

What happens if further information is required?

If we can't reach a decision on your application at this stage, you will be invited to attend the Independent Mobility Assessment Clinic.

This is an opportunity for you to discuss the impact your disability has on your mobility and for an assessor to observe your mobility issues first hand.

Right of Appeal:

If your application has not been successful after a desk-based assessment and you are not happy with the outcome, you can ask for your application to be reviewed. You will then be booked into the Independent Mobility Clinic for further assessment with an OT.

Please contact the Transport Planning Service if you would like your application to be reviewed or require more information:

Transport Planning
Service
SIC Council Headquarters
6 North Ness Business Park
Lerwick
ZE1 0LZ
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For further information on eligibility for the Blue Badge Scheme and the relevant legislation please see:

www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/policy/blue-badge-scheme

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The Blue Badge Assessment Process



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Who assesses my application?

Legislation in 2012 means that all Blue Badge applications are assessed by the Community Occupational Therapy Service instead of your GP.

What is an Occupational Therapist?

An Occupational Therapist (OT) is a qualified health care professional who has specialist skills in assessing function and mobility. All OT's are registered with the Health Professions Council. See www.hpc-uk.org for more information.

Who receives an assessment?

All individuals who do not automatically qualify for a Blue Badge have to participate in the assessment process.

What happens to my application form?

The information on your application form is reviewed by an OT through a desk-based assessment.

You may receive a phone call from an OT at this point. This may be to check any unclear/missing information or because we would like to chat to you about how your disability affects your mobility

Information already held by us may also be checked as part of the assessment if you have provided your consent on the application form.

It is helpful for your application if you complete all sections of the application form and provide as much information as possible about your walking ability.

What happens next?

Your application will be scored using the nationally agreed eligibility criteria in the following four areas:

- Level of difficulty in manner of walking
- Level of breathlessness when walking
- Level of pain experienced when walking
- Distance/speed/and time taken to walk

If you receive over 25 points you will receive a Blue Badge without need for further assessment.

Has my application been successful?

After the desk-based assessment the Transport Planning Service will write to you informing you of the outcome of your assessment.