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## What do we mean by Registration?

The law requires every Local Authority to maintain a register of people with disabilities. Anyone who has a disability can apply to go on the register

With the help of a Register the Local Authority, through its Social Services Directorate, can recognise the general need of disabled people in Devon.

## How could it help you?

Registration may help in the following ways:

- ❖ You do not have to pay VAT on some goods, directly relating to your disability. (See *HM Customs & Excise leaflet - VAT relief for Disabled people*). Your retailer can give you a claim form.
- ❖ Local concessions may be available, for instance, libraries, theatres, Further Education and Training and other social outlets.
- ❖ If you are a wheelchair user, and have adapted your house, you may be entitled to a reduction in your Council Tax. Ask at your local District Council Housing Department for more details.
- ❖ Disabled Persons Railcard application helpline 0191 218 8103 or 0191 269 0304 (Textphone).
- ❖ Devonwide half fare travel pass for bus and train services in Devon. Tel: 01392/01271 383688 for details.
- ❖ BT Textphone users are entitled to a rebate on their telephone bill for any *typed* part of the conversation. For more information call Freetext 18001 0800 500 888.

And for people who are **Registered Blind**:

- ❖ Reduction in television licence. Application forms are available from local post offices.
- ❖ Tax allowances. Check with the Inland Revenue for updated figures.

## Could I qualify? Who to contact

If you have a disability and think you may qualify for registration, contact your local Social Services District office who will be able to provide you with more information. Office addresses are listed opposite.

Following a social care assessment, if you are eligible for registration, we will complete the necessary paperwork and send you a yellow registration card. Keep this safe, as you will need it when claiming concessions.

For children or young people under 18 years of age with special needs, there is another information leaflet. *Ref. 91 Joint Agency Record of Children with Special Needs* which is available from your local Social Services office.

## Blue Badge - Disabled Parking Permit Scheme

If your disability is caused by mobility problems or you are registered blind, you may qualify for a parking permit. Your local Social Services office will be happy to send you an application form and booklet explaining the scheme.

The badge belongs to you and can be used in any private vehicle in which you are travelling. It is designed to allow you easier access to places you want to visit.

You do not have to own or drive a car to have a badge, but it must not be used unless you are in the car at the time.

If you have any difficulty in contacting your local office, phone Social Services on Exeter 01392 382331 or Devon County Council's main switchboard on Barnstaple (01271) or Exeter (01392) 382000.

## Benefit Entitlement - Are you claiming all you can?

Care Direct is a free information service for people over 60 years of age. They would be happy to check your benefit entitlement for you, or you may prefer to contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau. You can contact **Care Direct** on **0800 444 000**.

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## Local Social Services office telephone numbers

### East Devon District

*Exmouth/Sidmouth area*

Adults - Tel. 01392 385700

*Honiton/Ottery area*

Adults - Tel. 01392 385800

### Exeter District

All enquiries - Tel. 01392 384444

### Mid Devon District

All enquiries - Tel. 0845 1110640

### North Devon District

Adults - Tel. 01271 388010

### South Hams District

Adults - Tel. 01752 891050

### Teignbridge District

All enquiries - Tel. 01392 384900

### Torridge District

All enquiries - Tel. 01237 475693

### West Devon District

Tavistock - Tel. 01822 614121

Okehampton - Tel. 01392 383848