

Blue Dot Service Application Form

A **Special Needs Waste Collection Service** – commonly known as a **Blue Dot Service** - is a special waste collection for people who are unable to move their bins (garbage, recycling and green waste) from their property to the kerbside to be emptied, and back to their property each week.

To be eligible for a Blue Dot Service, a resident must take the following four steps:

1. **Complete Part A of the Application Form**, including a declaration that they have no other available people to perform this service (for example a family/friend/neighbour)
2. **General Medical Practitioner (Doctor) to complete Part B of the Application Form** certifying that they have a genuine medical need for the service. Please note: cost of this is to be borne by the Applicant.
3. **Return the completed Application Form** (Part A and Part B) to Council, and
4. **The resident's property must satisfy Council's Work Health and Safety requirements.** This will be determined by inspection of the property by a Council Officer.

PART A - to be completed by the Applicant

Applicant Details (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

Name Of Applicant:

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Address of Property where Blue Dot service is required:

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Contact Phone Number: (Home)..... (Mobile).....

Declaration (*please tick*):

- I am unable to move my bins from my property to the kerbside to be emptied and back
- There are no other people (for example: family, friends or neighbours) who can regularly put my bins out to be emptied
- I will let Council know if my circumstances change (for example, change of address, someone who is able to assist, lengthy hospital stay etc)
- I accept the Terms and Conditions of the Blue Dot Service (below)

Types of services required (*please tick*)

- Weekly garbage service
- Fortnightly recycling service
- Fortnightly green waste service

Applicant's Signature:

Name and contact phone number of NEXT OF KIN / NEIGHBOUR OR FRIEND

(This information is required by Council as a secondary contact person in circumstances where Council cannot contact the Applicant)

Name:

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Contact Phone Number: (Home)..... (Mobile)

Relationship to Applicant:

PART B - to be completed by the Applicant's Doctor

Name of Doctor:

Address:

Provider Number: Telephone:

Signature: Date:

Is the applicant unable to move their bins to and from the kerbside and in genuine need of the Blue Dot Service
Yes / No (please circle)

Does the applicant have family, friends or neighbours who could assist by moving the bins to and from the
kerbside Yes / No (please circle)

Is the Applicant's impairment permanent Yes / No (please circle)

If impairment is temporary, please advise expected duration of the impairment

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NB: The cost of the examination is to be borne by the Applicant

Please send the completed Blue Dot Service Application to Council by:

- Post: Lake Macquarie City Council, Box 1902 Hunter Region Mail Centre NSW 2310;
- Email: council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au; or
- Fax: 02 49 587 257.

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Approved / Refused (Please circle)

Reasons for Refusal:

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Expiry Date of Application.....

Terms and Conditions of Blue Dot Service

1. Where the property is assessed by Council as presenting unacceptable Work Health and Safety risk to collection staff, the applicant will not be provided with a Blue Dot Service and have to make alternative arrangements for bin presentation at the kerbside.
2. Blue Dot Service applications are not transferrable and relate to the Applicant and the Applicant's property only.
3. The Applicant or next of kin, neighbour or friend must advise Council's CSC (Ph 02 49210333) if the Blue Dot Service is no longer required or if circumstances change, eg change of address or lengthy hospital stay etc.
4. If the Applicant moves to another property then the Applicant must notify Council's CSC of the change of address to enable an assessment of the new property for the Blue Dot Service.
5. Council may place an identification tag (reflective tape or disc) on the Applicant's bin(s) to assist collection staff in identifying the bin(s).
6. Blue Dot Service holders are asked to bag all garbage (not recyclables or green waste) where possible to assist Councils collection staff in servicing.
7. The bin(s) must be visible from the front of the property. Council and contractors collection staff will not enter back yards, outdoor areas or rear of dwellings.
8. If Council suspects that circumstances have changed at the Blue Dot property, then Council may investigate as to whether there is a genuine need for the service to continue.
9. The approved Blue Dot Service is valid for a maximum period of 2 years from the date of commencement of the service at the property. Council will send the applicant a letter prior to the expiry date reminding of the need to re-apply for the Blue Dot Service to continue.
