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# Healthcare for UK nationals living in Slovenia

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

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### Stay up to date

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

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

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

State healthcare in Slovenia is not completely free. Healthcare costs are covered by both the state and through patient contributions. These are known as co-payments.

If you're a resident in Slovenia, you must have health insurance.

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

- paying into the Slovenian national health insurance system (ZZZS)
- paying for private health insurance
- using a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) for temporary stays
- registering a UK-issued S1 form with ZZZS

## Healthcare if you live and work in Slovenia

You must register as a resident (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-slovenia#visas-and-residency>) if you're living in Slovenia for more than 3 months.

All residents must pay for Slovenian national health insurance (ZZZS (<http://www.zzzs.si/zzzs/internet/zzzseng.nsf>)). How much you pay will depend on your salary.

If you do not pay into the Slovenian health service, you'll need private insurance to pay for any non-emergency healthcare.

Anyone can get emergency medical treatment regardless of their insurance cover.

Your dependants are also covered by the contributions you make.

You may be entitled to a Slovenian 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 in Slovenia, your employer will register you with the ZZZS.

If you're self-employed, check that you're registered for healthcare at a local ZZZS office (<http://www.zzzs.si/zzzs/internet/zzzseng.nsf/o/2F06FF8B47F026A3C1256E89004792A2>).

If you're unemployed and receiving benefits you do not need to pay contributions.

Once you've registered, you'll get a Slovenian health insurance card. Show this whenever you access state healthcare. It covers you for treatment by healthcare providers contracted to the ZZZS ([http://www.nktz.si/wps/portal/nktz/home/healthcare/providers!ut/p/z1/04\\_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8ziTQxdPd2N\\_Q08DfyCD Awc3b0NwnxcTQzcjYz1g1Pz9AuyHRUBAQKe3g!!/](http://www.nktz.si/wps/portal/nktz/home/healthcare/providers!ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8ziTQxdPd2N_Q08DfyCD Awc3b0NwnxcTQzcjYz1g1Pz9AuyHRUBAQKe3g!!/)).

This includes:

- GP visits
- state hospitals
- health centres

- state dental care
- private doctors who have a contract with the ZZZS
- prescription costs

You'll need to register with a GP. They will usually be your first point of contact to access specialists and hospital treatment.

## How much you'll pay

You'll usually have to pay between 10% and 90% of the cost of most non-emergency healthcare in Slovenia.

Most people in Slovenia have private voluntary health insurance to cover any co-payments you must make. This costs around 30 euros a month.

If you're registered for state healthcare with ZZZS, you can get voluntary insurance. This means you will not pay for state healthcare services. Your healthcare provider will charge your insurance company directly.

You'll only have to pay if you see a GP or get dental treatment at a private clinic.

If you don't have voluntary insurance, you'll need to make the co-payment yourself.

Some people get free healthcare and are exempt from co-payments, for example:

- children
- students
- pregnant women
- people with long-term or chronic conditions
- unemployed people or those on low incomes

A&E care and treatment is free, as are certain state healthcare services. Find out what's covered by ZZZS (<http://www.zzzs.si/zzzs/internet/zzzseng.nsf/o/87C028D74130DE0AC1256E89004A4C0C>).

You'll usually have to pay either 30% or 90% of the full cost of a prescription, depending on the medication. The ZZZS also sets a maximum amount payable for each medicine. Your doctor will be able to tell you how much you'll need to pay.

If you have a chronic illness or long-term condition, you can get free prescriptions.

You'll always have to pay in full for your healthcare when you visit:

- providers who do not have a contract with the ZZZS
- specialists without a GP's referral
- private dentists

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

If Slovenia 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.

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

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 Slovenian resident (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-slovenia>) 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 Slovenia 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 with the ZZZS.

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

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

## 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 Slovenia

You must register your S1 in person at a local ZZZS office

(<http://www.zzzs.si/zzzs/internet/zzzseng.nsf/o/2F06FF8B47F026A3C1256E89004792A2>). You'll be able to get help filling out the forms if you don't speak Slovene.

You'll also need to show:

- proof that you get a UK State Pension
- proof of identity, such as your passport

Once registered, you will be issued with a Slovenian health insurance card. This will show you're entitled to healthcare on the same basis as a Slovenian citizen.

## Studying in Slovenia

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 studying in Slovenia for more than 3 months, you should register for a Slovenian health insurance card.

You'll need to register in person at a ZZZS office. Take your passport and proof that you're enrolled on a course in Slovenia.

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

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