

# Croydon Council – Fact Sheet for residents applying for a Blue Badge, Disabled Persons Freedom Pass or Disabled Persons Taxi-Card

## Eligibility Criteria – Blind or partially sighted

- **Blind** – will be eligible for Blue Badge, Freedom Pass or Taxi Card
- **Partially sighted** – may be eligible for only Freedom Pass

**Blind – or severely sight impaired** - means having a high degree of vision loss i.e. seeing much less than is normal or perhaps nothing at all.

**Partially sighted – or sight impaired** - is a less severe loss of vision. Partially sighted people can see more than someone who is blind, but less than a fully sighted person. You will have been issued with a Certificate of Visual Impairment confirming you are sufficiently partially sighted.

### Evidence you could provide:

- Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) – which would normally be signed by a Consultant Ophthalmologist (eye specialist).
- You may be registered as blind or partially sighted with your local authority. If you are registered with Croydon, please confirm. If you are registered with another local authority we will need the above CVI.

**Note – for Freedom Pass applications** - if you are partially sighted but not registered, you may qualify under the eligibility criteria “Refused a Licence to Drive”, where you have been refused a licence to drive because you cannot read a number plate at 20 metres. Please see the “Refused a licence to drive” Fact Sheet for further information.

## Notes on providing evidence to support your application:

Documents supplied must:

- be relevant to the eligibility criteria you are applying under
- show your name and address

Examples could include:

- your Certificate of Visual Impairment
- evidence of specialist consultations etc.

You can now get access to your medical records by visiting [www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/about-the-nhs/how-to-get-your-medical-records/](http://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/about-the-nhs/how-to-get-your-medical-records/)

Please do not ask your GP to write a letter on your behalf. We will not be able to consider this. We cannot accept appointment letters as proof, please do not send these.

### **Other relevant advice:**

Advice on how to register as blind or partially sighted can be found on the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) website at:  
<http://www.nib.org.uk/registrationcard>