

Guidance for Using the Blue Badge Template Letter (Children Over 3)

Purpose

This template letter is designed to assist healthcare professionals in supporting Blue Badge applications for **children over 3 years old** who meet specific eligibility criteria. It provides a structured format to outline the child's mobility challenges and the essential reasons why a Blue Badge is required to support their daily activities and access to services.

When to Use the Template Letter

The letter should be used to support families applying for a Blue Badge where the child:

- Is over 3 years old.
- Has a medical condition or disability that severely limits their mobility, requiring significant assistance or the use of mobility aids.
- Meets the eligibility criteria outlined by the Blue Badge scheme for children over 3 (see below).

Eligibility Criteria (Children Over 3)

Children over 3 may qualify for a Blue Badge if they:

- Cannot walk at all.
- Cannot walk without help from someone else or using mobility aids.
- Find walking very difficult due to pain, breathlessness, or the time it takes.
- Walking is dangerous to their health and safety.

You **automatically qualify** for a Blue Badge if you are aged 3 or over and at least one of the following applies:

- You receive the higher rate of the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA).
- You receive a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) because you cannot walk more than 50 metres (a score of 8 points or more under the 'moving around' activity of the mobility component).

Note: These are the main eligibility criteria most likely to apply to children with Long-Term Ventilation (LTV) needs.

For full details, refer to the official Blue Badge guidance on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Key Points to Emphasise

- The child's mobility or respiratory health challenges severely limit their ability to walk or access public spaces.
- The child requires close proximity to a vehicle to safely transport bulky medical equipment and manage their condition.
- Public transport is impractical due to the nature of their condition and the equipment they require.
- A Blue Badge will significantly improve the family's ability to transport the child safely and access essential services, such as medical appointments, therapies, and daily activities.

Include any additional medical evidence that supports the child's eligibility. This may include therapy assessments, specialist reports, or care plans detailing their specific needs and challenges.

Additional Resources

For further guidance or assistance with the application process, visit the official Blue Badge page: [GOV.UK Blue Badge Information](#).