

# DISABLED PARKING PERMIT



**Spaces reserved  
for you**



Québec 



Before applying for a disabled parking permit, remember that drivers are authorized under the *Highway Safety Code* to stop in a normally prohibited zone to allow a disabled person to get into or out of a vehicle as long as this manoeuvre can be safely carried out.

Information you provide when applying for a disabled parking permit can be used to assess your fitness to drive.

In Québec, individuals who cannot move about independently or without risk to their health and safety can apply for a disabled parking permit.

The permit, which is moveable from one vehicle to another, allows a disabled person, whether a vehicle driver or passenger, to use a handicapped parking space.

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

## **WHO MAY APPLY FOR A PERMIT?**

- ▶ A disabled person
- ▶ A public institution
- ▶ A non-resident of Québec

## WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

### ► For a disabled person

Meet the three following conditions:

1. Have a disability resulting in a loss of independence or risk to health and safety with respect to travelling distances that do not usually require the use of a means of transportation;
2. Fill out the application form;
3. Submit an assessment, if required, showing a disability lasting at least six months.

### ► For a public institution

Meet the three following conditions:

1. Be a "public institution" within the meaning of the *Act respecting health services and social services*, or within the meaning of the *Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons*;
2. Be the owner of a vehicle that is equipped with a device to secure wheelchairs against movement;
3. Fill out the application form for public institutions. Contact the SAAQ by telephone to get the application form.

### ► For a non-resident of Québec

A disabled parking permit issued by a Canadian administrative authority (province or territory), U.S. administrative authority (state) or a country that is a member of or associated with the International Transport Forum is recognized by Québec **only if** the permit bears the international wheelchair symbol. Permit holders are therefore not required to file a disabled parking permit application with the SAAQ because they can use the one they currently hold.

In other cases, meet the two following conditions:

1. Applicants must hold a disabled parking permit issued by their province or country of origin;
2. Applicants must show proof that they hold a permit from their province or country of origin.

## **WHAT IS THE COST OF A PERMIT?**

Please contact the SAAQ to find out the cost of a permit and certificate.

## **WHAT IS THE PERMIT'S VALIDITY PERIOD?**

▶ **For a disabled person or a public institution**  
Five years.

▶ **For a non-resident of Québec**  
The length of his or her stay in Québec.

## **HOW DOES ONE APPLY TO GET A PERMIT?**

Fill out the *Disabled Parking Permit Application* form and submit a professional assessment, if applicable. Where the applicant is a public institution, no such assessment is required.

The SAAQ may, at any time, request that permit holders have an assessment form filled out again to check that they still qualify.

## **WHO MAY FILL OUT AN ASSESSMENT FORM?**

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

Choose the professional who can best describe your disability as it relates to travelling about.

The fee charged to a disabled parking permit applicant by a professional for filling out the assessment form is not reimbursed by the SAAQ.

The SAAQ may ask for additional assessments, as needed.

## **WHO DECIDES WHETHER TO ISSUE A PERMIT?**

The SAAQ studies an application and renders a decision.



## **YOU CAN GET A DISABLED PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION FORM:**

- ▶ Via our Web site:  
**[www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca)**
- ▶ By telephone:  
**In Québec (city and vicinity): 418 643-7620**  
**In Montréal: 514 873-7620**  
**From elsewhere, toll-free: 1 800 361-7620**  
**(Québec, Canada, USA)**

TDD/TTY:



**In Montréal: 514 954-7763**  
**From 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:  
The application form is available at all SAAQ service outlets.

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