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Guidance

Healthcare for UK nationals living in Sweden

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

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Stay up to date

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

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

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

You need to be registered as a resident (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-sweden>) in Sweden to access state healthcare. You may still have to pay for some medical care.

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

- registering as a resident and then registering for healthcare
- using a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) for temporary stays
- registering a UK-issued S1 form with one of the insurance funds

Healthcare if you live and work in Sweden

Anyone who is registered as a resident in Sweden can register for state healthcare.

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

You can register your dependants for healthcare at the same time as you.

You may be entitled to a Swedish 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

Apply for a residence permit (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-sweden>).

Register with your local Swedish tax office (Skatteverket). They will give you an ID card and personal identity number (personnummer). This takes 1 to 2 weeks.

Register for healthcare at your local healthcare centre. Show your ID card and personnummer.

How much you'll pay

Patients have to pay towards their medical care and the cost varies in different parts of Sweden.

Example costs include:

- GP appointments: 100 to 300 Swedish krona
- paediatric appointments: 200 to 350 Swedish krona
- hospital stays: 100 Swedish krona

Some healthcare services have a price limit so that you do not have to pay more than 1,150 Swedish krona per year. This does not include dental care and hospital stays.

Prescription costs depend on the medicine, but you will not have to pay more than 2,300 Swedish krona per year.

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

A posted worker (<https://www.gov.uk/working-abroad/posted-workers>) is an employee of a UK company temporarily sent to another EEA country.

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

If Sweden 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 a posted worker, your employer must first register you at the Swedish Work Environment Authority.

You must then register your S1 form with:

- the Swedish tax authority (Skatteverket)
- a social insurance agency (Försäkringskassan)

UK-funded healthcare: using an S1 form in Sweden

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 Swedish resident (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-sweden>) 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 Sweden 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 Swedish system.

This will mean you and your dependants will be entitled to healthcare in Sweden on the same basis as a Swedish 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 Sweden 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 Sweden

You must register your S1 form with:

- the Swedish tax authority (Skatteverket)
- a social insurance agency (Försäkringskassan)

Once registered, you will be entitled to healthcare on the same basis as a Swedish citizen.

Studying in Sweden

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

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