



**APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY PARKING PLACARD**

North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles  
 3148 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-3148

**Application instructions for temporary or permanent disability parking placards:**

1. Applicant must select the number of placards desired. (Please note: There is a limit of two per applicant.)
2. Applicant must complete and sign only the applicant section. Parent may sign for minors. \*If signing with a Power of Attorney, a certified copy must be attached or shown at the time of issuance.
3. The physician must select the type of placard:
  - a. Permanent placard - valid for five years. Re-certification by a physician and a new placard must be issued at expiration.
  - b. Temporary placard - valid for one to six months. Extension beyond expiration will require a new application.
4. Physician must complete and sign the physician's section.
5. Please return the completed application and the \$5.00 fee per placard to your local License Plate Agency or mail it to the address above.

Find local DMV License Plate Agencies at [www.ncdot.gov/dmv](http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv)

**APPLICANT SECTION**

I would like:  ONE  TWO placards at \$5.00 each.

APPLICANT'S NC DRIVER LICENSE / ID NUMBER		APPLICANT'S/ORGANIZATION'S PRINTED NAME	
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE			
PHONE NUMBER		APPLICANT'S/ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE*	

**PHYSICIAN'S SECTION**

Disability parking placards and license plates are governed by the Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina, Article 2A.

**Afflicted, Disabled or Handicapped Persons.** G. S. 20-37.5 Definitions (2) "Handicapped" shall mean a person with a mobility impairment who, as determined by a licensed physician: **(check all that apply)**

- Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest
- Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device
- Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume of 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
- Uses portable oxygen
- 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 standards set by the American Heart Association
- Is severely limited in their ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition
- Is totally blind or whose vision with glasses is so defective as to prevent the performance of ordinary activity for which eyesight is essential, as certified by a licensed ophthalmologist, optometrist, or the Division of Services for the Blind

**Terms of Expected Duration of Condition Definitions:**

**Temporary** - A licensed physician certifies that the applicant is a person with a disability as defined under G. S. 20-37.5 (as appears above), and the disability is of a temporary nature; therefore, the physician shall recommend that a temporary accessible parking placard be issued for a period of one to six months.

**Permanent** - A licensed physician certifies that the applicant is a person with a disability as defined under G. S. 20-37.5 (as appears above), and the disability is of a permanent nature; therefore, the physician shall recommend that a permanent accessible parking placard be issued.

I hereby certify that the person on the face of this application qualifies for a:  PERMANENT PLACARD  TEMPORARY PLACARD

Temporary placard expiration in months (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE		PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS	
PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME		PHYSICIAN'S PHONE NUMBER	DATE
PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE NUMBER		PATIENT'S PRINTED NAME	

**Temporary Parking Placards**

Are issued for a period of one to six months. If an extension is needed beyond the expiration date, a new application will be required. Upon expiration, Temporary Accessible Parking Placards should be destroyed.

**Permanent Parking Placards**

Are issued for five years. Physician re-certification and placard re-issuance are required every five years to continue parking in disability accessible areas. Applicants will be mailed a renewal application to be certified by their Physician. Applicants may renew their Permanent Placard up to 90 days prior to the expiration date of the placard.

**G. S. 20-37.6 Parking Privileges for Handicapped Drivers and Passengers**

**(a) General Parking** – Any vehicle that is driven by or is transporting a person who is handicapped and that displays a distinguishing license plate, a removable windshield placard, or a temporary removable windshield placard may be parked for unlimited periods in parking zones restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted. This provision has no application to those zones or during times in which the stopping, parking, or standing of all vehicles is prohibited or which are reserved for special types of vehicles. Any qualifying vehicle may park in spaces designated as restricted to vehicles driven by or transporting the handicapped.

**Rules that govern the Parking Placard for the Afflicted, Disabled or Handicapped Person**

- The placard is portable from one vehicle to another.
- Hang the placard from the rearview mirror or place on the driver's side dash if there is no rearview mirror.
- The placard registration card must remain with each placard while in use.
- The fee is \$15.00 to replace the registration card for your placard if it becomes lost.
- The fee to replace a lost/stolen placard itself is \$5.00.
- Damaged placards will be replaced at no fee.
- Any organization certified by State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency that regularly transports handicapped persons may apply.

G. S. 20-37.6 (c)