

## What should I bring to the assessment?

Please ensure you take all your medication as normal on the day of your appointment.

Please bring any walking aids or equipment you would normally use when walking outdoors.

If your medication has been changed since you applied for the badge, please bring a copy of your new prescription.

If you have any medical reports regarding your disability that you think may be relevant, please bring them with you to the assessment.

You are welcome to bring a family member or friend with you to the appointment for support, or for translation.

If you require us to provide a translator, please contact us on 01273 296270.

Please note that we may need to reschedule your appointment if a translator is required.

**If you have any further questions about your assessment, please contact the Blue Badge Team:**

**01273 296270**  
**[bluebadgeparking@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:bluebadgeparking@brighton-hove.gov.uk)**

# Applying for a Blue Badge

What to expect if you are attending an eligibility assessment



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

## Why have I been asked to attend an assessment?

To qualify for a Blue Badge you must have a permanent and substantial disability which means you are unable to walk; or you have very considerable difficulty in walking.

All applications have an initial assessment based on the supporting evidence provided. If it is not clear whether the applicant meets the criteria at this stage then they may be required to attend an eligibility assessment.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012, the Department for Transport legislation stated that eligibility should be confirmed by an independent assessor rather than the previously used applicants GP.

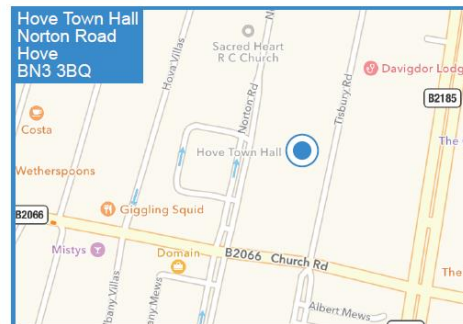
All Local Authorities are required to follow the guidance set by the Department for Transport.

We use a company called Access Independent who are contracted to carry out eligibility assessments on behalf of Brighton and Hove City Council.

The assessor will introduce themselves to you at the appointment.

## Where are the assessments held?

Assessments are held at the Main Reception at Hove Town Hall. The entrance is indicated by a purple sign. There is on street pay & display and Norton Road car park situated opposite. There is also a drop off point outside.



## What if I can't attend?

If you cannot attend your assessment please contact the Blue Badge Team on 01273 296270 as soon as possible to arrange an alternative appointment.

If you do not tell us you are not attending your appointment, we may assume you no longer require a badge and cancel your application.

## What will happen at the appointment?

The assessor will talk to you about your condition/disabilities and how they affect your walking.

You will be required to walk a distance with the assessor. The walk will only last a few minutes and you will not be asked to walk further than is comfortable for you. Please note that this is not a medical appointment.

The appointment will normally last around 30 - 45 minutes.

## What happens after the appointment?

The assessor will need to consider all the information before providing a report to Brighton and Hove City Council. You will not be given a decision on the day. You can expect a decision from Brighton and Hove City Council within approximately 2 weeks.