sapport. CRPD's Enforcement Unit is tasked with the curbing of abuse and misuse.

Responsibilities of a Blue Badge holder

Being a Blue Badge holder comes with a set of rights and responsibilities as set out in legislation.

The Blue Badge is strictly for personal use. The Blue Badge is non-transferable and must always be in the holder's possession. The Blue Badge is a legal document; therefore,

it is prohibited to copy, duplicate, trade or modify it.

Misusing a Blue Badge is a criminal offence, carrying penalties such as fines ranging from €230 and €500; the addition of three penalty points to the driving licence and the confiscation of the badge.

Who can use the Blue Badge?

Only the Blue Badge holder is authorised to use it. It should be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard.

Other facts about the Blue Badge

The Blue Badge does not exempt the holder from following and complying with all Highway Code regulations.

The Blue Badge holder might not always be the driver.

■ It is illegal to use an expired Blue Badge

Blue Badge renewal applications must be submitted to Aġenzija Sapport at least three (3) months before the badge expires.

When a Blue Badge holder passes away, the badge will

immediately become invalid.

The holder's relative, legal guardian, carer or cohabitant should promptly return the badge to Aġenzija Sapport.

Failing to do so, the Police shall be notified and asked to retrieve the Blue Badge.

■ How to display the badge

When parking in blue bays, the Blue Badge must be clearly visible through the vehicle's front windscreen. It must be displayed on the dashboard with its details facing outward and the photograph facing inwards.

The holder must also ensure that the details on the front of the badge remain legible. If the badge becomes illegible through fading or wear and tear, the holder must replace it at Aġenzija Sapport. Displaying an illegible badge may result in being fined.

■ Loss or Theft of a Blue Badge

If a Blue Badge is stolen or lost, the holder must file a police report or make an affidavit and present it to Aġenzija Sapport for a replacement. The badge's validity remains unchanged during this process.

Blue Badges have security holograms, making counterfeits easily recognisable.

■ Power to inspect and retain the badge

Police officers have the authority to inspect Blue Badges. If requested, you are legally required to show them your badge. Blue Badge holders could be fined between €230 and €500 if they fail to do so.

■ Returning the badge

The Blue Badge holder must return the badge in person to Agenzija Support if:

- it has expired;
- the holder's medical condition or mobility improves significantly;
- the Blue Badge holder is no longer mobile (bedridden), therefore, the badge is not being utilised by the holder;
- the holder's Blue Badge was reported to the police as lost or stolen and is then recovered. The holder must then return the original Blue Badge and keep the replacement badge.

■ The role of CRPD's Enforcement Unit

CRPD's Enforcement Unit provides an on-the-beat presence, legal enforcement, carries out inspections and helps in the curbing of abuse and misuse of the Blue Badge.

Furthermore, it provides training at the Academy for Disciplined Forces for new police officer cadets and police constables following a course leading to the promotion to police sergeants. CRPD also delivers training to constables being transferred to the Community Police Team and police recruits, as well as training for new Community Officers within LESA.

The unit also carries out internal audits to ensure that the Blue Badge registry carries the valid and reliable data.

■ Useful contact details:

- To apply for a Blue Badge, contact Aġenzija Sapport:
Freephone Servizz.gov 153 (ext. 05)
sapport.gov.mt
- To apply for a Personalised reserved parking, download the application form from the Transport Malta website: transport.gov.mt
- To report Blue Badge abuse, such as expired or counterfeit badges, contact CRPD's Enforcement Unit:
enforcement@crpd.org.mt or
9975 8043
- To report other abuses, like parking in a blue bay without a Blue Badge, contact
Police: 2122 4001 or
LESA: 2347 7400



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