

Australian Disability Parking Scheme Transcript

The Australian Disability Parking Scheme will help to ensure that there are clear, fair, consistent and robust policies to make it easier to identify whether you are eligible for a disability parking permit.

A key feature of the Scheme is the Australian Disability Parking Permit, which will initially replace over 100 different permit types across Australia and make it easier for permit holders when traveling interstate. The common design for the new national permit will ensure easy recognition by all enforcement officers across Australia. The Australian Disability Parking Permit also includes enhanced security features to help reduce the misuse of parking permits.

Permit Formats

There are three formats for the Australian Disability Parking Permit design. The first is a hook format and the second is a shorter format without a hook.

The third format will be what is used by residents in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. This permit has a plastic pocket into which the existing NSW Mobility Parking Scheme photo permit or the existing ACT Mobility Parking Scheme permit must be inserted. If a valid NSW or ACT permit is not inserted in the plastic pocket, the words 'Void if no NSW (or ACT) permit inserted here' will be visible.

In some states, territories and local government areas, separate parking permits may continue to be provided for specific purposes. These permits are not part of the Australian Disability Parking Scheme. Some organisations that transport eligible people with disability may receive an Australian Disability Parking Permit. Otherwise the usual permits for these vehicles will still apply.

Permit Use

Existing permit holders will get the new permit in one of two ways:

1. Through the normal permit renewal process when their old permit expires, or
2. They will be mailed the new permit if their current permit is not due to expire for some time.

Permit holders should contact the agency responsible for issuing disability parking permits in their area to check the arrangements for transitioning to the new permit. Existing permit holders (except NSW and ACT existing permit holders) who receive a new Australian Disability Parking Permit will be asked to destroy their old permit immediately.

Australian Disability Parking Permit holders can park, as usual, in reserved parking spaces displaying the International Symbol of Access and receive concessions in most public parking spaces where the sign or meter shows specific time limits. Permits must only be used when the vehicle is being used to transport the permit holder. Permits must be clearly displayed so the permit number and expiry date are visible from the exterior of the vehicle.

Hook permits must be removed from display before the vehicle is driven. This is to ensure the permit does not obscure the vision of the driver. Remember that all Australian Disability Parking Permit holders should check the local rules for parking and obey all other road and parking conditions.

Information about these rules and where to apply for an Australian Disability Parking Permit can be obtained through existing state, territory and local government agencies. Permit holders should contact the agency responsible for issuing disability parking permits in their area, to check the arrangements for transitioning to the new permit.

Australian Capital Territory

Department of Territory and Municipal Services

Northern Territory

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

New South Wales

Roads Traffic Authority NSW

Victoria

VicRoads

South Australia

Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Western Australia

National Disability Services

Queensland

Department of Transport and Main Roads

Tasmania

Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources

