

Permit Conditions

- The permit must only be displayed when the vehicle is being used to transport the individual to whom the
 permit was issued. It cannot be used if the permit holder is not travelling in the vehicle.
- Permits must be clearly displayed so the permit number and expiry date are visible from the exterior of the vehicle. The permit must be removed before driving the vehicle.
- Parking is not permitted in restricted locations such as Clearways, No Stopping, No Parking Areas, Taxi Only Areas, Bus Zones, and Authorized Resident Areas.
- An individual is entitled to hold only **one** disability parking permit.

Permit Renewal

The permit holder is responsible for applying for a new permit prior to the expiry of the current permit.

Disability Parking

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

Types of disability parking permits

Within the categories one or two, councils may issue permits as follows:

Code A - for a driver or passenger who has a significant intellectual or ambulatory disability

Code B – for a passenger who has a significant intellectual or ambulatory disability

Code C - for organisations transporting individuals with a disability

Code D – for a temporary permit

A significant intellectual or ambulatory disability that is not likely to improve in an individual's lifespan (Code A or Code B).

A significant long-term ambulatory disability that is not likely to improve within six months (Code D).

Parking for permit holders

A disability parking permit does not entitle the permit holder to free parking, unless stated on the permissive parking sign. Parking can differ from one local council to another and permit holders should always check the permissive parking sign.

A permissive parking sign is a sign erected by a responsible road authority in accordance with regulation 10 of the Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2009.

Category one (blue) and category two (green) permit holders are entitled to park for twice as long as indicated by a permissive parking sign (under Road Rule 206). The initial parking fee would have to be paid, but that payment would cover twice the length of time than it would for a non-permit holder. e.g. in a 1P parking bay upon payment of the initial parking fee for 1 hour the permit holder may park for up to 2 hours.

In addition, category one (blue) permit holders may park in reserved disability parking bays displaying the International Symbol of Access (ISA), to which a permissive parking sign applies.

Please take particular care when parking in car parks not displaying permissive parking signs, as parking concessions might not apply. For example car parks that require payment on exit are generally operated by contract rather than by using permissive parking signs under the Road Rules, and the amounts they charge for parking will apply equally to all users.

Permit cancellation

A permit is valid until the date of expiry and Council may cancel at any time for willful misuse or breach of the "Conditions of Use". Councils may impose penalties for misuse of the permit.

Travelling interstate

Victorian disability parking permits are recognised in all Australian states and territories. Parking concessions may be different in other states and territories and individuals should check the conditions applying to the disability parking scheme in the relevant state or territory. Information is available at <u>www.dss.gov.au</u> under Disability and Carers.

Permit holders from interstate displaying the Australian Disability Parking Permit or the Queensland 'red permit' will be recognized in Victoria.