



LONDON TAXICARD SCHEME

Application Form

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WHAT IS THE LONDON TAXICARD SCHEME?

The London Taxicard Scheme allows Londoners with a mobility impairment that prevents them from using buses or trains to travel in Black Taxicabs at subsidised rates.

Most Borough Councils impose limits on the number of trips you can make in any one year. In Barking & Dagenham there are three bands:

- ◆ Band A - 120 Trips Per Year
- ◆ Band B - 60 Trips Per Year
- ◆ Band C - 36 Trips Per Year

Bands are allocated according to assessed need and Eligibility Criteria.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A TAXICARD?

The Eligibility Criteria for each band are as follows:

BAND A

Band A is for people who without a taxicard would not be able to travel independently at all. In order to be eligible for a Taxicard under Band A, Applicants must meet **ALL** of the following criteria.

Have a permanent and substantial physical or sensory disability **OR** a chronic condition that imposes serious mobility problems to the degree that they:

- ◆ Are virtually housebound
- ◆ Are unable to use any form of Public Transport
- ◆ Need door to door transport
- ◆ Are unable to drive a car
- ◆ Not be in possession of a Freedom Pass or Blue Badge as a driver.

BAND B

Band B is for people who are generally unable to travel independently, but on occasions may be able to drive their own car. In order to be eligible for a Taxicard under Band B, Applicants must meet **ALL** of the following criteria.

Have a permanent and substantial physical or sensory disability **OR** a chronic condition that imposes serious mobility problems to the degree that they:

- ◆ Are virtually housebound for most of the time
- ◆ Are unable to use any form of Public Transport
- ◆ Able to drive a car on occasions
- ◆ Not be in possession of a Freedom Pass
- ◆ May hold a Blue Badge as a driver or passenger

BAND C

Band C is for people who have a physical or sensory disability **OR** illness, but who are able to use Public Transport. In order to be eligible for a Taxicard under Band C, Applicants must meet **ALL** of the following criteria.

- ◆ Have a physical or sensory disability **OR** a chronic illness, which means that they are on occasions unable to use Public Transport or drive their own car.
- ◆ Able to use Public Transport with assistance **OR**
- ◆ Be able to drive

This authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

For further information, see <http://www.barking-dagenham.gov.uk/9-council/fair-processing/fair-processing.html> or, contact the Corporate Anti Fraud Team on 020 8227 2264.

To Apply for a Taxicard, Please complete ALL sections of this Form

Title: Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐

Surname:

Forename/s:

Address:

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Post Code: Telephone Number:

Date of Birth:

Is this your first application for a Taxicard?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Are You applying for: (please tick)

Band A ☐

Band B ☐

Band C ☐

Please tick Yes, No or Sometimes for each question below

1. Do you Receive the Higher Rate Mobility Allowance?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If Yes, please state your National Insurance Number

2. Do you receive a War Pensions Mobility Supplement?

Yes ☐

No ☐

3. Are you registered as Blind with Barking & Dagenham?

Yes ☐

No ☐

4. Do you use a Wheelchair?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Sometimes ☐

5. Do you have difficulty walking 50 metres without help or special equipment?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Sometimes ☐

6. Are you able to use Public Transport?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Sometimes ☐

7. Are you able to drive?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Sometimes ☐

8. Do you have a Freedom Pass?

Yes – Elderly Person's ☐

Yes – Disabled Person's ☐

No ☐

9. Do you have an Orange / Blue Badge?

Yes – As a driver ☐

Yes – As a passenger ☐

No ☐

Please describe the nature of your disability / illness and how this affects your ability to use public transport

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The Council may need to contact your Doctor in order to verify the information you have given. Please supply the name and address of your Doctor.

G.P. Name:

Address:

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The London Taxicard Scheme is open to people with mobility impairments regardless of their gender, race, colour or creed. In order for us to monitor applications effectively, would you please tick the appropriate box. This information will be treated in strictest confidence.

Are you Male ☐ Female ☐

Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?

White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have ticked White Other / Black Other/ Asian Other / Other
Please specify below

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DECLARATION – I wish to apply for a London Taxicard

- 1. I accept that my Local Borough Council may wish to make further enquiries to satisfy itself as to my eligibility for a Taxicard.**
- 2. I authorise my G.P. to disclose any necessary information.**
- 3. I am prepared to provide information about journeys I make using the Taxicard if required. This is on the understanding that such information will be treated in confidence and used only to monitor the Scheme.**
- 4. I declare that the information I have given is true in all respects.**

SIGNITURE OF APPLICANT:

Date: / /

If you are unable to sign the declaration yourself, it may be signed on your behalf by a spouse / relative / friend / person of authority

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING:

Relationship to Applicant:

Please send your completed Application with one passport-sized photograph to:

**The Mobility Team
London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
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2 Town Square
Barking IG117NB
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