

N.S. Regulations 232/2026

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REGISTRAR OF REGULATIONS

**In the matter of Section 81 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025,
the *Traffic Safety Act***

-and-

**In the matter of new regulations respecting accessible parking permits
made by the Minister of Public Works**

Order

I, Fred Tilley, Minister of Public Works for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Section 81 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*, hereby make new regulations respecting accessible parking permits in the form set forth in the attached Schedule "A".

This order is effective on and after the date that Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*, comes into force.

Dated and made September 8, 2026, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.


Honourable Fred Tilley
Minister of Public Works

Schedule “A”

Regulations Respecting Accessible-Parking Permits made by the Minister of Public Works under Section 81 of Chapter 20 the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*

1 Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Accessible-Parking Permits Regulations*.

2 Definitions

In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Traffic Safety Act*.

3 Applying for accessible-parking permit for person with mobility disability

(1) In this Section,

“approved regulated health professional” means a regulated health professional who is 1 of the following:

- (i) a medical doctor,
- (ii) a nurse practitioner,
- (iii) an occupational therapist,
- (iv) a physiotherapist,
- (v) a chiropractor.

(2) A person with a mobility disability may apply to the Registrar for an accessible-parking permit.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (4), an application under this Section must include a statement from an approved regulated health professional that certifies that the applicant is a person with a mobility disability and specifies both of the following:

- (a) whether the mobility disability is permanent or temporary;

- (b) for a person with a mobility disability that is temporary, the anticipated length of time that the mobility disability is expected to continue, if known.
- (4) An application from a person with a mobility disability is not required to include the statement required by subsection (3) if the application includes proof satisfactory to the Registrar that the person holds a valid identification permit equivalent to an accessible-parking permit that was issued by another province of Canada or a state or other jurisdiction that is recognized by the Registrar.

4 Validity of identification permit issued by other jurisdiction

Once a person with a mobility disability becomes resident in the Province, any identification permit equivalent to an accessible-parking permit that was issued to them by another province of Canada or a state or other jurisdiction that is recognized by the Registrar is no longer deemed to be an accessible-parking permit under subsection 47(4) of the Act.

5 Length of term of accessible-parking permit for person with mobility disability

- (1) The Registrar may issue 1 or more accessible-parking permits with a 5-year term to a person with a mobility disability that is permanent.
- (2) The Registrar may issue an accessible-parking permit for a term no longer than the shorter of the following to a person with a mobility disability that is temporary:
 - (a) the anticipated length of time that the disability is expected to continue, if specified in the application;
 - (b) 6 months.

6 Applying for accessible-parking permit to transport persons with mobility disability

- (1) A business or organization may apply to the Registrar for 1 or more accessible-parking permits if all of the following criteria are met:
 - (a) for a business, it provides transportation to persons with a mobility disability as part of its business activities;
 - (b) for an organization, it provides non-profit transportation to persons with a mobility disability as part of its activities;
 - (c) it uses 1 or more vehicles that are owned or leased by the business or organization, or operated on behalf of the business or organization, primarily to provide transportation services to persons with a mobility disability.
- (2) An application under this Section must include all of the following:

- (a) a description of the activities that meet the criteria in subsection (1) that satisfies the Registrar that issuing an accessible-parking permit is necessary to accommodate persons with a mobility disability;
- (b) any information or documentation required by the Registrar to determine eligibility for the accessible-parking permit.

7 Length of term of accessible-parking permit to transport persons with mobility disability

The Registrar may issue 1 or more accessible-parking permits for a 5-year term to a business or organization described in subsection 6(1).

8 Renewing accessible-parking permit

- (1) On application, the Registrar may renew an accessible-parking permit for a further 5-year term that was issued to a person with a mobility disability that is permanent.
- (2) An accessible-parking permit issued to a person with a mobility disability that is temporary is not renewable, but the person may apply for a new permit.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), on application, the Registrar may renew an accessible-parking permit issued to a business or organization under Section 6 for a further term in accordance with Section 7.
- (4) The Registrar may request proof of continued eligibility for a permit renewed under subsection (3).

9 Displaying accessible-parking permit

- (1) An accessible-parking permit must be displayed while a vehicle is stopped or parked in an accessible-parking zone as follows:
 - (a) by hanging the permit from the rear-view mirror of the vehicle;
 - (b) for a vehicle that has no rear-view mirror, other than a motorcycle, by displaying it in the vehicle in a manner that is visible through the front windshield.
- (2) An accessible-parking permit is not required to be displayed on a motorcycle while it is stopped or parked in an accessible-parking zone, but the permit must be produced on the request of the property owner or their agent or a peace officer.

10 Cancelling accessible-parking permit

In addition to the reasons for which a document may be cancelled under the Act, the Registrar may cancel an accessible-parking permit if satisfied that

- (a) the accessible-parking permit has been used contrary to the Act; or
- (b) the person to whom it is issued no longer meets the eligibility criteria in these regulations.