

Blue Badge Concessions on the Transport for London Road Network

Guidance for Street Patrols

Both parts of the Blue Badge must be clearly displayed at all times with all the details visible. All concessions apply when the Blue Badge Holder is driving the vehicle or is being carried as a passenger in the vehicle. When the Badge Holder is being carried as a passenger, the concession extends to include any time necessary to accompany them to their destination, including taking them into premises near to the vehicle. The concessions are not available to any other person using a Badge Holder's vehicle, even when running errands or performing services for that person.

Parking Concessions

These are a few of the main points. There will be variations.

In a parking box (Schedule 2B of the standard Traffic Management Order)

- There is no limit to the time that a Badge Holder can park within the operational hours of the box
- For a white box this means parking is allowed at any time
- For a red box this means parking is allowed while the box is 'live' e.g. 10am to 4pm, 10am to 1pm, 1pm to 4pm or such other hours as are prescribed on the timeplate
- This includes 2 minute 'setting down' boxes



In a disabled parking box (Schedule 2C)

- There is generally no limit during the operational hours of the box (as described above)
- **unless** the timeplate states "maximum 3 hours no return within 1 hour" or the like, in which case those conditions apply



In a loading box where disabled parking is allowed (Schedule 3A)

- These are boxes displaying both the 'loading' and 'Blue Badge' symbols together
- A Badge Holder can park for a maximum number of hours, as stated, during the operational hours of the box
- Having left the box, a Badge Holder may not then return to the same box within 1 hour



Loading boxes where a Blue Badge Holder may not park (Schedule 3)

- These are boxes displaying only the 'loading' symbol
- Badge Holders may be picked up or set down but may not park

Other boxes where a Blue Badge Holder may not park

- Taxi ranks (Schedule 2D)
- Bus stops (Schedule 2E)
- Doctors' boxes (Schedule 2F)
- Motor cycle boxes (Schedule 2G)



Concessions on Picking Up or Setting Down



- When the Badge Holder is being carried as a passenger he or she may be set down on a single or double red line
- A Badge Holder may be picked up from a single or double red line
- This concession includes any time taken to accompany the Badge Holder to or from premises
- The Blue Badge must be properly displayed throughout the process
- The same concessions, apart from bus stops with a wide red line, apply in boxes where the Badge Holder is not permitted to park

Places Where a Blue Badge Holder May Not Stop

- This includes stopping to pick up or set down
- No person can stop on a pedestrian crossing or the approach marked by zigzags
- Only buses can stop on a bus stop marked by a wide red line rather than double red lines (expected to be implemented in early 2007)

Vehicle Removals

- Even where a Penalty Charge Notice has been issued it will not normally be appropriate to remove to the Pound a vehicle properly displaying a valid Blue Badge
- If the vehicle is causing an obstruction it should be relocated to a less sensitive position nearby
- A vehicle displaying a 'disabled' Road Fund Licence should be treated for removals purposes as displaying a Blue Badge
- These additional concessions shall not apply where misuse of a Blue Badge is suspected

Further Information

For further information, either approach our On-street Operations Manager, John McArdle **(020) 7126 2706** or obtain the recently produced guidance brochure from the DfT as below.

http://www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_mobility/documents/divisionhomepage/030927.hcsp

Hard copies of the leaflets are available on request from Two-Ten Communications, DfT Free Literature, PO Box 236, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7NB (Tel 0870 122 6236).