Applications/Certifications

Applications/Certifications for disability plates and/or parking placards are available at your local Secretary of State facility, at www.cyberdriveillinois.com, or by contacting the Persons with Disabilities License Plates/Placard Unit.

A licensed physician must certify on the application that you have one of the six specific medical conditions that severely impairs your ability to walk. The certificate must include your date of birth, gender, and driver’s license or state ID card number.

If applying for disability plates on a vehicle currently registered in the applicant’s name, a copy of the registration card or title is required. If applying for disability plates on a new vehicle, the Certificate of Title or Manufacturer’s Certificate of Origin is required.

If current plates expire within 90 days, submit: Persons with Disabilities Certification for Parking Placard/License Plates and $29 replacement fee for a random-number plate.

If current plates do not expire within 90 days, submit: Persons with Disabilities Certification for Parking Placard/License Plates and $29 replacement fee for a random-number plate.

Vanity and personalized disability plates are available and carry additional fees. For more information, visit Pick-a-Plate at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

PARKING PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

New laws, effective January 1, 2014

The Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities is a vital program for many Illinois residents with disabilities. My office has worked to ensure that the program is effective and accessible to all Illinois residents with disabilities.

Beginning in January 2014, persons with disabilities are no longer exempt from parking meters fees and time limitations unless they have certain types of disabilities that qualify them for a Meter-Exempt parking placard.

In Illinois, the illegal use of a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities carries a minimum $250 fine. Unauthorized use of a disability plate or placard carries a minimum of at least $600 fine, a driver’s license suspension and/or revocation of the plates or placard.

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

For more information, please contact the Secretary of State, Office of the Secretary of State, 17 S. Dearborn St., 60603.

Jesse White
Illinois Secretary of State

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Persons with Disabilities License Plates

Disability plates must be permanently affixed to the vehicle. An applicant must submit a Secretary of State Persons with Disabilities Certification for Parking Privileges and a valid physician’s certification that the applicant has one of the following six specific medical conditions that severely impairs the ability to walk:

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6. Is unable to use a standard toilet and has a rectal incontinence.

The Secretary of State issues four types of parking placards:

1. Meter-Exempt Permanent Placards
   - Yellow-and-gray-striped (permanent)
   - Blue (permanent)
   - Red (permanent)
   - Green (permanent)

2. Permanent Placards
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3. Temporary Placards
   - Red (temporary)
   - Blue (temporary)

4. Organization Placards
   - Red (organization)
   - Yellow-and-gray-striped (organization)

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.

Police may confiscate a placard and the Secretary of State’s office may suspend or revoke license plates or placards being used illegally.

Proper Display of Placards

Because a parking placard is issued in the name of the individual with the disability and not for the vehicle, it may be used in any vehicle in which the authorized holder is driving or is in the vehicle.

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