



UK Government

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Healthcare explained

## The S1 form



### What is an S1 form?

The S1 form demonstrates your entitlement to healthcare paid for by the UK government if you live in the EU. It entitles you and any dependants to healthcare in another EU country on the same basis as a resident of that country.

### Who can apply for an S1 form?

You, and your dependants, may be entitled to state healthcare paid for by the UK if you're resident in the EU and receive a UK State Pension or a qualifying exportable benefit. People who are 'posted (detached) workers' or 'frontier workers' may also be entitled to an S1 form.

### How to apply for an S1 form

If you have a UK State Pension or qualifying exportable benefit you must apply by calling the Overseas Healthcare Services, based in the UK.

☎ Telephone: +44 (0)191 218 1999

📅 Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm  
Saturday, 9am to 3pm

'Posted (detached) workers' can contact HMRC for further information, by calling **+44 191 203 7010**

### What does the S1 cover me for?

Once correctly registered with the healthcare system in the country you live in, the S1 form will give you access to healthcare on the same basis as a citizen of that country.

It will also entitle you to a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) for use when travelling in other EU countries - the card you are issued will depend on when you moved to the EU. The EHIC or GHIC covers you for emergency and necessary care in a public hospital/clinic when on a temporary stay in another EU country.

If you have received an S1 form you should register it with local authorities as soon as you receive it. This is the case even if you are already a resident and registered for healthcare (e.g. as a permanent resident in an EU country). This ensures that you are correctly registered for your circumstances, and that the appropriate country is covering the cost of your healthcare.

