



The NY State Permit continued...

Where do I put the permit?

Hang it from the inside rearview mirror of your vehicle.

Where can I park with it?

This permit allows the driver to park in publicly accessible spaces marked by the International Symbol of Access as long as the permit holder is traveling in the car. In New York City, these spaces are all off-street, such as, in parking lots for shopping centers/malls, office/apartment buildings, and college campuses.

Where else is it valid?

This permit is recognized throughout the United States and Canada as valid for parking in all spaces marked for persons with disabilities.

Where is this permit not valid?

This permit is not valid for parking on streets anywhere within the five boroughs of New York City (see the preceding section about the New York City Permit for more information).

How long is my permit valid?

The New York State permit is valid until the expiration date printed on the permit.

How do I renew my permit?

If you have been issued a permanent state permit (the blue hang tag), you will be asked six weeks before its expiration date to renew your permit. Renewal of a permanent state permit usually does not require a second medical examination. The temporary permit (the red tag) is valid for six months and is not renewable. However, you may reapply for an additional six month period.

General Info for Both Permits

What happens if I lose a permit?

If your permit is lost or stolen, you must:

- report the loss or theft at the precinct and obtain a police incident slip;
- notify the PPPD Unit—we will send you a lost/stolen form;
- send us the police incident slip and the completed lost/stolen form.

Please be careful with your permit. These permits are valuable and are sometimes stolen. Permits lost/stolen will be reissued only at the discretion of the Department of Transportation.

How do I get a wrongful summons dismissed?

- If you have a New York State permit and you were parked in a disabled marked off-street space, send a letter explaining exactly where you were parked along with a copy of your summons and a copy of your state permit to the Parking Violations address listed below.
- If you have a New York City permit, send the original summons or notice of summons and your city permit number to the following address:

The NYC Department of Finance
Advocacy Unit, 3rd Floor
66 John Street, NY, NY 10038

How do I obtain a City and/or State disability parking permit application?

You may now apply on-line by visiting our website at: nyc.gov/dot or you may call the PPPD Unit's automated phone system at 718.433.3100. Leave your name and address as instructed, and an application will be mailed to you.

Parking Permits for People with Disabilities
30-30 Thomson Avenue, 2nd Floor
Long Island City, NY 11101-4008

TTY Deaf or Hearing-Impaired, dial 212.504.4115
Visit our website: nyc.gov/dot



PARKING PERMITS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (PPPD)



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The NYC Department of Transportation's Parking Permits for People with Disabilities (PPPD) Unit issues two types of disability parking permits for people with disabilities: the NYC permit and the NY State permit.



The NYC Permit

Who is eligible?

A person who has a disability that severely and permanently impairs mobility that requires the use of a private automobile for transportation. (Please note that non-drivers, such as children with qualifying disabilities, are also eligible for consideration.)

How do I apply?

You can apply on-line at www.nyc.gov/dot or see General Information in this brochure about the different ways of obtaining an application. Then read and follow the instructions carefully, fill out the application completely, and have your own physician fill out your medical history page. Mail your application with a copy of your driver's or non driver's license and copies of current vehicle registrations to the Parking Permits for People with Disabilities (PPPD) Unit at the address listed in General Information.

The PPPD Unit will review your application for completeness and forward it to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) eligibility assessment center. A review of your application and supporting medical documentation will be performed. It could take DOHMH up to 90 days to process an application. When the PPPD Unit receives your certification from the center, the PPPD Unit will issue you a permit within 10-15 business days if you have been approved or will send you a denial letter with an explanation of the appeal process.

What does the permit look like?

The New York City Disability Parking Permit is a rectangular placard.



Where do I put the permit?

Display your permit in full view on the driver's side dashboard.

Where can I park with it?

This permit allows the driver to park at most curbsides on city-owned streets. According to NYC Traffic Rules Section 4-08(o)(1)(i), authorized parking areas for an operator of a vehicle bearing a valid New York City Special Parking Identification permit may park:

- in any "No Parking" zone, including those marked "except authorized vehicles;"
- in any "No Standing Except Authorized Vehicles" zone (exception Ambulette);
- at parking meters without using an authorized payment method; and
- in "No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading" zones.

Such special parking permit shall be displayed so that it is visible through the windshield.

Where else is it valid?

Unlike the state permit described in this brochure, your city permit entitles you to park only on city streets within the five boroughs of New York City.

Where is this permit not valid?

According to NYC Traffic Rules Section 408(o)(1)(ii), such Special Parking Identification permits do not authorize parking:

- in a bus stop;
- in an Ambulance Only;
- in a taxi-stand;
- within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- in a fire zone;
- in a driveway;
- in a crosswalk;
- in a "No Stopping" zone;
- in a "No Standing" zone (School Days);
- in a "No Standing Except Authorized Vehicles Ambulette" zone; or
- double parking.

You are not able to park with it on streets that are not owned by the City.

How long is my permit valid?

Your permit is valid until the expiration date printed on the permit.

How do I renew my permit?

Approximately six weeks before the scheduled expiration date, you will be asked to renew, to verify that your information of record is still correct, and to submit copies of all current registrations for vehicles printed on your permit. Your permit will be renewed upon request unless the City's certifying physician determined that your condition required a follow up. In that case, the PPPD Unit, before issuing you an annual permit for that year, will request that you be recertified by your own physician and that you be scheduled for a reassessment by an approved City physician.

What if I need to switch vehicles?

If, after receiving the permit, you need to switch temporarily to another vehicle that is not listed on your permit, you may do so if you have 3 or fewer regular vehicles listed on your permit by calling the PPPD Unit's automated phone system, 718.433.3100. When you are permanently changing vehicles, you will need to notify the PPPD Unit in writing, enclosing copies of registrations of any new vehicles to be listed.

The NY State Permit

New York State has designated the PPPD Unit as the issuing agent for state disability permits for residents of the five boroughs of New York City.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible to obtain a New York State permit from the PPPD Unit only if you are certified by your physician as having a disability which severely affects your ability to walk for long distances.

Further, you must according to the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law, Section 404-a:

- have limited or no use of one or both legs;
- have a neuro-muscular dysfunction which
- severely limits mobility;
- have another physical or mental disability
- which prevents you from getting around and
- makes the use of public transportation difficult; or
- be legally blind.

Your disability must be diagnosed and described by a NY State licensed physician (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy), or a podiatrist (who may certify for a below-the-ankle qualifying condition). Your physician must state whether your condition is permanent or temporary in nature and describe how severely and regularly the condition affects your ability to walk.

How do I apply?

Please see the back of this brochure to learn about the different ways of obtaining an application. Then read and follow the instructions carefully and fill out the application completely.

What does the permit look like?

The permanent NY State Disability Parking Permit is a blue plastic hang tag (the temporary permit is a red plastic hang tag). Both display the universal International Symbol of Access for people with disabilities.

