

As an older car driver you may have many years of experience on the road, and be more confident and tolerant, which will contribute to your safety.

It is important that you continue to remain safe by checking your ability to drive and adjusting your driving habits to compensate for any health deficiency that you may develop.

When you reach 70 years old you will be asked to renew your driving licence every three years. But there is no upper age limit for driving a car, however if you have or develop a disability or medical condition that affects your ability to drive you must by law notify the DVLA. To get more information about which conditions you must disclose get the leaflet D100 *Driving licences* from the DVLA or call them on 0300 790 6802.



The Blue Badge parking scheme provides a national system of parking concessions for those with



severe mobility problems whether they are a driver or a passenger.

Badge holders are exempt from certain parking restrictions. If you think you may qualify for a Blue Badge and need help completing the application form just call in to our Beehive office and we will be pleased to help you. We also have a useful booklet which explains the criteria for the scheme.

Motorbility is an independent, not-for-profit, organisation. If you receive the higher rate mobility component of the Disability Living allowance or War Pensioners' Mobility supplement, the Motorbility Scheme can help you to buy or lease a car, wheelchair or scooter by using your mobility allowance to pay the costs. Motorbility will automatically register the car in disabled class so you will not need to buy Road Tax.

If you are a Blue Badge holder you can apply to the Congestion Charging Office for exemption from congestion charging in central London. You will be asked to pay a one-off fee of £10. Tele: 0845 900 1234

If you are a mobility scooter user or are thinking of buying one please contact us for help on what to look for when buying, the law, and general safe use of your scooter. Tele: 01375 389872

If you are on higher rate mobility component of DLA or War Pensioners' Mobility supplement you may be entitled to an exemption from Vehicle Excise Duty (Road tax). To get a free disc you need to apply for an exemption certificate from the agency that issues your benefit.

To qualify for the exemption the vehicle must be used only by the disabled person or for their direct purposes. If the disabled person is not driving or is not a passenger in the vehicle it can only be used to do errands for the disabled person such as shopping or getting prescriptions.