

Eligibility Requirements and Rules for Accessibility Parking Permits Usage

Eligibility

To qualify for Accessibility Parking Permits (APP), the individual must be certified by an APP program recognized health practitioner as having one or more of the following conditions:

- Cannot walk without assistance of another person or a brace, cane, crutch, a 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 forced expiratory volume in one second is less than one litre;
- Portable oxygen is a medical necessity;
- Cardiovascular disease impairment classified as Class III or Class IV to standards accepted by the American Heart Association or Class III or IV according to the Canadian Cardiovascular Standard;
- 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 or without corrective lenses or whose greatest diameter of the field of vision in both eyes is 20 degrees or less;
- Condition(s) or functional impairment that severely limits his or her mobility; and,
- Licensed physician, chiropractor, nurse practitioner (extended class), physiotherapist or occupational therapist must certify the applicant's condition on the permit application.

A licensed physician, chiropractor, registered nurse practitioner (extended class), physiotherapist or occupational therapist, chiropodist or podiatrist must certify the applicant's condition on the permit application.

Permanent permit is valid for five years; temporary permits are issued when the disability is expected to last more than two months to a maximum of 12 months.

Permit Holder Rules

Permit must be displayed on the dashboard or sun visor of the car you are travelling in so the permit number and expiry date is clearly visible.

(P) means that the person who is the permit holder can be a passenger only.

(P/D) means that the person who is the permit holder can be a passenger or driver.

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 an eligible health condition, 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.