



A metered parking waiver is available to certain drivers with severe disabilities. This waiver allows the holder to park in a metered parking space without putting payment into the meter. The waiver will only be issued to people whose severe disability makes it extremely difficult to put payment into a parking meter. The eligibility and usage requirements were created by the addition of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1203-h.

New York City Residents - New York City does not issue the Metered Parking Waiver because the New York City parking permit allows the permit holder to park in metered parking spaces within New York City and not pay the meter fee. For more information about the City permit, call (718) 433-3100 or contact the New York City Department of Transportation, Permits and Customer Service, 30-30 Thomson Avenue, 2nd Floor, Long Island City, NY 11101-3045

About the Metered Parking Waiver

The metered parking waiver allows the holder to park in a metered parking space in any city, town or village of New York State without paying the meter fee. This applies to all metered parking spaces, even those that are not reserved for persons with disabilities. However, there are certain restrictions that apply when using a metered parking waiver:

- The waiver holder must be driving the vehicle;
- The waiver holder must not be accompanied by a person who is able to put payment into a meter;
- The waiver holder must observe any time limits associated with metered parking spaces.

Please note: The metered parking waiver does not replace the parking permit or special license plates for people with severe disabilities. When parking in a space reserved for people with disabilities, the vehicle must display the parking permit or special plates. If you park in a space reserved for people with disabilities that has a parking meter, your vehicle must display the parking permit or plates **and** the metered parking waiver for you to legally park in that space and not pay the fee.

Eligibility for a Metered Parking Waiver

In order to be eligible for a metered parking waiver, you must meet all of the requirements listed in numbers 1-5 below:

1. Be a resident of New York State; **and**
2. Be a resident of the city, town, or village where you are applying for the waiver (New York City residents are not eligible as explained above); **and**
3. Hold a valid, unexpired, New York State driver's license; **and**
4. Have a permanent, severe disability as defined in Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 404-a (see page 2 for the list of permanent, severe disabilities); **and**
5. Have a severe disability that limits one or more of the following:
 - Fine motor control in both hands; or
 - Ability to reach or access a parking meter due to use of a wheelchair or other ambulatory device; or
 - Ability to reach a height of 42 inches from the ground due to lack of finger, hand, or upper extremity strength or mobility

If you do not meet **all** of these requirements, you are **not eligible** for a metered parking waiver.

Applying for a Metered Parking Waiver

The Department of Motor Vehicles does NOT issue metered parking waivers. The governing bodies of cities, towns and villages appoint an agent to issue the waivers. The waiver is issued by most city, town or village clerks, and some police departments. Call your local city, town or village hall to find out where to apply for the waiver.

To apply for the waiver, you must complete an *Application for a Metered Parking Waiver for Persons with Severe Disabilities* (form MV-664.1MP). You can get the application from the issuing agent or from the DMV web site at dmv.ny.gov. Part of the application must be completed by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or doctor of osteopathy to certify that you meet the criteria listed under item #5 above. Those are the ONLY medical professionals who can certify that you meet the criteria. Agents will only issue a metered parking waiver if the application provides all of the information requested, including the applicant's signature, and the medical certification is correctly completed and signed by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or doctor of osteopathy.

What is a Permanent, Severe Disability?

An applicant for a metered parking waiver must have a disability covered by Section 404-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. This means the applicant must have one or more of the following impairments, disabilities or conditions that are permanent in nature and affect mobility.

- Use of portable oxygen;
- Legal blindness;
- Limited use, or no use, of one or both legs;
- Inability to walk 200 feet without stopping;
- A neuro-muscular dysfunction that severely limits mobility;
- A Class III or IV cardiac condition (American Heart Association standards);
- Severe limitation in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition;
- Restriction because of lung disease to such an extent that forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg of room air at rest;
- Any other physical or mental impairment not previously listed which constitutes an equal degree of disability, and imposes unusual hardship in the use of public transportation and prevents the person from getting around without great difficulty.

These are the same requirements that individuals must meet to qualify for a permanent (blue) parking permit for people with disabilities or license plates for people with disabilities. So if you have been issued either of those, you have a permanent, severe disability according to Section 404-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. However, in order to get a metered parking waiver, you must **also** have one or more of the disabilities listed under #5 in the section titled “Eligibility for a Metered Parking Waiver” on page 1.