

Persons with Disabilities Certification for Parking Placard

DIRECTIONS: Both sides of this document must be signed and completed. Side A must be completed by the physician and Side B must be completed by the applicant.

DEFINITION: "PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" (625 ILCS 5/1-159.1)

"A natural person who, as determined by a licensed physician: (1) cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device; (2) is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that his or her forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest; (3) uses portable oxygen; (4) has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV, according to the standards set by the American Heart Association; or (5) is severely limited in the person's ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition; or (6) cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest because of one of the above 5 conditions."

Please fill in the name of the person with the disability, state the diagnosis, and indicate the impairments below.

Name of Person with Disabilities: _____

Diagnosis: _____

NOTE: "Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest" is no longer a qualifying disability unless it is related to one of the following conditions below.

- _____ Is restricted by lung disease to such a degree that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume (FEV) in one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter.
- _____ Uses portable oxygen.
- _____ Has a Class III or Class IV cardiac condition according to the standards set by the American Heart Association.
- _____ Cannot walk without the assistance of another person, prosthetic device, wheel chair or other assistive device.
- _____ Is severely limited in the person's ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition.

LENGTH OF DISABILITY: (Check one)

- Disability is permanent
- Disability is temporary; must state duration (maximum 6 months) _____

I hereby certify that the physical condition of the person with disabilities listed herewith constitutes him/her as a person with disabilities as described under 625 ILCS 5/1-159.1. **WARNING:** Any person who knowingly misuses or makes a false or misleading statement on an application may be fined up to \$1,000. **PHYSICIANS:** Do not sign this form if the patient does not meet the above definition. (**NOTE:** If certification form is signed by a licensed physician assistant or advance practice nurse, the name and license number of the supervising physician is required.)

Physician's Signature _____ Date _____ Physician's License Number _____

Supervising Physician's Name _____ Date _____ Supervising Physician's License Number _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE BELOW:

Physician's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone () _____

Please mail all required documentation to: Secretary of State, Persons with Disabilities License Plates/Placard Unit, 501 S. Second St., Rm. 541, Springfield, IL 62756.

DIRECTIONS: Both sides of this document must be signed and completed in its entirety in order for the application to be processed. Complete Part 1 if the person with disabilities is applying for disability plates and/or a parking placard. Complete Parts 1 and 2 if the parent, immediate family member or legal guardian of the person with disabilities is applying for disability plates.

PART 1. PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

I hereby apply for:

_____ Person with Disabilities License Plates (Application and fee for registration must accompany this form. Fee is based upon the current plate expiration, date of purchase of vehicle if newly acquired, or the date of application, whichever is applicable.) **APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A PERMANENT DISABILITY TO OBTAIN DISABILITY PLATES.**

_____ Persons with Disabilities Parking Placard

under the statutory provision (625 ILCS 5/1-159.1), and certify that my physical condition entitles me to the issuance thereof. I also am aware that the person with disabilities parking device (plates or parking placard) must not be used unless I am the driver or passenger in the vehicle.

_____ Date

_____ Applicant's Signature

WARNING: MISUSE OF OR FALSE APPLICATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PLATES OR PARKING PLACARDS may result in revocation of the plates or placard, a 30-day driver's license suspension, and a fine of up to \$1,000. The authorized holder of the disability plates or parking placard must be present and must enter or exit the vehicle at the time parking privileges are being used.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE BELOW:

Name of Person with Disability	_____ OR _____ Male Female	Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)
Address	City	ZIP
Driver's License or State ID Card Number of Person with Disability		Telephone Number

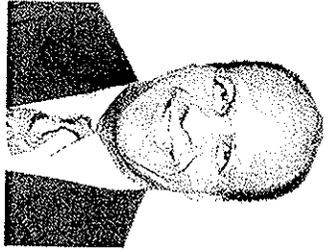
PART 2. DISABILITY LICENSE PLATES FOR PARENT, IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ONLY:

I hereby apply for disability license plates as the parent, legal guardian or other family member of the individual with a disability. The above named person with disabilities owns no vehicles and relies frequently on me for his/her mode of transportation.

Parent's, Legal Guardian's OR Family Member's Name	Date
Address	City ZIP
Telephone Number ()	Relationship to Disabled Person

.....FOR OFFICE USE ONLY.....

Parking Placard Number _____ Expiration Date _____
Issued By _____ Issue Date _____



by ensuring that a patient is qualified before approving him or her for disability plates or a parking placard.

The fraudulent use of disability license plates and parking placards is a matter I take very seriously. Medical professionals play an integral role in preventing the abuse of parking privileges for persons with disabilities

With assistance from the Rush University Medical Center, Americans with Disabilities Act Task Force in Chicago, my office developed this brochure to help medical professionals better understand the program and to determine whether a person meets the requirements to obtain special parking privileges. Included is detailed information on program eligibility and the application process, as well as guidelines for the use of disability parking spaces and penalties for the misuse and abuse of disability plates and parking placards.

The Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities is vital to many Illinois residents with disabilities to help them maintain their independence and stay active. By working with medical professionals, disability organizations and the law enforcement community, we can ensure that those who qualify for special parking privileges have the access they deserve.

Jesse White
Jesse White
Secretary of State

The fraudulent use of disability license plates and parking placards is a serious problem.

Medical professionals are part of the solution!

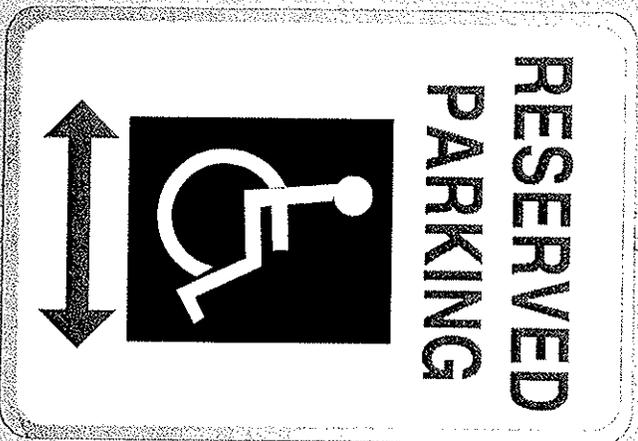
For more information or to obtain an application for the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities, please contact:

Office of the Secretary of State
Persons with Disabilities
License Plates/Placard Unit
501 S. Second St., Rm. 541
Springfield, IL 62756
217-782-2709
800-252-2904 (TTY)

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Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities

A Guide for Medical Professionals



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PARKING PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

A GUIDE FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Facts You Should Know

- A physician's signature is required on an application to obtain disability license plates or a parking placard.
- More than 600,000 people in Illinois have been issued permanent parking placards, and more than 40,000 are issued temporary parking placards annually.
- Each day, more than 400 people apply for disability license plates or parking placards.

Program Eligibility

A person with a disability or impairment is not automatically eligible for disability plates or a parking placard. When considering a patient's eligibility for disability plates or a parking placard, a licensed physician must certify that the patient's disability meets at least one of the following requirements: A patient must:

- be restricted by lung disease to such a degree that his or her forced (respiratory) expiratory volume (FEV) in one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter; or
- use portable oxygen; or
- have a Class III or Class IV cardiac condition according to the standards set by the American Heart Association; or
- when walking, require the assistance of another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistive device; or
- have an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition that severely limits the person's ability to walk.

Note: "Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest" is not a qualifying disability unless it is related to one of the above conditions.

Application Process

After certifying that a patient meets one of the above approved medical conditions, a licensed physician must:

- Specify the appropriate length of the disability —

either permanent or temporary. If temporary, the physician must state the duration of the disability, which may not be more than six months.

- Sign the application and include his or her physician's license number.
- Include physician's name, address and telephone number.

Applications are available at Secretary of State Driver Services facilities, at www.cyberdriveillinois.com, or by contacting: Secretary of State, Persons with Disabilities License Plates/Placard Unit, 301 S. Second St., Rm. 541, Springfield, IL 62756, 800-252-2904.

Physicians who knowingly misuse the application process or who make false statements to help someone obtain disability plates or a parking placard may be fined up to \$1,000.

Parking Placards

A parking placard may only be used in a vehicle in which the authorized holder of the placard is driving or is a passenger. Three types of parking placards are available from the Secretary of State's office:

- Permanent Placards are issued to persons with permanent disabilities. The placards are valid for four years and expire in 2010 on the last day of the month of the holder's birth month.
- Temporary Placards are valid for the length of time indicated by the certifying physician, not to exceed six months if issued by the Secretary of State. Local municipalities may issue temporary placards, which are valid for up to 90 days.
- Organization Placards are issued to organizations that transport persons with disabilities. These placards expire on April 30, 2010. No physician signature is required for an organization placard.

Disability License Plates

The major difference between disability plates and permanent parking placards is that the plates must stay permanently affixed to the vehicle for which they were issued.

- Disability plates are issued only to persons with permanent disabilities who own a vehicle and have their name on the vehicle title, or a parent or legal guardian of a minor with a disability.
- Disabled Veteran plates are issued only to veterans who have a 100 percent service-related disability.

Parking Privileges

- Vehicles properly displaying disability plates or a parking placard may park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities and are exempt from parking meter fees or time limitations on parking, except at meters, signs or other markings with time limitations of 30 minutes or less.
- Vehicles may not park in access aisles or areas where parking is prohibited. Vehicles also are prohibited from parking in any manner that creates a traffic hazard.
- Parking privileges apply only when the authorized holder of the disability plates or parking placard is present.

Penalties for Misuse

Effective Jan. 1, 2006, the minimum fine for parking in a space reserved for persons with disabilities without plates or a placard increased to \$350. Local municipalities may increase the fine to \$350 through adoption of a local ordinance. Unauthorized use of disability plates or parking placards may result in a \$500 fine and driver's license suspension for a first offense. Police officers also may confiscate a placard, and the Secretary of State's office may suspend or revoke plates or placards being used illegally.

Following are Class A misdemeanors for a first offense and may result in a fine of up to \$2,500 and driver's license suspension. Violators may be charged with a Class 4 felony for a second offense.

- Altering a parking placard.
- Possessing a fake, fraudulent, lost or stolen placard.
- Duplicating or manufacturing a placard.
- Selling or otherwise distributing a fraudulent placard.

In addition, parking in a metered space using disability plates or a parking placard without the authorized holder present may result in a fine of \$500 and driver's license suspension.

Application

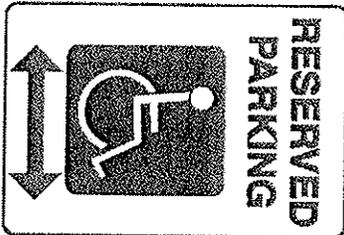
- Applications for disability license plates or parking placards are available at your local Driver Services facility, at www.cyberdriveillinois.com, or by contacting the Persons with Disabilities License Placard/Placard Unit, 501 S. Second St., Rm. 541, Springfield, IL 62756.
- A licensed physician must certify on the application that you have one of the five specific qualifying disabilities. You also must include your date of birth, gender and driver's license or state I.D. card number.
- If applying for disability plates, a copy of the registration card or title is required if the vehicle is registered in the applicant's name. If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, a copy of the Certificate of Title or Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin is required.
- If current plates expire within 90 days, submit:
 - Certification for Persons with Disabilities Plates or Placard
 - Application for Reclass to Disability Plates
 - Check or money order payable to Secretary of State for \$107 (\$78 renewal fee, \$29 replacement fee)
- If current plates do not expire within 90 days, submit:
 - Certification for Persons with Disabilities Plates or Placard
 - \$29 replacement fee
- Vanity and personalized disability plates are available. For more information, please call 217-782-2434.

Submit applications to:

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 Persons with Disabilities
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 Springfield, IL 62756
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 800-261-5280 (TTI)

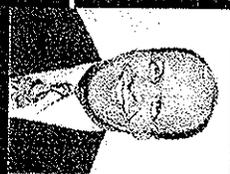
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The Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities is a vital program for many Illinois residents with disabilities. My office is committed to reducing the fraud and abuse of this important program. Effective Jan. 1, 2006, the unauthorized use of disability license plates or parking placards may result in a \$500 fine, driver's license suspension and the suspension/revocation of the placard or plates.

As a user of this program, please ensure that your placard or plates are being used accordingly. Remember, disability plates and placards are not transferable. The authorized holder must be present and must enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used.

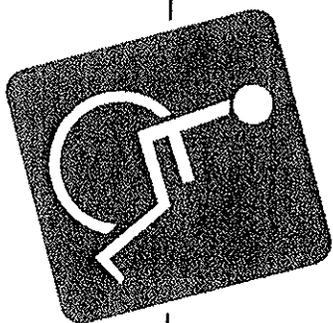
It is unconscionable that many people still consider it worth the risk to abuse the laws reserving parking spaces for persons with disabilities. My goal is to ensure that those who qualify for the program have the access they deserve.

If you have any questions about this program or the proper use of disability license plates or placards, please contact the Persons with Disabilities License Placard/Placard Unit at the numbers provided in this brochure.

Jesse White
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 Illinois Secretary of State



RESERVED PARKING



Program Eligibility

To qualify for the Secretary of States Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities, an applicant must have one of the following five specific medical conditions: ["Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest" is no longer a qualifying disability, unless it is related to one of these conditions.]

- Cannot walk without the assistance of another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistive device.
- Be restricted by lung disease to such a degree that forced (respiratory) expiratory volume (FEV) in 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter.
- Must use portable oxygen.
- Have Class III or Class IV cardiac condition according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
- Be severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition.

Parking Privileges

Disability license plates and parking placards are not transferable. The authorized holder must be present and must enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used.

Vehicles properly displaying disability license plates or a parking placard are exempt from meter fees or time limitations on parking, except at meters, signs or other markings with time limitations of 30 minutes or less.

Disability plates and parking placards do not permit vehicles to park in areas where parking is prohibited. Vehicles also are prohibited from parking in any manner that creates a traffic hazard.

Disability License Plates

Persons with permanent disabilities may obtain disability license plates for vehicles titled in their name. An immediate family member residing in the same household may obtain one set of plates if the qualifying person with disabilities does not own a vehicle and must rely on someone else for transportation.

Corporations, school districts, limited liability companies, nursing homes, convalescent homes and special education cooperatives transporting eligible persons may obtain disability plates as well.

Parking Placards

There are three different types of placards available from the Secretary of State's office:

- **Permanent placards** are issued to persons with a permanent disability. They are valid for four years and expire on the last day of the holder's birth month in 2010.
- **Temporary placards** are issued to persons with a temporary disability and valid for the length of time as indicated by the certifying physician, not to exceed six months if issued by the Secretary of State and 90 days if issued by a local municipality.
- **Organization placards** are issued to organizations that transport persons with disabilities free of charge. These placards are valid for four years and expire on April 30, 2010.

Placards are only valid until the expiration date indicated on the placard. To receive a new placard, you must submit a new application with a physician's certification verifying disability.

Placards are not transferable and it is illegal to copy or duplicate a placard for any reason.

Proper Display of Placards

Because a parking placard is issued to the authorized holder and not to a vehicle, it may be used in any vehicle in which the holder is driving or is a passenger. When parked, the placard must be properly displayed in one of the following locations so it is clearly visible to law enforcement:

- Hanging from the rearview mirror or
- Placed on the dashboard

Failure to properly display a parking placard may result in a fine.

Remember to remove the placard before the vehicle is in motion to prevent damage or excessive exposure to sun. Also, the placard can obstruct the driver's view if left hanging from the mirror.

Penalties for Misuse

It is illegal to:

- Park in a space reserved for persons with disabilities without disability license plates or a parking placard. Abuse or misuse may result in a minimum \$250 fine.
- Park in an access aisle — the vertical lines adjacent to the parking space for persons with disabilities. The access aisle reserves room for persons to safely enter and exit their vehicle. You can be ticketed for parking in the access aisle even if your vehicle is displaying a placard or disability plates.

- Use disability license plates or a parking placard if the holder is not present. State law requires that the authorized holder must be present and enter or exit the vehicle at the time parking privileges are being used.

Abuse or misuse may result in a minimum \$500 fine, driver's license suspension and suspension/revocation of the placard plates.

The following are Class A misdemeanors and may result in a fine of up to \$2,500 and driver's license suspension:

- Persons who illegally manufacture or alter disability plates or placards, obtain disability plates or placards based on fictitious information, or knowingly transfer plates or placards to others so that they may use privileges granted to authorized holders will be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, which carries a maximum \$2,500 fine.
- A second or subsequent offense is a Class 4 felony with a minimum \$2,000 fine and a maximum \$25,000 fine.

Police may confiscate a placard if they believe it is being used illegally. Police officers have clear authority to enforce parking laws on private property, such as at a mall or grocery store.