
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (“the principal Regulations”). Those Regulations deal with what is known as the “Blue Badge Scheme”.

Regulation 4(2A) of the principal Regulations prescribes a category of disabled person who may be eligible for a blue badge based on the person having a mental disorder as defined by section 328 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

Regulation 2 amends regulations 4 and 6 of the principal Regulations to provide that disabled persons in the category prescribed by regulation 4(2A) may be issued with a blue badge by a local authority for a period of—

- between 1 and 3 years if the disability is temporary but likely to last for at least 12 months; or
- 3 years if the disability is permanent.