

Applying for a Blue Badge

People with Mesothelioma are eligible to apply for a Blue Badge.

The scheme operates throughout the UK and it is administered by your local authority. If you think you may be entitled to a Blue Badge you should apply to your local authority (the address and telephone number will be in your local telephone directory under 'find your local council' or on the website England - www.direct.gov.uk, Scotland - www.scotland.gov.uk, Northern Ireland - www.roadsni.gov.uk, Wales - www.wales.gov.uk. If you contact your local authority by telephone, ask for the section dealing with Blue Badges. In some areas you can begin your Blue Badge application on the internet through your local authority's website.

The Blue Badge is a two-sided card with space for a photograph of the badge holder on the back. Usually two photographs are required with your application but some local authorities operate a fast track scheme for applications from terminally ill people that does not require photographs from the applicant. Ask your specialist nurse or your local authority if the fast track scheme operates in your area. Your specialist nurse may need to write a supporting letter to enable your application to be fast tracked.

Medication Prescription Charges

NHS prescriptions are normally charged at a specific fee for each item. However, many people are exempt from paying these prescription charges.

Prescription charges for cancer patients were abolished on 1 April 2009.

Patients being treated for cancer, including the effects of cancer or the effects of cancer treatment, can apply for a medical exemption (MedEx) certificate. If you have cancer ask your doctor for an application form. This will need to be countersigned by your GP, hospital or service doctor (or, at your GP's discretion, a member of the practice who has access to your medical records).

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