

Croydon Council – Fact Sheet for residents applying for a Blue Badge or Disabled Persons Freedom Pass

Eligibility Criteria – Loss of function in both arms

For Blue Badge applications (Note – you must be the driver of the vehicle to be eligible)

We can consider applications where:

- You regularly drive a vehicle and have a severe disability in both arms AND you are unable to operate or have considerable difficulty in operating parking meters. Such conditions may include (list is not exhaustive):
 - A limb reduction deficiency of both arms
 - Bilateral upper limb amputation
 - Muscular dystrophy
 - Spinal cord injury
 - Motor neurone disease

For Blue Badges and the driver's arms are affected

- Most drivers with disabilities in both arms drive an adapted vehicle and we would require vehicle registration or insurance documents which contain statements to this effect.
- If you have registered your adapted vehicle with the DVLA, we would require a copy of your driving licence, which will contain codes that refer to the modifications made to the vehicle. These can be found on the reverse of a photocard driving licence (under category 12, information codes).

For Freedom Passes applications – Note - your loss must be to *both* arms

We can consider applications where:

- you do not have arms or have permanently lost the use **of both your arms**.
- you have deformity of **both** arms and you are unable to use them to carry out day to day tasks.

Evidence you could provide:

- Medical evidence to support your application to show you meet the above relevant criteria.

Notes on providing evidence to support your application:

Documents supplied must:

- be relevant to the eligibility criteria you are applying under
- show your name and address

For example:

- a letter of diagnosis
- evidence of specialist consultations etc.
- letters from other professionals involved in your care

You can now get access to your medical records by visiting www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/about-the-nhs/how-to-get-your-medical-records/

Please do not ask your GP to write a letter on your behalf. We will not be able to consider this. We cannot accept appointment letters as proof, please do not send these.