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Healthcare explained

How to register an S1 form in Spain as a UK state pensioner

To find out what an S1 form is and how to apply for one, please see our guide “Healthcare Explained: The S1 form”.



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If you haven't completed and submitted your residency application, you need to do this before you can register your S1 form with the local authorities. Your residency application must be approved – *resolución favorable* – to be able to register the S1.



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You must register your S1 at your local INSS office. The INSS is the Instituto Nacional de la Seguridad Social – the National Social Security Office.



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You can make an appointment with the INSS to register your S1 in person, or you can register online via their portal – www.seg-social.es.



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Once your registration has been processed, the INSS will send you a Spanish social security number by post.



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Take this number to your local healthcare centre to register.



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Once registered with your local health centre, you will be issued a health card.



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Use your medical card when you visit your local surgery, hospital or pharmacy.



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At this point, you can also contact the Overseas Healthcare Service to request a UK-issued European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) for use when visiting other EU countries. The card you receive will depend on when you moved to Spain.

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For further information on the registration process with the INSS, you can consult with your local office.



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