

Mobility Parking Permit Scheme





Your responsibilities

- 1 Display your permit clearly. Your permit is designed to hang from your vehicle's rear view mirror by using the built-in hook. Alternatively, you can display it on your dashboard, as long as the details are clearly visible from the outside of the vehicle
- **2 Ensure your permit is valid.** While we send a reminder letter when your longterm permit is due to expire (no reminder is sent for short-term permit expiry), it is your responsibility to ensure your permit is valid.
- **3 Your permit can only be used by you.** The permit is issued to you, and a unique number and barcode is printed on it. Your permit cannot be used by another person.
- 4 Only use your permit if you need to get in or out of the vehicle. If you, the permit holder, are staying in the vehicle, you must park in a standard parking space (not a designated mobility parking space), and the permit cannot be displayed.
- **5 Notify us if your permit is lost or stolen.** Let us know if your mobility parking permit has gone missing so we can cancel that permit and issue a new one. There is a small replacement fee.

Special rules apply to Organisation permits which are outlined in the letter received with your permit.

Abuse or breach of these rules can result in your permit being cancelled.



What is the fee I pay for my permit used for?

- → To support the administration and running cost of the permit scheme for over 120,000 permit users including providing renewal facilities on-line and through 22 centres around the country.
- → Bar-coding of permits which assists enforcement by local authorities.
- + Providing and administering a national database that parking enforcement officers from local councils and police can use to check valid use of permits.
- Research on the use and misuse of permits and parks that is used to lobby for better parking and an increase in fines. In 2008 we were the leaders in getting legislation changed so the fines for misusing a mobility park went from \$40 to \$150.
- → Promotion of better road marking and signage to make the parks more visible and reduce abuse.
- → Work undertaken closely with local councils and national bodies to get improved parking and access in general for disabled people.

In summary your fee supports the provision of a comprehensive national permit scheme and allows for wider parking and access advocacy work to be undertaken to increase access and community participation options for people with mobility impairments.

What can you use a permit for?

Mobility parking spaces

As a mobility parking permit holder you can park in designated mobility parking spaces. These are wider than standard parking spaces (making it easier to get in and out of a vehicle with a wheelchair or mobility aid), and are located closer to services and facilities.

Concessions in council managed parking spaces

Contact your local council directly to find out what concessions apply in your area. Concessions vary from region to region but sometimes include being able to park for longer than the stated time in council managed car parking spaces. This recognises that you may sometimes take longer to return to your vehicle.

It is important to remember that council concessions do not apply in privately managed car parks.

Your permit does not allow you to park illegally or to park for free where charges are indicated.

The Mobility Parking
Permit Scheme supports over
120,000 permit holders to access
their communities.

How to renew a mobility parking permit

TO RENEW YOUR long-term permit you need to complete an application form and pay the permit fee. You do not need your doctor to complete the medical section of the application form again. To extend an existing short-term permit, you do need to revisit your doctor and ask them to approve an extension. A short-term permit can be extended to a total of 12 months and there will be an administration fee of \$5.00.

About us Mõ mātou

CCS DISABILITY ACTION was founded by Rotary in 1935 to support children affected by the polio epidemics of that time. Originally known as the Crippled Children Society, CCS Disability Action has grown to become a leading advocate and service provider for people with impairments and disabilities of all kinds. The organisation now has 18 branches throughout New Zealand and is committed to creating communities that include all people. Our vision is that every disabled person will be included in the life of their family and community.

CCS Disability Action has been providing the Mobility Parking Permit Scheme since 1977. The scheme supports people with mobility impairments to travel more freely within their communities.

Get in touch Whakapā mai

YOU CAN FIND out more about the mobility parking permit scheme at:

- 2 0800 227 2255 (for your local branch)
- MobilityParking@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz
- ✓ www.MobilityParking.org.nz

Permits no longer required by the permit holder need to be returned to CCS Disability Action, PO Box 272, Hamilton 3240.



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