

DISABLED PARKING PERMIT INFORMATION



OVERVIEW

A State-wide Disabled Persons' Parking Scheme currently operates in Victoria. The Scheme provides for two permit categories with varying parking concessions, based on the applicant's need for assistance.

Under Category One, permit holders with significant intellectual or ambulatory disabilities who meet the eligibility criteria are entitled to park a vehicle in a special bay reserved for people with a disability only, for the specified time only, or may park a vehicle in any ordinary area or bay for twice the specified time (upon payment of any initial parking fee, if applicable).

Under Category Two, permit holders who require rest breaks when walking may park a vehicle in any ordinary area or bay for twice the specified time (upon payment of any initial parking fee, if applicable). The permit label should be carried by the permit holder when he/she is not being transported in a vehicle. Category two permit holders are not permitted to park in special disabled persons' park.

TYPES OF PERMITS

- Code A – for a driver/passenger who has a disability;
- Code B – for a passenger only who has a disability;
- Code C – for an organisation providing a transport service for people with disabilities;
- Code D – for a temporary permit.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

CATEGORY ONE

A person may hold only one disabled persons' parking permit.

A person is eligible for a permit:

- if a Medical Practitioner indicates that he/she has a significant ambulatory disability such that he/she is required to use a complex walking aid* that prevents access to a vehicle in a standard sized parking bay, or he/she cannot access a vehicle in a standard sized parking bay (Code A or B). (* A complex walking aid is defined as an aid which has more than one contact point with the ground).

OR

- if a Medical Practitioner indicates that he/she has either an acute or chronic illness in which minimal walking may endanger his/her health acutely or in the long term (Code A or B).
- A significant permanent ambulatory disability that is not likely to improve in the person's lifespan (Code A or B).
- A significant long-term ambulatory disability is a disability that is not likely to improve within six months (Code D).

OR

- if a Specialist Medical Practitioner or a Clinical Psychologist indicates that he/she is an extreme danger to himself/herself and others in a public place without continuous attendance by a caregiver (Code B).

CATEGORY TWO

A person may only hold on disabled persons' parking permit and be eligible for it:

- if a Medical Practitioner indicates that he/she has a significant ambulatory disability or severe illness which does not affect their ability to walk distances but will require rest breaks when continuous walking is undertaken.

Codes A, B and D apply to both categories.

Parking is not permitted in restricted locations such as Clearways, No Standing and No Parking Areas, Taxi Only Areas, Bus Zones, Authorised Resident Areas, etc.

If you are eligible for the Scheme you should receive a copy of the "Conditions of Use" with your permit.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available from the Shire's Customer Service centres. Download the Disabled Parking Permit Application Form from the Shire's website www.mornpen.vic.gov.au

Permits will only be issued to established residents of the Mornington Peninsula Shire. The first part of the application form must be completed by you or your agent. The rest of the application form should be completed by the Specialist Medical Practitioner or Clinical Psychologist for intellectual disabilities and the Medical Practitioner for all other disabilities. The completed form must then be returned to the Mornington Peninsula Shire. You or your agent is responsible for any fees incurred in the completion of the form. Your authority for the Medical Practitioner/Specialist Medical Practitioner/Clinical Psychologist to release medical information is to be signed and given to him/her. An organisation providing a transport service to the disabled is required to complete a separate application form.

PERMIT RENEWAL

If you have a permanent disability you will be issued with a permit from two to five years. At the end of this period the Shire will inform you whether a new application is required to renew the permit. Organisations will receive a permit for five years.

PERMIT CANCELLATION

A permit is automatically cancelled after the expiry date and may be cancelled at any time for wilful misuse or breach of the Conditions of Use. Penalties may be imposed for misuse of the permit. Further information may be obtained by contacting Customer Service on: 1300 850 600 or 5950 1000.

REFUSAL OF AN APPLICATION

Where an application is refused, the Shire will give reasons for its decision in writing and reconsider your application if you need a second opinion from another medical Practitioner or Clinical Psychologist.

TRAVELLING INTERSTATE

Permits are recognised elsewhere in Australia. Parking concessions may be different in other States and Territories and you should check the conditions applying to the Disabled Persons Parking Scheme in the State or Territory you intend to visit. For a brochure giving some details regarding interstate schemes, see www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Customer Service on: 1300 850 600 or 5950 1000. Visit our webpage www.mornpen.vic.gov.au