

CERTIFICATION TABLE					
Patient's Condition	Medical Professional Authorized to Certify to a Temporary (T) or Permanent (P) Condition				
	Physician	Nurse Practitioner	Physician's Assistant	Podiatrist	Chiropractor
Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest	T or P	T or P	T or P	T or P	T or P
Uses portable oxygen	T or P	T or P	T or P		
Cannot walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device	T or P	T or P	T or P	T or P	T or P
Has a cardiac condition to the extent that functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association	T or P	T or P	T or P		
Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty millimeters of mercury on room air or at rest	T or P	T or P	T or P		
Is severely limited in ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition	T or P	T or P	T or P	T or P	T or P
Has some other debilitating condition that, in the view of a licensed physician, physician's assistant nurse practitioner, podiatrist, or chiropractor, limits or impairs ability to walk	T or P	T or P	T or P	T or P	T or P
Has been diagnosed with a mental or developmental amentia or delay that impairs judgment including, but not limited to, an autism spectrum disorder	P	P	P		
Has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia	P	P	P		
Is legally blind or deaf	P	P	P		
Has some other condition that, in the view of a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner creates a safety concern while walking because of impaired judgment or other physical, developmental, or mental limitations	P	P	P		

For safety, remove your placard from your rearview mirror when driving.

Violations and Penalties

It is a serious misuse of placards and plates for the disabled when someone other than the person with a disability uses the placard or plate to park in a space reserved for people with disabilities.

Remember... it's unlawful to:

- ▶ Park in a space reserved for disabled individuals without displaying your disabled placard or plates. A conviction of this offense could result in fines from \$100 to \$500.
- ▶ Allow anyone to use your placard or plates to park in a disabled parking space unless they are transporting you. A conviction of this offense could result in fines of up to \$500 and/or the revocation of your disabled parking privileges, requiring you to surrender your placard or plates.

It's also illegal to:

- ▶ Create or use a counterfeit copy of a disabled parking placard or license plates.
- ▶ Alter a disabled parking placard or license plates.
- ▶ Make a false statement about a disability in order to obtain or assist someone else in obtaining a disabled parking placard or license plates.

Convictions for these offenses, which are Class II Misdemeanors, could result in fines of up to \$1,000 and up to six months in jail. Additionally, DMV may revoke your disabled parking privileges, requiring you to surrender your placard or plates. To report expired placards or suspected misuse or alteration of placards or plates, call 1-866-266-6474.

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Disabled Parking Privileges




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Placards and Plates

If you have a temporary or permanent disability that limits or impairs your ability to walk or creates a safety concern while walking, DMV can provide you with disabled plates and placards that allow you to use parking spaces reserved for individuals with disabilities. These plates and placards display the International Symbol of Access and are valid in all 50 states and other countries. Institutions and organizations that provide transportation for persons with disabilities may also apply for plates and placards. The institution or organization must be a non-profit entity. Businesses that directly or indirectly charge a fee for service are not eligible. You may apply for disabled plates and placards at any DMV customer service center.

Temporary disabilities, including those resulting from medical procedures

Temporary parking placards (valid for up to 12 months) are available if, in your physician's, physician's assistant's, or nurse practitioner's opinion, you have a disability that creates a safety concern or that limits or impairs your ability to walk but will improve in 12 months or less. A podiatrist or chiropractor may complete your medical certification for certain conditions or disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk in order for you to obtain a temporary placard. DMV issues one placard per customer. Your physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, podiatrist, or chiropractor must indicate the expected length of your disability. After 12 months, if your physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, podiatrist, or chiropractor certifies that you are still disabled, you may obtain another placard valid for up to 12 months. Temporary placards will expire on the day, month, and year indicated on the placard. A licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, podiatrist or chiropractor may certify up to 15 days in advance of your medical procedure that you will have a disability that creates a safety concern or that limits or impairs your ability to walk and that the disability will be temporary.

Permanent disabilities

Permanent parking placards (valid for five years) are available if, in your physician's, physician's assistant's, or nurse practitioner's opinion, you have a permanent disability that creates a safety concern or limits or impairs your ability to walk. A permanent disability is a condition that limits or impairs movement from one

place to another or the ability to walk as defined in Virginia Code §46.2-1240, and that has reached the maximum level of improvement and is not expected to change even with additional treatment. After five years, you may obtain another placard valid for another five years without a certification. Permanent placards are also available for organizations that regularly transport groups of physically disabled persons. All placards expire on the last day of the month and year indicated on the placard.

If in your physician's, physician's assistant's, nurse practitioner's, podiatrist's, or chiropractor's opinion you have a permanent disability, you may also get disabled license plates. For both permanent placards and plates, chiropractors and podiatrists are limited to certifications for certain conditions or disabilities. Plates have the International Symbol of Access. The vehicle owner may be the disabled person or the parent or guardian of the disabled person. Like other license plates, they are valid until your vehicle registration expires. Your physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, podiatrist, or chiropractor does not need to re-certify your disability when you renew your vehicle registration. Disabled license plates are available for organizations that use specially equipped vehicles to transport groups of physically disabled persons.

Disabled veterans license plates are available with the International Symbol of Access. One set of plates is provided free. Like other license plates, they are valid until your vehicle registration expires. Disabled veterans license plates are available without the International Symbol of Access; however, these plates do not provide disabled parking privileges.

Reciprocity

Virginia's disabled parking placards and plates display the International Symbol of Access and are valid in all 50 states and other countries. Disabled parking placards, disabled parking license plates, and DV disabled parking license plates issued by other states and countries for the privilege of parking in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities are honored in the same manner as vehicles displaying Virginia- issued disabled parking placards and license plates.

When your placard expires or when you no longer need it, return it to any DMV office.

Application Process

Individuals

To obtain a placard or plate, present a Disabled Parking Plates or Placard Application (MED 10).

A certification is required if you are obtaining either a placard or plates for the first time. No certification is needed if you are:

- ▶ Renewing your permanent placard
- ▶ Applying for a permanent placard for the first time and you already have disabled plates, or
- ▶ Applying for disabled plates for the first time and you already have a permanent placard

Temporary placards cannot be renewed.

If you are applying for disabled veteran's license plates with the International Symbol of Access, present a Disabled Parking Plate or Placard Application (MED 10) and Veterans Certification of Disability (VSA 54). A representative of the Veterans' Administration must sign the VSA 54 form.

Organizations

To obtain placards, present an Institutional/Organizational Permanent Parking Placard Application (MED 11).

To obtain plates, present a Disabled Parking Plates or Placard Application (MED 10).

Submit

You may submit your placard or plate application by mail (Virginia DMV, Post Office Box 85815, Richmond, VA 23285-5815) or in person at any customer service center.

If you apply for the placard in person, a receipt will be issued to you. This receipt allows you to park in disabled parking spaces and is valid for up to 15 days. Your placard will be mailed to you.

- ▶ Institutional/organizational placards will be mailed within 15 days
- ▶ Temporary or permanent placards will be mailed within 15 days

Fees

There is no additional charge for license plates displaying the International Symbol of Access.

Effective July 1, 2024, there is no fee for temporary and permanent placards.

Rights and Privileges

Disabled parking privileges allow you to:

- ▶ Park in any parking space designated for a disabled person
- ▶ Park for up to four hours in metered or time-restricted spaces without paying a fee (unless prohibited by the locality)

Disabled parking privileges do not allow you to stop, stand, or park in the following areas:

- ▶ Where parking is prohibited including areas where diagonal lines have been painted on asphalt or pavement
- ▶ In spaces reserved for other special types of vehicles
- ▶ Where it would clearly present a traffic hazard

Parking privileges may vary by state or Virginia jurisdiction. In addition, private parking facilities, such as airport parking lots, may restrict the time and free parking provisions for vehicles displaying disabled parking placards or plates.