

Registering with a doctor

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What does it cost?

There is no charge to register with a GP in England. Once you are registered, there is also no charge to see your GP. If your GP decides that you need medicine, you will receive a prescription. To get your medicine, take the prescription to any pharmacy. If you have an HC2 certificate, you will not be charged for the medicine. You should show this to the staff at the pharmacy and also tick the correct box on your prescription.

If you haven't got an HC2 certificate, you will need to apply for one using the HC1 form with help from a support group, if needed. Application criteria does apply, so if you want more information you can contact Help with Health Costs on **0300 330 1343** or go onto the following website at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/1125.aspx

If you need to see a GP, but have difficulty speaking or understanding English, tell the staff at the GP surgery. They will be able to arrange an interpreter. You will not be charged for this service.

Do I need ID to register?

You do not have to provide ID when registering with a GP, but it is helpful to do so. It is helpful if you can provide at least one of the documents below when registering with your GP:

- Passport
- Birth certificate
- HC2 certificate
- Rough sleepers' identity badge
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