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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2000 No. 322**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles)  
(Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000**

*Made* - - - - - *23rd October 2000*

*Coming into operation* *11th December 2000*

The Department for Regional Development<sup>(1)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Act 1978<sup>(2)</sup> and now exercisable by it<sup>(3)</sup> and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 11th December 2000.

**Amendment**

2. The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993<sup>(4)</sup> shall be amended as follows—

(1) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation), after the definition of “holder”, there shall be inserted the following definition—

““medical practitioner” means a registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983<sup>(5)</sup>”.

(2) In regulation 8A (conditions relating to the misuse of badges), in paragraph (2), the word “either” and the words “or would give grounds for a relevant conviction” shall be omitted.

(3) For the Schedule to those Regulations there shall be substituted the Schedule to these Regulations.

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(1) S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)

(2) 1978 c. 53 as amended by S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)Sch. 7, para. 21 and S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)Art. 55, Sch. 8, para. 3 and Sch. 9

(3) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

(4) S.R. 1993 No. 202 as amended by S.R. 1995 No. 332, S.R. 1998 No. 297 and S.R. 2000 No. 59

(5) 1983 c. 54

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 23rd October 2000.

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*J. Carlisle*  
A senior officer of the  
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THE SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(3)

Part I

Diagram 1

Form of Badge for an Individual issued on or after 1st July 1993

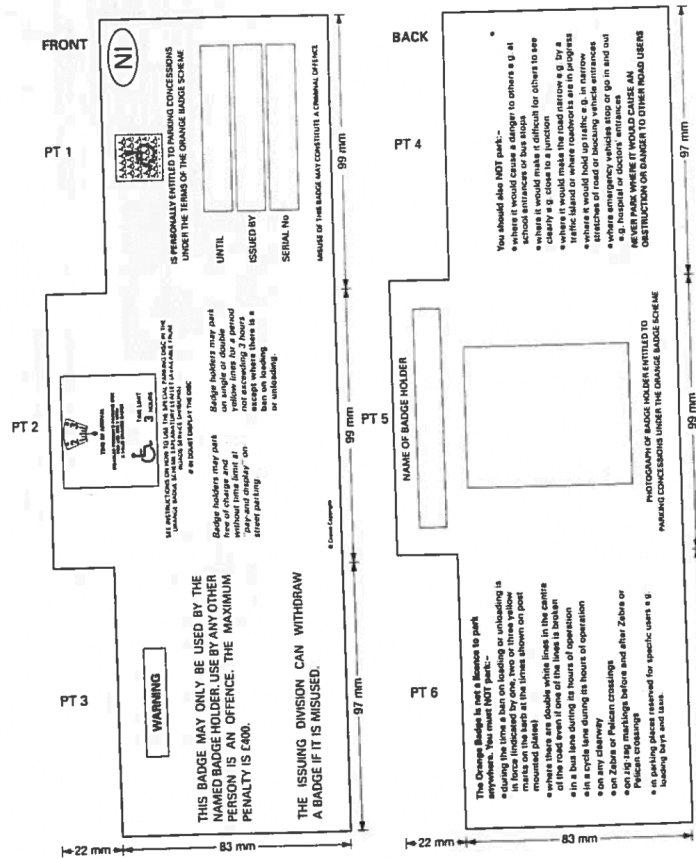


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Form of Badge for Support Organisation issued on or after 1st July 1993

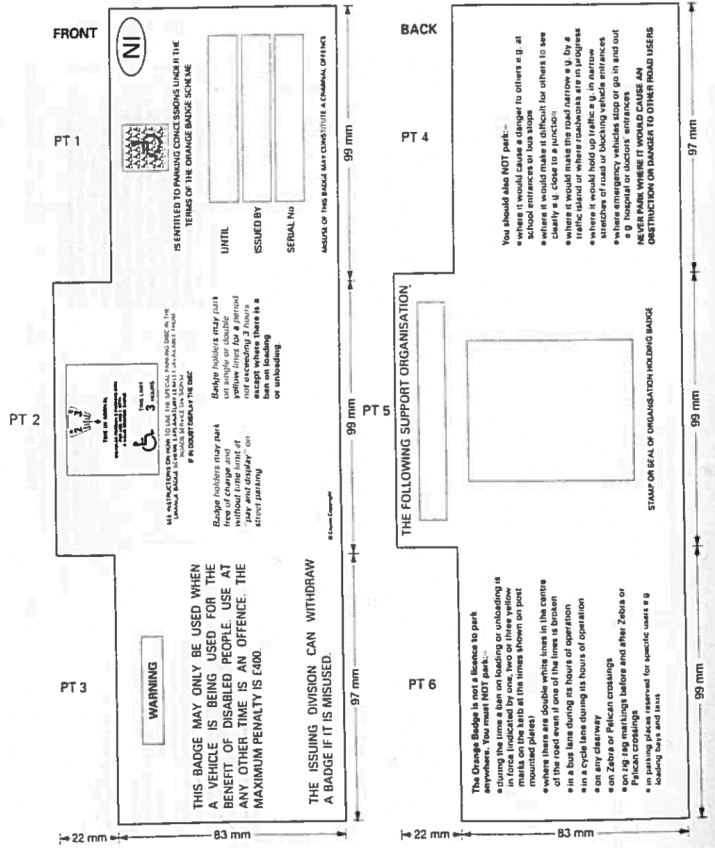


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*Form of badge for an individual issued on or after 1st April 2000*

FRONT

Date of expiry:

Issued by:

Serial No:

**Parking Card for people with disabilities**

Parkeringskort  
Ka rta sta qmeushV  
Tarjeta de estacionamiento  
Parkausweis  
Contrassegno di parcheggio  
Parkeerkaart  
Cartão de estacionamento  
Pysäköintilupa  
Parkeringsstillstånd  
Carte de stationnement

UK

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES MODEL

BACK

*Photograph of the card holder*

This card entitles the holder to the special local parking facilities available in the Member State concerned.

When in use, the card is to be displayed at the front of the vehicle in such a way that the front of the card is clearly visible for checking purposes.

Surname:

Forename:

Signature:  
*(or other authorised mark)*

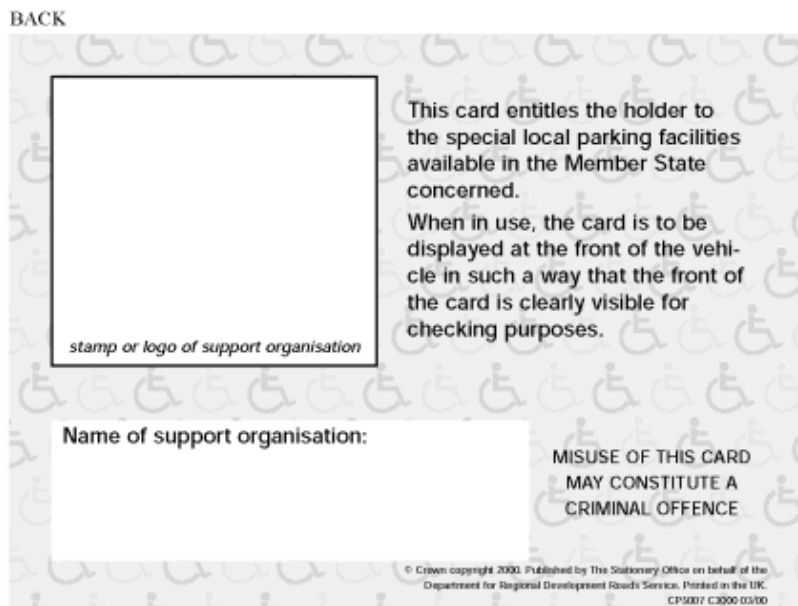
MISUSE OF THIS CARD  
MAY CONSTITUTE A  
CRIMINAL OFFENCE

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Diagram 4

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*Form of badge for a support organisation issued on or after 1st April 2000*



## Part II

1. SPECIFICATIONS FOR BADGES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 1st JULY 1993
  - (a) The background to parts 1 and 2 shall be coloured orange.
  - (b) The 3 rectangular boxes in part 1 shall be coloured white.
  - (c) The symbol in part 1 shall be in the form of a hologram.
2. SPECIFICATIONS FOR BADGES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 1st APRIL 2000
  - (a) The badge shall measure 148 millimetres in height and 106 millimetres in width.

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- (b) The background to the front and back sides of the badge shall be coloured light blue and shall include a background of wheelchair symbols.
  - (c) The square box containing the wheelchair symbol and the rectangular box containing the country identifier shall be coloured dark blue.
  - (d) All other boxes on the badge shall be coloured white.
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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations further amend the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993.

The principal amendments are—

1. To provide a definition of “medical practitioner” (regulation 2(1)).
2. To provide that the return of a badge will occur only where there has been a misuse of a disabled person’s badge on at least 3 occasions which has led to a relevant conviction (regulation 2(2)).
3. The diagram numbers in Part I of the Schedule are renumbered and a revised specification inserted in Part II of the Schedule for badges issued on or after 1st April 2000 (regulation 2(3)).