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Guidance

# Healthcare for UK nationals living in Romania

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

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### Stay up to date

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

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

You need to register with the National Health Insurance House (NIHR or CNAS in Romanian) to access state healthcare in Romania.

You have to pay to use parts of the state healthcare system, although some parts are free.

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

- paying social security contributions
- using a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) for temporary stays
- registering a UK-issued S1 form with CNAS
- paying for private health insurance (access only to private healthcare facilities)

## Healthcare if you live and work in Romania

You must register as a resident (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-romania>) in Romania if you're living there for more than 3 months.

To access state healthcare, most people need to be making social security contributions and register with CNAS.

Some people can register with CNAS without making social security contributions, including:

- children under 18
- students aged 18 to 26 with no income (if they're a registered Romanian resident)
- disabled people who have a certificate of proof
- pregnant women who earn below the Romanian minimum wage

Your dependants (for example, a husband or wife with no income) are entitled to register with CNAS through your social security contributions.

You may be entitled to a Romanian 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

If you're employed, your employer will register you with CNAS. Your social security contributions will come out of your salary before you're paid.

If you're self-employed, you need to give a tax declaration to the tax authorities (Agenția Națională de Administrare Fiscală (ANAF)) and arrange to make social security contributions. Then register with CNAS.

If you are not working and you are not someone's dependant, you need to give a tax statement to the tax authorities and arrange to make voluntary social security contributions. Then register with CNAS.

Once CNAS has confirmed your application, you'll get a health card (Card Național de Asigurări de Sănătate).

To register with a GP, go to your nearest CNAS office. There's a CNAS office in the main city of each county.

## How much you'll pay

You have to pay to use parts of the state healthcare system in Romania, although some parts are free.

Charges are usually between 10% and 80% of the cost of treatment.

For prescription medicines, the minimum you'll pay is 10% of the cost. The maximum you'll pay is the full cost.

GP appointments and A&E visits are both free of charge.

If you're hospitalised because a doctor says you need to go to hospital, you may be charged around 2.50 euros when you're discharged.

Dental care is not usually free, and most dentists have private practices. You can get emergency free dental care at some health centres and state hospitals.

## If your UK employer has sent you to Romania 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 Romania using a UK-issued E.H.I.C. or an S1 form if Romania opts in to posted worker arrangements as a part of the agreement with the EU. Romania needs to confirm this by the end of January 2021.

If Romania 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.

There will be no changes to healthcare access for posted workers in Romania before the end of 2020.

You can continue to use your E.H.I.C. or S1 during this time.

## UK-funded healthcare: using an S1 form in Romania

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 Romanian resident (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-romania>) 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 Romania 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 Romanian system.

This will mean you and your dependants will be entitled to healthcare in Romania on the same basis as a Romanian 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 Romania than the UK.

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

You must register as a resident (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-romania>) in Romania if you're living there for more than 3 months.

## How to get an S1 form

If you have a UK State Pension, 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 Romania

You must register your S1 form with CNAS in your local area. There is a CNAS office in the main city of each county.

Once registered, you'll get a health card (Card Național de Asigurări de Sănătate). This will show you're entitled to healthcare on the same basis as a Romanian citizen.

## Studying in Romania

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.

## 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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### 1. 31 December 2020

Updated sections on living and working in Romania, using an S1 form in Romania, posted workers and studying in Romania. Changes reflect healthcare arrangements for people moving to Romania 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 Romania' and 'Healthcare if you're studying in Romania'. Students and people with a registered S1 in Romania can now apply for a new UK European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) that will remain valid from 1 January 2021.

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