

Question on Notice

No. 346

Asked on 23 March 2011

MR LAWLOR asked the Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs (MS PALASZCZUK)

QUESTION:

With reference to the changes in the Disability Parking Scheme – How will these changes affect people holding Disability Permits?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Southport for the question.

From 31 March 2011 the new nationally recognised Australian Disability Parking Permit eligibility criteria came into effect nationwide.

Following lengthy negotiations with other states and territories, I am pleased to advise that thanks to the Bligh Government's efforts, all jurisdictions have agreed to continue to recognise Queensland's red permits when travelling interstate.

Importantly, Queensland's red permit holders will continue to have access to parking in any off-street designated disability parking bays, regardless of the colour of the signage.

The following eligibility criteria for the new national permit will come into effect from 31 March 2011:

1. must be unable to walk and always require the use of a wheelchair; or
2. their ability to walk must be severely restricted by a permanent medical condition or disability; or
3. their ability to walk must be severely restricted by a temporary medical condition or disability.

Disability parking permit holders may continue to use their red permit, or alternatively they may wish to review the new eligibility criteria and submit an application for an Australian Disability Parking Permit.

For more information and to access new application forms please visit either the Department's website www.tmr.qld.gov.au , your nearest Customer Service Centre or phone 132 380.

All disability parking permit holders should check the local rules for parking and obey all other road and parking conditions.