



POLICY FOR COMMUNAL AND PERSONALISED RESERVED PARKING BAYS FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

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1.0 Administrative Procedure

Definition: Communal **Reserved Parking Bay**, means a designated Parking Space for persons with disability reserved by Transport Malta.

Personalised Reserved Parking Bay, means a personalized designated parking space for persons with disability (L.N. 174 of 2018) reserved by Transport Malta.

The procedure for Reserved Parking Bays/Personalised Reserved Parking Bays for Blue Badge Holders is managed and administered by the Traffic Management and Road Safety Department (TMRSD) within Transport Malta.

Applications for Communal/Personalised Reserved Parking bays for Blue Badge Holders are to be sent by post to Transport Malta, Traffic Management and Road Safety Department, First Floor, Triq Pantar Lija, LJA 2021 or by email: bluebadgeholders.tm@transport.gov.mt for assessment;

TMRSD will consider applications for Communal/Personalised Reserved Parking bays for Blue Badge Holders as submitted by the applicant according to the Eligibility Criteria as stated in point 2.0.

TMRSD decision to approve or not the area to be reserved for the Parking Bay is final.

2.0 Eligibility Criteria for Communal/Personalised Reserved Parking Bay for Blue Badge Holders

The following criteria has been drawn up for eligibility of a Communal/Personalised Reserved Parking Bay for Blue Badge Holders where such bays may be used by any Blue Badge Holder:

- 2.1 The approved Communal Reserved Parking Bay for Blue Badge Holders will be implemented in the closest legal on-street parking bay from the front access door of the registered residence of the person with disability and will be marked with the international access icon in white and marked in a blue parking bay;
- 2.2 The approved Personalised Reserved Parking Bay for Blue Badge Holders will be implemented in the closest legal on-street bay from the front access door of the registered residence of the person with disability and will be marked with the Blue Badge number or Vehicle number as the case may be and will be marked with the international access icon in white and marked in a blue parking bay;
- 2.3 The place of residence/habitation, of the person with disability (as specified in his Identity Card/Passport) for whom the reserved parking space is being requested, must not have a garage or drive-in or any other space within the property boundaries, or within 100 meters from the said residence/habitation, which could be used as or transformed into a car parking space or car port, subject to any permits required by the Planning Authority;

- 2.4 In the case that the person with disability has a summer residence, the applicant will state clearly in the application if the Reserved Parking Bay will be implemented at the summer residence for the period between June to September and/or if it will be implemented also at the registered (winter) residence between October and May;
- 2.5 In the case of a request for a Communal Reserved Parking bay, the vehicle must be registered at the same address as the reserved parking space;
- 2.6 In the case of a request for a Personalised Reserved Parking bay where the person with disability has a severe condition of uncontrollable behaviour, the vehicle need not be registered at the same address as the reserved parking space;
- 2.7 Applications for personalized reserved parking bays must be certified by CRPD
- 2.8 The Person with Disability must be a Blue Badge Holder;
- 2.9 As a general rule, except unless as stated in clause 4, although reserved parking spaces are permanent, TMRSD reserves the right to review each case as required;
- 2.10 In the case where the Reserved Parking Bay is being requested due to difficulty to access the garage at the residence of the applicant, and if the applicant is eligible for such bay, such Reserved Parking Bay will be marked in front of the said garage, as long as it is not a communal entry or cannot obstruct third parties;
- 2.11 the street has a very steep incline which causes additional functional impairment;
- 2.12 the street has a very severe parking problem which causes additional functional impairment and there are no residents parking scheme;
- 2.13 the street is an arterial/distributor/linking function road where a temporary stationery vehicle causes disruption.

3.0 Eligibility Criteria for 1.5m KEEP CLEAR bay

TMRSD has drawn up criteria for eligibility of a 1.5m KEEP CLEAR Bay for Blue Badge Holders as follows:

- 3.1 The approved 1.5m KEEP CLEAR Bay for Blue Badge Holders is marked with the international access icon in white marked in a blue parking bay;
- 3.2 The 1.5m KEEP CLEAR bay is marked in front of the door of the residence of the Blue Badge Holders;
- 3.3 The Person with Disability must be a Blue Badge Holder;

- 3.4 There is no Reserved Parking bay for Blue Badge Holder approved at the residence/habitation of the Person with Disability;
- 3.5 There is a need for extra space to an approved reserved parking space for a Wheelchair Vehicle;
- 3.6 Each 1.5m KEEP CLEAR bay permit may be reviewed by TMRSD as required;

4.0 Request for a Temporary Reserved Parking for Blue Badge Holders

Temporary Reserved Parking Bays for Blue Badge Holders will be considered for a maximum period of six (6) months with the possibility of renewal and such will be assessed on humanitarian grounds and are to conform to a minimum of four (4) of the following criteria:

- a) the Person with Disability does not have a garage accessible for persons with mobility impairments from the residence;
 - b) the Person with Disability is during a period of convalescence, not exceeding six (6) months, associated with a severe mobility impairment;
 - c) the Person with Disability uses private own/family transport on a regular basis;
 - d) the Carer of the Person with Disability has severe mobility problems;
 - e) the street has a very steep incline which causes additional functional impairment;
 - f) the street has a very severe parking problem which causes additional functional impairment and there are no residents parking scheme;
 - g) the street is an arterial/distributor/linking function road where a temporary stationary vehicle causes disruption;
- 4.1 The criteria for the placing of such Temporary Reserved Parking Bays for Blue Badge Holders are as follows:
- a) The approved Communal Reserved Parking Bay for Blue Badge Holders will be implemented in the closest legal on-street parking bay from the front access door of the registered residence of the person with disability and will be marked with the international access icon in white and marked in a blue parking bay;
 - b) The place of residence/habitation, of the Blue Badge Holder (as specified in his Identity Card/Passport) for whom the reserved parking space is being requested, must not have a garage or drive-in or any other space within the property boundaries, or within 100 meters from the said residence/habitation, which could be used as or transformed into a car parking space or car port, subject to any permits required by the Planning Authority;

- c) In the case that the Blue Badge Holder has a summer residence, the applicant will state clearly in the application of the Reserved Parking Bay will be implemented at the summer residence for the period between June to September or if it will be implemented also at the registered (winter) residence within the period between October and May;
- d) The vehicle must be registered at the same address as the reserved parking space;
- e) The Person with Disability should be a Blue Badge Holder;
- f) In the case where the Reserved Parking Bay is being requested due to difficulty to access the garage at the residence of the applicant, and if the applicant is eligible for such bay, such Reserved Parking Bay will be marked in front of the said garage, as long as it is not a communal entry or cannot obstruct third parties;
- g) the street has a very steep incline which causes additional functional impairment;
- h) the street has a very severe parking problem which causes additional functional impairment and there are no residents parking scheme;
- i) the street is an arterial/distributor/linking function road where a temporary stationary vehicle causes disruption;

5.0 Design Criteria

5.1 Parking Dimensions

The dimensions for a car parking bay designated for the persons with disability are as follows:

Type	Minimum Width	Minimum Length
<i>Parallel to Kerb</i>	2 metres	6 metres
<i>Perpendicular to Kerb</i>	2.2 metres	5 metres
<i>Van Accessible Space (2.3meters headroom)</i>	2.9metres (where possible)	7.3 metres

5.2 Car Parking Areas and Car Parking Lots

The provision of Communal car parking spaces requested by Local Councils for Persons with Disability depends on the total amount of car parking spaces available within the car parking lot and is to be as follows, thus:

Total Number of Car Parking Spaces Available	Total Number of Spaces Designated to Disabled Persons	
	<i>Vehicle Space</i>	<i>Van Space</i>
3-10	1	-
11-25	2	OR 1
26-50	2	1
51-75	3	1
76-100	4	1
101-150	5	1
151-200	6	1
201-300	7	1
301-400	8	1
401-500	9	2
501-1000	2%	3
>1000	20 spaces plus 1 space per additional 100spaces	1 van accessible space per 8 vehicular spaces for disabled persons

5.3 Location of Reserved Parking Bay for Persons with Disability

Except where TMRSD considers it is justified, the location of reserved parking bays, for Blue Badge Holders are NOT to be:

- Within a distance of 50mtrs from other reserved parking bays for Blue Badge Holders;
- On private roads or any other private property;
- On roads or areas where vehicular access is not permitted;
- On yellow or white lines which are double or single;
- In a bus lane or cycle lane;

- Obstructing in any way or causing any hardship or prejudicing against any rights of third parties;
- Obstructing the traffic flow;
- Outside the 5 meter 'No Parking' zone at street corners;
- Infringing any parking restrictions prevailing at the proposed site;
- In any location other than his residence as indicated on his Identity Card;
- On any pedestrian, pelican, toucan and puffin crossings;
- On any of the zig-zag markings before or after pedestrian, pelican, toucan and puffin crossings;
- In parking places reserved for specific users, except where a shared space would be appropriate;
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- On 'Keep Clear' parking bays.

6.0 Criteria for the Withdrawal of an Approved Temporary or Permanent Reserved Parking Bay for Blue Badge Holders:

The criteria for the withdrawal of the approval for a temporary or permanent reserved parking bay specific to a Blue badge holder may be any one or more of the following, hence when:

- Other non-authorized people and/or vehicles and/or objects are allowed to use the Reserved Parking Bay;
- The registered vehicle for the service is not being parked in the reserved parking bay;
- In the event of any other case of abuse;
- There is a garage at or within walking distance of the residence of the Blue Badge Holder;
- The Blue Badge Holder, has passed away or is living in a communal home.

When TMRSD has proof of the abuse, the concession for the Reserved Parking Bay is withdrawn and the original applicant, crpd and the local council are notified in writing.

7.0 Criteria for the Withdrawal of an Approved 1.5m KEEP CLEAR Bay for Blue Badge Holders:

The criteria for the withdrawal of the approval for a 1.5m KEEP CLEAR Bay may be any one or more of the following, hence when:

- Other non-authorized people and/or vehicles and/or objects are allowed to park on the 1.5m KEEP CLEAR Bay;
- Furniture, vehicles or any other items are allowed to be placed on the 1.5m KEEP CLEAR Bay
- In the event of any other case of abuse;
- The Blue Badge Holder has passed away or is living in a communal home.

When TMRSD has proof of the abuse, the concession for the KEEP CLEAR Bay is withdrawn and the original applicant, crpd and the local council are notified in writing.