

# **HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMIT**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is a handicapped parking permit?**

A handicapped parking permit is a permit issued by a locality to persons who are disabled. The permit is issued to the person, not the vehicle. A permit may be issued to a disabled child who is a passenger in the parent's vehicle. The permit is free.

### **Where do I apply for a handicapped parking permit?**

Every city, town and village must issue handicapped parking permits.

### **Who is eligible for the handicapped parking permit?**

For a permanent disability permit, the following criteria have been established:

- a. Limited or no use of one or both legs.
- b. A neuro-muscular dysfunction which severely limits mobility.
- c. Another type of physical or mental disability which prevents you from getting around without great difficulty and makes public transportation difficult.
- d. Blindness.

A temporary disability has been classified as unable to move without a cane, crutches, walker, or other assisting device.

### **Are there different permits?**

Yes, there are two types of permit, permanent and temporary.

### **What are the expiration periods?**

For a temporary permit, the expiration time is no more than six months, and for a permanent permit the expiration time is five years. You may renew both.

### **What is needed to be eligible to apply for a permit?**

To be eligible to apply for a permit, the applicant needs to supply the issuing authority with a statement from the doctor certifying that you have a qualifying disability. A similar letter from a hospital, clinic, medical facility, the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually handicapped, or the NYS Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is also acceptable.

### **Can a permit be revoked?**

Yes, if the permit is misused, the locality which issued it may revoke it or refuse to renew it.

### **Is the permit valid outside of New York State?**

For the most part, New York State honors other states' handicapped parking permits and other states honor ours. However, it is always recommended to check with local authorities in other states.

### **Are there special instructions?**

The handicapped parking permit is to be hung off your rear view mirror when parked. Do not drive the vehicle with the parking permit hanging off the mirror. After you have parked the vehicle, lock its doors, since people have been known to steal permits out of vehicles.

## **What if I lose my permit or it is destroyed?**

You should go back to the issuing authority to get another permit.