

**WAC 308-96B-020 General provisions. (1) How to qualify for special parking privileges for persons with disabilities?** A health care practitioner must certify, on a department approved application form and on a written authorization, that an individual has a qualifying disability in accordance with those listed in RCW 46.19.010(1).

(2) **Who may apply?** To qualify for special parking privileges for persons with disabilities, you must be a Washington state resident or be stationed with the Armed Forces in Washington state.

(3) **How to apply for special parking privileges for persons with disabilities?** The individual must complete and sign the appropriate portion of the application. Once the health care practitioner portion of the application is completed, and the health care practitioner has provided a written authorization, submit these documents to a vehicle licensing office or the department. The application and written authorization are required on all applications, originals and renewals.

(4) **Can the materials be submitted electronically?** No. The health care practitioner may send you the signed application and written authorization by electronic means of their choosing. You must remit the application and written authorization in hard copy to a vehicle licensing office or the department.

(5) **Can my health care practitioner combine the application and written authorization?** Yes. The application may be printed on the health care practitioner's letterhead or prescription paper and be submitted as a complete application.

(6) **Who may sign the application for an individual who is unable to sign or is a minor?** An authorized representative of the individual applying for the parking privilege may sign the application. The application must be accompanied by a copy of one of the following:

(a) A power of attorney;

(b) A Washington state court order or certification from the clerk of court confirming the court's action; or

(c) A declaration under penalty of perjury explaining why the applicant is unable to sign and explaining the signing person's association with the applicant. Example: Signature, Jane Doe, daughter.

(7) **Why is the identification card issued?** The identification card is issued to identify the individual with the parking privilege and to ensure that only those who qualify use the parking privilege. The identification card must be available for display to law enforcement or parking enforcement officials.

If you have just applied for the parking privilege and have not yet received the identification card, show the receipt you received at the time of application when requested.

(8) **How long is the special parking privilege for persons with disabilities valid?**

(a) Temporary privileges are valid for up to 12 months from the date of authorization by the health care practitioner. The privilege is valid until the last day of the month of expiration.

(b) Permanent privileges are issued for five years from the date of authorization by the health care practitioner. The privilege is valid until the last day of the month of expiration. The expiration date can be located on the identification card or as marked on the placard.

(9) **How do I renew or extend my parking privilege?**

(a) For a temporary privilege, if your condition continues beyond the expiration date, you must apply for a new privilege as described in WAC 308-96B-010(2).

(b) For a permanent privilege, the department will mail you a notice before your privilege expires.  
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(10) **What if the parking placard or identification card is lost, mutilated, destroyed, or stolen?** To replace your parking placard or identification card, complete and sign an authorized department of licensing form indicating such. A new parking placard or identification card will be issued, indicating the original expiration date. The placard or identification card being replaced are no longer valid and should be destroyed if located.

(11) **What should I do with my placard and identification card when they are no longer valid?** They should be destroyed.

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