

DISABLED PARKING PERMIT

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Before applying for a disabled parking permit, remember that the *Highway Safety Code* allows drivers to stop in a zone where stopping is normally prohibited to allow a person with a disability to get into or out of a vehicle, as long as this can be done safely.

The information provided when applying for a disabled parking permit could be used to assess your fitness to drive a vehicle.

In Québec, if you are unable to move about independently or without risk to your health and safety, you may apply for a disabled parking permit.

Regardless of whether you are the driver or a passenger, this moveable permit allows the vehicle you are in to be parked in a reserved accessible space.

The permit and its accompanying certificate are issued by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ).

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A PERMIT?

- A person with a disability
- A public institution
- A person with a disability who holds a permit issued by certain countries

OR

- A non-resident of Québec who holds a permit issued by his or her home province or country, if that permit is not recognized by the SAAQ

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

If you are a person with a disability

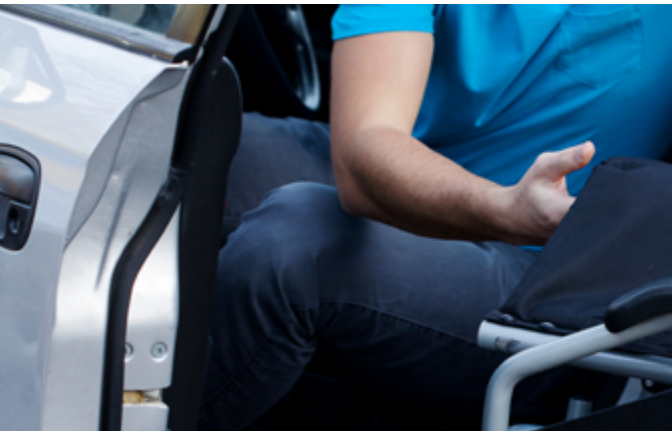
To be eligible for a disabled parking permit, you must:

1. Have a disability resulting in a loss of independence or in a risk to your health and safety when moving about over distances that do not require the use of a means of transportation.
2. Fill out the application form.
3. In certain cases, provide a medical assessment showing that you have a disability that it is expected to affect your ability to move about for at least six months.

If you represent a public institution

To be eligible for a disabled parking permit, the public institution must:

1. Be a public institution within the meaning of the *Act respecting health services and social services* or the *Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons*.
2. Own a vehicle equipped with wheelchair restraint devices.
3. Fill out the application form intended for public institutions. Contact the SAAQ to get a copy of the form.



If you are a non-resident of Québec

A disabled parking permit issued by a Canadian administrative authority (province or territory), a U.S. administrative authority (state) or a country that is a member or associate member of the International Transport Forum is recognized in Québec **only** if it bears the international wheelchair symbol. If you hold such a permit, you are not required to apply for a disabled parking permit with the SAAQ because you may use the permit you already hold.

In all other cases, you must:

1. Hold a disabled parking permit issued by your home province or country.
2. Show proof that you hold such a permit.

HOW MUCH DOES A PERMIT COST?

To find out the cost of a permit and its accompanying certificate, visit the SAAQ's website or contact us.

WHAT IS THE PERMIT'S VALIDITY PERIOD?

**If you are a person with a disability
or a public institution**

Five years

If you are a non-resident of Québec

The length of your stay





FILING AN APPLICATION

Fill out the *Disabled Parking Permit Application* and provide a medical assessment, if required.

If the applicant is a public institution, no assessment is required.

Please note that the SAAQ may, at any time, require that a permit holder undergo a medical assessment to verify whether he or she still qualifies for the permit.

WHO CAN FILL OUT AN ASSESSMENT FORM?

- A special education teacher
- An occupational therapist
- A nurse
- A physician
- An optometrist
- A physiotherapist
- A psychologist

Choose the health care professional who can best describe your disability as it relates to your ability to get around. You are responsible for paying for this assessment, and these fees are not reimbursed by the SAAQ.

The SAAQ may request additional assessments, as required.

WHO DECIDES WHETHER TO ISSUE A PERMIT?

The SAAQ reviews the application and renders a decision.

DISABLED PARKING PERMIT FOR MOTORCYCLES AND SCOOTERS

To obtain a parking permit and the accompanying certificate for a motorcycle or a scooter, you must:

- Be the owner or lessee of a motorcycle or a scooter;
- Be eligible for a parking permit for persons with a disability and the accompanying certificate, or the holder of such a permit and certificate;
- Fill out the *Disabled Parking Permit Application – Motorcycles and Scooters*

The permit comes in the form of a sticker that is not removable and must be applied directly to the licence plate of the motorcycle or scooter identified in the application.

HOW CAN YOU GET THE *DISABLED PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION*?

Online:

saaq.gouv.qc.ca

By telephone:

Québec area: 418-643-7620

Montréal area: 514-873-7620

Elsewhere: 1-800-361-7620

(Québec, Canada, United States)



TDD/TTY:

Montréal area: 514-954-7763

Elsewhere in Québec: 1-800-565-7763

By mail:

Vignette de stationnement pour personnes handicapées (act. 6630)

Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec

C. P. 19850, succursale Terminus

Québec (Québec) G1K 8Z4

In person:

Go to an SAAQ service outlet.

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