



# London Blue Badge Tourist Guide Training Programme 2016-2018

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## PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Title (Mr/ Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Name known by: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print your e-mail address on a blank sheet and staple it to this form.*

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

First language(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other languages in which you are FLUENT and wish to guide: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied before? If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the programme? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to work full-time or part-time as a guide? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs of which the programme director might need to be aware? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

(if yes please give a few details) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any criminal convictions? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

(if yes please give details) \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT

Please give details of your employment commencing with your most recent or present job (include contract or freelance work and employment abroad if relevant)

<b>Dates From / To</b>	<b>Employer's Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Nature of Business/Job Title and Responsibilities</b>

Detail relevant experience (public speaking, lecturing, acting, teaching, handling groups)

## EDUCATION

In which country did you attend school from the age of 11 years?.....

School examinations taken in the UK and results e.g. GCSE, GCE 'O' Level & 'A' Level, Scottish Highers, or other sixth form examinations, or equivalent for those educated abroad.

Date(s)	Examinations taken and results

## FURTHER & HIGHER EDUCATION

Date(s)	College/University	Examinations taken & Qualifications gained in the UK and Abroad

Please give details of other education or training including any tourist guide training courses attended

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Please give details of any tourist qualifications achieved, e.g. Green Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Membership of professional institutes/bodies/organisations \_\_\_\_\_

State any special interest or hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

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On a separate piece of paper, please type a statement in NO MORE THAN 250 words explaining why you wish to train for the Blue Badge and describe the qualities and characteristics which make you particularly suitable for tourist guiding. Please include details of specialist knowledge.

THE PROGRAMME OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE INTRODUCTION TO GUIDING IN LONDON. TO BE SUCCESSFUL, STUDENTS WILL NEED TO SUPPLEMENT THIS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PRIVATE STUDY, RESEARCHING ROUTES AND VISITING LOCATIONS.

How many hours per week will you have for independent study? \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION TO JOIN TRAINING PROGRAMME

I wish to apply for enrolment in the London Blue Badge Tourist Guide training programme and, if selected, I undertake to attend the complete programme of training, to take the examinations according to the timetable and to pay all fees by their due date.

**I understand that if I am accepted onto the programme, regular attendance at lectures and Saturday visits is essential, and persistent failure to attend may result in my being asked to leave the course. I understand that fees are not refundable.**

**I understand that qualification as a Blue Badge guide does not guarantee guiding engagements and that there is no obligation on the providers of the course or the endorsers of the programme to find work for qualified guides.**

I understand that to be able to guide in the languages I have listed on page 1 (other than my first language) I need to achieve the Institute of Tourist Guiding's qualification for that language.

**Fee** - I understand that, if I am accepted on the course, the total fees as stated on the prospectus will be due before the course commences. **I understand that the fee is not refundable.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring organisation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: London Blue Badge Programme 11  
The British Guild of Tourist Guides  
52d Borough High Street  
London  
SE1 1XN

*The closing date for receiving applications for the programme is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.  
The pre-entry test will take place in central London on the evening of Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016.*

***Please ensure you have:***

- (a) completed all sections including your 250 word statement in support of your application***
- (b) attached a photograph***
- (c) a cheque for £60.00 payable to: Guild London Training***
- (d) attached to this form a print-out of your e-mail address on plain paper***

### **IMPORTANT**

Please attach a photocopy of your work permit or residence permit to the application form **unless:**

- (a) You are a British Passport holder or
- (b) You hold a passport from another E.U. Country

