

2.01.00. A2 Rules Governing the Use of Accessible Parking Permits

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General: All Accessible Parking Permits (APP) issued by the NWT Disabilities Council are the sole property of the Council and shall be surrendered at the request of the Council.

Definitions:

Temporary Accessible Parking Permits:

- The expiry date is printed on the front of your permit. The expiry date of your temporary permit is determined by your doctor, nurse, or health professional.
- Expiry dates cannot be extended. Only your physician, nurse or health professional may authorize another temporary permit by submitting another application.

Permanent Accessible Parking Permits:

- Permanent permits are re-issued every two years. The expiry date is marked on the front of your permits.
- Do not obscure or remove the registration number on the front of your permits.
- The Council reserves the right to issue Parking Permits to agencies directly involved in the transfer of persons with disabilities.

Rules Applying to All Accessible Parking Permits:

The Permit:

- An Accessible Parking Permit is issued to a person with a mobility or accessibility disability that has provided the documentation necessary for eligibility
- To qualify for an APP, the individual must provide the application form completed by a recognized health professional (see above) as having one or more of the following conditions:
 - Cannot walk without assistance of another person or a brace, cane, crutch, a lower limb prosthetic device or similar assistive device or who requires the assistance of a wheelchair.
 - Suffers from lung disease to such an extent that forced expiratory volume in one second is less than one liter.
 - Portable oxygen is a medical necessity.
 - Cardiovascular disease impairment classified as Class III or Class IV to standards accepted by the American Heart Association or Class III or IV according to the Canadian Cardiovascular Standard.
 - Severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, musculoskeletal or orthopedic condition.

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- Visual acuity is 20/200 or poorer in the better eye with or without corrective lenses or whose greatest diameter of the field of vision in both eyes is 20 degrees or less.
- Condition(s) or functional impairment that severely limits mobility and/or safe accessibility to access buildings/services.
- The permit may be moved from vehicle to vehicle as required to assist the person with a disability.
- Parking permits are recognized by most provincial, territorial, national, and international jurisdictions and can be used outside the Northwest Territories where permitted.
- NWT Accessible Parking Permits are issued to NWT residents only. If you terminate your residency from the NWT, during the valid period of the issued permit, you must advise the Council of your move, relinquish your permit and register with the appropriate authority in the new jurisdiction where you reside.

Responsibilities:

- The parking permit is issued to the person with the disability solely. Any person, other than the person that has been issued the permit, not involved in the direct and immediate process of physically assisting you may not use a parking placard for any reason.
- The use of the parking permit does not exempt you from obeying other parking laws. Some municipalities give special consideration to persons with disabilities (i.e., City of Yellowknife Metered Parking Pay Exemption). However, time limits etc. must still be followed. Enquiries on parking privileges for persons with disabilities should be directed to the local parking enforcement authority.
- It is the responsibility of the permit holder to advise the Council of any change of address or contact information, including phone number.
- Your permit should be hung from the rear-view mirror of the vehicle. The registration number (as applicable) and expiry date must be visible from outside the vehicle.
- When the vehicle is not in use for the express purpose of assisting the permit holder.
- You are responsible for informing the NWT Disabilities Council if your permit is lost or stolen or if it needs replacing for any reason, including damage.
- The person issued the parking placard, or if a minor or dependent a parent/guardian, is responsible for any misuse of the parking placard and any incurred penalties.

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- Designated accessible parking spaces for persons with disabilities are not to be used for daily parking while you are at work or home.
- Designated parking spaces or metered parking spaces provided by the municipality are not to be used as a substitute for a commercial car lot or lack of personal vehicle space. Designated parking spaces are for short-term use only.
- Designated parking spaces are not to be used for extended periods of time as long-term parking (i.e., over 2 hours).
- If you are having a day which you do not feel you require the use of a designated parking space, please use a non-designated space.
- A vehicle operator in the direct and immediate process of dropping you off or picking you up may utilize a designated parking space provided that the parking permit issued to you is displayed in the prescribed manner.
- Please contact local parking enforcement authorities or the NWT Disabilities Council if you wish to report abuse of a designated parking space.
- Enforcement of on-street parking falls under the jurisdiction of the local parking enforcement authority.
- The NWT Disabilities Council has no jurisdiction over the use of designated accessible parking areas on private property. Please contact the property owner.

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Exceptional Cases for Special Consideration

In the event there is an exceptional circumstance that falls outside the scope of the guidelines, rules, and responsibilities a request for special consideration can be made to the NWT Disabilities Council. This request will be considered based on merit and necessity and not for convenience purposes. All decisions made regarding special requests are at the sole discretion of the NWT Disabilities Council and are final.

Please fill in and sign the acknowledgement below and return to the NWT Disabilities Council office (lower level of the Scotia Centre, Yellowknife).

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Rules Governing the use of Accessible Parking Permits and agree to follow and obey these rules. I also acknowledge that the parking permit issued to me is for my personal benefit only and that the Council has the right and ability to rescind the parking permit issued to me if I fail to adhere to the rules and responsibilities. This must be completed and returned with any renewal or application before a placard can be issued.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Permit Registration No.: _____

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