



# Rules for Individual Parking Placard Holders for Persons with Disabilities

<http://www.servicealberta.ca/parking-for-people-with-disabilities.cfm>

**You must become familiar with and adhere to the following rules**

## How It Works

- Only you are allowed to use the placard.
- There are three types of placards: temporary, 5-year and permanent. Your healthcare professional will approve the placard that is appropriate to your condition. An authorized healthcare professional is a physician, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, surgeon, physical therapist, podiatrist, nurse practitioner, or chiropractor.
- You do not need to own the vehicle or be the driver to use the placard.
- When you park in a designated stall, your placard must be hung from the vehicle's rear-view mirror with the registration number and expiry date visible from outside the vehicle.
- Municipal bylaws govern designated parking stalls on both public and private property.
- The placard does not exempt the user from obeying other parking laws or from paying appropriate parking fees.
- If you visit another province or country, please check their visitor placard rules to determine if you can use your Alberta placard there.

## How to Apply

- Once your application is approved by an authorized healthcare professional, you must present it to a registry agent within **6 months** or you will have to reapply.
- If your placard is lost, stolen or damaged, you must report it to a Registry Agent office and request a replacement.

## **Misuse of Placard**

- Misuse of a placard may be cause for cancellation. This includes altering, defacing, duplicating or tampering with the placard, or allowing someone other than you to use it.
- The Government of Alberta may verify your disability in the event of misuse of the privileges associated with the issuance of the parking placard with the healthcare professional that authorized its issue.
- The placard is null and void upon the holder's death. A relative, friend, or caregiver must return the placard to a registry agent office for cancellation.
- If a placard expires or is no longer needed, return it to a registry agent office.

## **Reporting Abuse**

- Report a vehicle parked in a designated parking stall without a placard to the traffic bylaw enforcement agency of the municipality in which the incident took place.
  - You may need to provide details of the incident including the date, time, place, vehicle licence plate number and description, and placard number.

## **For more information**

- Please visit <http://www.servicealberta.ca/parking-for-people-with-disabilities.cfm> or call the Service Alberta Contact Centre at (780) 427-7013. If you are outside the Edmonton calling area, call toll-free at 310-0000.