Displaying your permit

From September 2010, Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permits must be displayed in an Australian Disability Parking permit, as provided to you by Roads and Maritime. As a courtesy, Roads and Maritime can supply a suction cup to attach the permit to the vehicle window. You are not required to use this device and may use other methods that do not obscure the permit details or the driver's vision.

If you choose to use the suction cup, the manufacturer advises that the suction cup's effectiveness is improved when used on a clean windscreen. Use of an alcohol wipe is recommended as some window cleaners may leave a residue.

Conditions of Use

A MPS permit is issued subject to the following conditions and heavy penalties may apply for failing to adhere to these conditions:

a) The permit must be inserted and displayed in the plastic sleeve on the Australian Disability Parking permit provided to you by Roads and Maritime.

b) The permit must only be displayed when the vehicle is being used to transport the individual to whom the permit was issued. It must not be used to visit or run errands for an eligible person when that person is not being transported in the vehicle.

c) The permit should be displayed unobscured on the left hand (passenger) side of the vehicle or in an area where the whole of the permit may be viewed from outside the vehicle. The sides marked 'THIS SIDE UP' or 'DISPLAY THIS SIDE' must face out. The permit may be attached to the vehicle by any method that does not obscure any of the permit details or the vision of the driver when the vehicle is in motion.

d) Parking concessions available under the MPS are only valid at on-street or council operated car parks. To park in a designated disability parking space in a private car park, you must display your valid MPS permit and pay any applicable fees required.

e) The permit is valid until the date of expiry, unless it is revoked.

f) The permit can no longer be used once it expires. It must be renewed and a current permit displayed for any disability parking concessions.

g) The permit must be returned to our registry or a Service Centre on expiry, if it is revoked by Roads and Maritime or as soon as its use is no longer required eg. the person no longer suffers from the disability that made them eligible for the permit.

h) The permit must not be reproduced, copied, defaced, altered or destroyed.

i) The permit is not valid if reproduced, copied, defaced or otherwise altered or where one or more of the details on the permit (e.g. card number or expiry date) are illegible.

j) If the permit is used in another State or Territory, it may be used in accordance with their prevailing parking concessions.

k) The permit may be confiscated by an authorised officer and/or revoked by Roads and Maritime for misuse or breach of any of these Conditions of Use.

l) The permit is subject to other such conditions that may be imposed by Roads and Maritime.

Parking concessions

The MPS permit entitles you to park in spaces marked with a symbol for people with disabilities. The permit also provides parking concessions in other spaces:

- Where parking is limited by a sign to more than 30 minutes, the vehicle can park for an unlimited time.
- Where parking is limited by a sign to 30 minutes, the vehicle can park for 2 hours.
- Where parking is limited by a sign to less than 30 minutes, the vehicle can park for a maximum of 30 minutes.
- At a ‘No Parking’ sign you may park up to 5 minutes, and the driver must remain within the vehicle or within 3 metres of the vehicle to drop off or pick up passengers or goods.

When do the concessions apply?

The parking concessions apply when the MPS permit is displayed on the vehicle and it is being used to transport the individual to whom the permit is issued. Parking concessions available under the MPS are only valid for on-street or council operated car parks.

Car parking areas operating behind boom gates are privately operated and no concessions are afforded in these areas. To park in a designated disability parking space in a private car park, you must display your valid MPS permit and pay any applicable fees required.

Replacement MPS permits

When applying for a replacement MPS permit, you must indicate the reason in the relevant area on page 2 of this form. If you are unable to return the permit you are replacing, you must complete the declaration at Question 6.

Once a replacement MPS permit is issued, the previous MPS permit is revoked and can no longer be displayed in a vehicle. Displaying a revoked MPS permit can result in a heavy fine being issued. If your old MPS permit is found, you must post it to Roads and Maritime, Document Verification and Investigations, PO Box 3035, Parramatta NSW 2124 as soon as possible.

Invalid MPS permits

A MPS permit becomes invalid if it expires, is revoked by Roads and Maritime or the permit holder is deceased. Display of a MPS permit that is invalid can result in a heavy fine being issued. Invalid permits should be posted to Roads and Maritime, Document Verification and Investigations, PO Box 3035, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Changes in your Medical Condition

If your medical condition improves and you no longer require the use of your MPS permit, you are required to return your MPS permit to your nearest registry, Service Centre or post it to Roads and Maritime, Document Verification and Investigations, PO Box 3035, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Penalties

Failure to comply with these conditions can constitute an offence under the Road Transport (General) Regulation 2013 and you can be fined up to $2,200.00.

Hotline

Abuse of the MPS can be reported by phoning 1300 884 899 or emailing Customer_Service_Centre@rms.nsw.gov.au.