

DISABLED REGISTRATION

IN ORDER TO BE REGISTERED A PERSON MUST BE DISABLED AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

“Persons aged eighteen years or over who are blind, deaf or dumb, or suffer from mental disorders of any description and other persons who are substantially and permanently handicapped by illness, injury or congenital deformity”

and

A person ordinarily resident in Oxfordshire.

In order to be considered **substantial**, the disability should have an adverse effect on the person’s ability to carry out normal everyday activities.

In order to be considered **permanent**, the effects should have lasted at least 12 months, or likely to last at least 12 months, or likely to last for the rest of the life of the person.

Registration is under three main headings

1. **Very Severe Handicap**

This includes those who:

- Need help going to or using the WC practically every night. In addition, most of those in this group need to be fed or dressed or, if they can feed and/or dress themselves, they need a lot of help during the day with washing and WC or are incontinent.
- Need help with the WC during the night but not quite so much help with feeding, washing, dressing, or, while not needing night-time help with the WC need a great deal of day time help with feeding and/or washing and the WC.
- Are permanently bedfast or confined to a chair and need help to get in and out, or are senile or mentally impaired, or are not able to care for themselves as far as normal everyday functions are concerned, but who do not need as much help as the above two categories.

2. Less Severe but appreciable handicap

This includes those who:

- Either have difficulty doing everything, or find most things difficult and some impossible
- Find most things difficult, or three or four items difficult and some impossible.
- Can do a fair amount for themselves but have difficulty with some items, or have to have help with one or two minor items.

3. Other Persons

This includes people with a less severe heart or chest condition or with epilepsy.

4. Hearing Loss

Deaf with speech concerns those people who have an acquired hearing loss, which is so severe, that a hearing aid cannot help and who rely on lip reading and speech to communicate.

Deaf without speech concerns those people who were born profoundly deaf or suffered a profound hearing loss before acquiring language and have limited ability to use speech themselves and rely on lip reading and sign language to communicate.

Hard of hearing concerns those people who have a noticeable hearing loss who may be helped to listen to speech with a hearing aid, lip read and use listening and speech as a means of communication.

5. Visual Impairment

Person should be registered blind or partially sighted.