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Guidance

Healthcare for UK nationals living in Denmark

How to get state healthcare if you live, work or study in Denmark.

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Stay up to date

This guidance will be updated if anything changes to how you get state healthcare in Denmark.

Sign up for email alerts. (<https://www.gov.uk/email-signup/?topic=/world/living-in-denmark>)

This information is about living in Denmark. There's different guidance about visiting Denmark. (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-residents-visiting-the-eueea-and-switzerland-healthcare>)

Most state healthcare is free in Denmark if you're a resident and have a state health insurance card ('yellow health card').

UK nationals usually access the Danish healthcare system in one of these ways:

- registering as a resident and getting a yellow health card
- using a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) for temporary stays
- registering a UK-issued S1 form with the Danish state healthcare system and getting a yellow health card

Healthcare if you live and work in Denmark

You should register as a resident (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-denmark#visas-and-residency>) if you expect to live in Denmark for 3 months or more.

Everyone who's a resident can also register for Danish state healthcare.

This is the same if you're employed, self-employed or not working.

Your dependants need to register independently for healthcare. Children do not need to register independently until they're 15 years old if a parent is registered, but they do need to have their own yellow health card.

You may be entitled to a Danish EHIC for travel, including visits to the UK.

You may also have the right to apply for a UK S1 if you start drawing a UK State Pension.

How to register

First, apply for an EU Residence Document (<https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Residence-as-a-Nordic-citizen-or-EU-or-EEA-citizen>).

When you have your EU Residence Document you need to register at the Civil Registry of Denmark (CPR) (<https://lifeindenmark.borger.dk/theme/when-you-arrive>).

You'll need proof of your address in Denmark and proof that you are staying for at least 3 months.

You choose your GP during your application to the CPR. When your CPR application is accepted, you'll be sent a yellow health card.

The card will show the name and address of your doctor.

Always carry your yellow health card with you. Show it when you have a GP appointment.

How much you'll pay

Most medical care is free, including GP appointments, hospital stays, mental health and long-term care.

You'll still have to pay for some medical services. For example, dental check-ups cost around 200 Danish kroner.

Prescriptions are not free, but you'll pay a maximum limit each year. Find out how much you'll pay towards prescribed medicines. (<https://laegemiddelstyrelsen.dk/en/reimbursement/calculate-reimbursement/reimbursement-thresholds/>)

If your UK employer has sent you to Denmark temporarily ('posted workers')

A posted worker (<https://www.gov.uk/working-abroad/posted-workers>) is someone who is employed or self-employed in the UK, but temporarily sent to another European Economic Area (EEA) country.

UK posted workers can access healthcare in Denmark using a UK-issued EHIC or an S1 form if Denmark opts in to posted worker arrangements as a part of the agreement with the EU. Denmark needs to confirm this by the end of January 2021.

If Denmark does not opt in to posted worker arrangements, you may need to do one or more of the following:

- join a local healthcare scheme
- cover the cost of your healthcare with private health insurance

HMRC has a helpline for National Insurance enquiries from non-UK residents (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/contact/national-insurance-enquiries-for-non-uk-residents>). They can answer questions about posted worker status and explain which documents you will need to get healthcare while posted.

If you're posted to Denmark for 6 months or more, you must register as a resident and get a yellow health card to access state healthcare.

UK-funded healthcare: using an S1 form in Denmark

There's different guidance if you have an S1 as a posted worker.

You may be entitled to state healthcare paid for by the UK if you're a Danish resident (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-denmark>) and receive a UK State Pension.

You may also be entitled to an S1 form if you're a frontier worker (someone who works in one state and lives in another). You must contact HMRC National Insurance enquiries (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/contact/national-insurance-enquiries-for-non-uk-residents>) to find out if you're eligible.

If you've been living in Denmark since before 1 January 2021, you may also be entitled to an S1 if you receive some other 'exportable benefits'.

Not all UK benefits that can be claimed while abroad entitle you to UK-funded healthcare. Read more about claiming benefits if you move abroad (<https://www.gov.uk/claim-benefits-abroad/where-you-can-claim-benefits>) or contact Jobcentre Plus (<https://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus>) to ask about a benefit.

Once you have an S1 form, you must register it on the Danish system.

This will mean you and your dependants will be entitled to healthcare in Denmark on the same basis as a Danish citizen.

You'll also get:

- a UK-issued **EHIC** (<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-ehic-european-health-insurance-card/>) for travel
- planned treatments (<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/going-abroad-for-treatment/what-is-the-s2-route/>) in other EU countries

If you moved to the EU before 1 January 2021, you'll have access to the NHS in England when you're visiting.

Dependants and family members may be classified differently in Denmark than the UK.

Check with the local authorities when you register your S1 form.

How to get an S1 form

You must request an application form by phone from NHS Overseas Healthcare Services.

NHS Overseas Healthcare Services

Telephone: +44 (0)191 218 1999

Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

Saturday, 9am to 3pm

How to use an S1 form in Denmark

Once you're registered as a resident in Denmark, you'll be issued with your yellow health card. This will mean you're entitled to healthcare on the same basis as a Danish citizen.

You also need to register your S1 form with Udbetaling Danmark (<https://www.borger.dk/Om-borger-dk/udbetaling-danmark>) (website in Danish).

Studying in Denmark

You can use an **EHIC** or **GHIC** (<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-ehic-european-health-insurance-card/>) to get medically necessary healthcare until the end of your study period.

If you're going to study in Denmark for 3 months or more, you'll need to register for residence as a student (<https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply>) and at the CPR (<https://lifeindenmark.borger.dk/theme/when-you-arrive>) to get a yellow health insurance card. You'll need your **EHIC** or **GHIC** when you travel in the EU.

Moving back to the UK

If you return to the UK you'll be able to use the NHS like any other UK resident.

Read more about using the NHS when you return to live in the UK (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-nhs-when-you-return-to-live-in-the-uk>).

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Updated sections on living and working in Denmark, using an S1 form in Denmark, posted workers and studying in Denmark. Changes reflect healthcare arrangements for people moving to Denmark under the new rules of the UK's deal with the EU.

2. 9 November 2020

Updated 2 sections: 'Healthcare if you're using an S1 form in Denmark' and 'Healthcare if you're studying in Denmark'. Students and people with a registered S1 in Denmark can now apply for a new UK European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) that will remain valid from 1 January 2021.

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