

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PARKING PLACARD

Statutory conditions for issuance of a parking placard:

Section 66-3-16 NMSA 1978 provides for issuance of no more than two parking placards to a resident of New Mexico who has a "significant mobility limitation," which means that the person: (1) cannot walk one hundred feet without stopping to rest; (2) cannot walk without the use of a brace, a cane, a crutch, assistance from another person, a prosthetic device, a wheelchair or another assistive device; (3) is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory volume, when exhaling for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty millimeters on room air at rest; (4) uses portable oxygen; (5) has a severe cardiac condition; or (6) is so severely limited in his ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurologic or orthopedic condition that the person cannot ascend or descend more than ten stair steps.

A parking placard will generally expire four years from the date of issue of the placard. However, if the significant mobility limitation is temporary, a temporary placard may be issued for no more than one year.

No person shall falsely claim to have a significant mobility limitation so as to be issued a parking placard when the person does not in fact have a significant mobility limitation. Upon notice and opportunity to be heard, the division may revoke and demand return of any placard when: (1) it was issued in error or with false information; (2) the person receiving the placard is no longer eligible; or (3) the placard is being used by ineligible persons.

Instructions:

1. The completed and signed original Certificate of Eligibility may be taken to any New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) field office for processing. Photocopies will not be accepted.
2. Failure to complete any item as required will result in rejection of the Certificate of Eligibility, and no placard will be issued.
3. All original applications must include certification (Parts C and D) by a licensed physician.
4. A renewal or replacement application may be self-certified (Part E), provided that the applicant can provide his or her current placard number and expiration date.
5. The applicant for renewal or replacement of an existing placard must provide the old placard (or the placard number and expiration date). Otherwise a new, fully completed Certificate of Eligibility must be submitted.
6. Temporary placards issued, based on the physician's statement, for a temporary condition, may not be renewed.
7. A placard issued for a permanent medical condition will expire four years from the date of issue of the placard.
8. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in order to complete this form and the application process, please contact our ADA Coordinator at P.O. Box 630, Santa Fe, NM 87504-0630.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PARKING PLACARD

The following conditions and restrictions apply to the use of a parking placard for mobility impaired individuals:

- The individual to whom a parking placard is issued is the ONLY person entitled to use it. The placard may be used in any vehicle the placard holder operates or in which he or she is transported.
- The placard is to be displayed ONLY when the vehicle is parked, NOT when it is in operation. A citation could be issued for obstruction of the driver's view if the placard is not removed when the vehicle is in operation.
- Law enforcement officials are provided information on each placard that is issued. Identification may be requested to establish that an individual is entitled to use the placard. In most cases, the photo included with the placard should be sufficient to identify the authorized placard holder.
- When the vehicle is parked, the placard must be hung from the rearview mirror with the identification number and expiration date visible from the front of the vehicle. If there is no rearview mirror, the placard should be placed on the dashboard with the identification number and expiration date visible.
- No reminder notice will be mailed to the placard holder prior to the expiration date of a placard.
- If the placard holder's medical condition changes and there is no longer a significant mobility limitation as defined in Section 66-3-16 NMSA 1978, the placard must be returned for cancellation to the Motor Vehicle Division, Placard Program, P.O. Box 1028, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1028. The placard of a deceased holder should be returned to the MVD at the same address.