

A TEXAS RESOURCE

Getting a disability parking placard

A plain-language walk through Form VTR-214: who it is for, what the doctor signs, and where it goes. A placard can make daily life with a child who has medical or mobility needs noticeably easier.

1 Get the form (VTR-214)

Download the “Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Placard and/or License Plate” (Form VTR-214) from the Texas DMV at txdmv.gov. It is free.

2 Have a medical professional complete the Disability Statement

A licensed medical professional fills in and signs the Disability Statement on page 2. If they do not attach an original signed prescription instead, that signature has to be notarized. Plan for that step so it does not slow you down.

3 Choose permanent or temporary

Permanent (blue) is for a lasting disability, lasts four years, and has no fee. Temporary (red) is for a shorter-term condition, lasts six months, and costs \$5. The placard belongs to your child, not the car, so it travels with them.

4 Submit to your county tax assessor-collector

Take or mail the completed form, with proof of eligibility (and a \$5 check or money order if it is temporary), to your local county tax assessor-collector’s office. You can also use the office where your child receives medical treatment.

5 Use it correctly

Hang the placard from the rearview mirror when parked and remove it while driving. It must be used only when the person it was issued to is in the vehicle.

KEEP A COPY

Save a copy of the signed form and note the issue and renewal dates in your medical record. Permanent placards renew every four years.

IN ANOTHER STATE?

Placards are issued by your state's motor-vehicle agency (DMV, BMV, MVD, or Secretary of State). Search "[your state] disability parking placard," or start at [usa.gov](https://www.usa.gov/motor-vehicle-services) motor-vehicle services. The doctor-signature step looks similar almost everywhere.

OFFICIAL SOURCE: txdmv.gov/motorists/disabled-parking-placards-plates