

ARE YOU A UK NATIONAL AND STRUGGLING  
WITH YOUR RESIDENCY APPLICATION?

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

Healthcare  
in Spain

## IF YOU ARE A UK NATIONAL LIVING IN SPAIN

You need to take steps to maintain your residency, now that the UK has left the EU. Through the UK Nationals Support Fund IOM provides support to UK nationals to help with their residency applications, through a phone helpline, email or face-to-face case support.

IOM's support is available mainly in Madrid, Andalusia and Murcia, however UK nationals living in other parts of Spain and who are struggling with their residency applications are eligible to receive support.

## HEALTHCARE IN SPAIN

This guide explains what you need to do in Spain to access healthcare depending on your circumstances.

All UK residents in Spain need to register to access healthcare in order to obtain their residency certificate.

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## Uk nationals access the Spanish National Health System in one of these ways:

### 1. As a worker

As any other person working in Spain you will have access to healthcare in the national social security system. If you're working or self-employed in Spain, you're entitled to state healthcare on the same basis as a Spanish citizen. Your dependents will also have access to healthcare in Spain.

You can ask for your [health insurance number](#) with your passport. In any INSS office. [Here](#) you can download the TAI to ask for your INSS number.

Register at your local health center with your social security number. Your dependants need to register separately: [http://www.seg-social.es/wps/portal/wss/internet/Trabajadores?lmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2FPOIN\\_Contenidos\\_en%2FInternet%2F4983%2F10935%2F10938%2F30475%2F30476%2F#177505](http://www.seg-social.es/wps/portal/wss/internet/Trabajadores?lmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2FPOIN_Contenidos_en%2FInternet%2F4983%2F10935%2F10938%2F30475%2F30476%2F#177505)

Once you've registered, you'll get a health insurance card. Take it with you whenever you visit a doctor

### 2. As an SI form holder

You may be entitled to state healthcare paid for by the UK if you live in Spain and receive either:

- UK State Pension
- Some other 'exportable benefits'

If you have a UK State Pension, you must request an application form by phone from the Overseas Healthcare Services. This is part of the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA).

NHS Overseas Healthcare Services  
Telephone: +44 (0)191 218 1999

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

When you get your SI form, you must register it with your local social security office (INSS). This will mean you and your dependents will be entitled to state healthcare on the same basis as a Spanish citizen.

### 3. Paying directly into the public health insurance on a monthly basis (Convenio Especial)

You can apply to join the public health insurance scheme. This is called the Convenio Especial. You pay a monthly fee to join the scheme, which gives you access to the Spanish health system. Find here, the specific process for [Madrid](#), [Andalusia](#) and [Murcia](#)

Madrid: [http://www.madrid.org/cs/Satellite?c=CM\\_ConvocaPrestac\\_FA&cid=1354293717459&language=es&noMostrarML=true&pagename=PortalCiudadano%2FCM\\_ConvocaPrestac\\_FA%2FPCIU\\_ficha\\_ConvocaPrestac](http://www.madrid.org/cs/Satellite?c=CM_ConvocaPrestac_FA&cid=1354293717459&language=es&noMostrarML=true&pagename=PortalCiudadano%2FCM_ConvocaPrestac_FA%2FPCIU_ficha_ConvocaPrestac)

Andalusia: <https://www.sspa.juntadeandalucia.es/servicioandaluzdesalud/ciudadania/cobertura-sanitaria/convenios-especiales-para-la-prestacion-de-asistencia-sanitaria>

Murcia: [https://sede.carm.es/web/pagina?IDCONTENIDO=1581&IDTIPO=240&RASTRO=c\\$m40288](https://sede.carm.es/web/pagina?IDCONTENIDO=1581&IDTIPO=240&RASTRO=c$m40288)

You can apply if you've been registered on the 'padrón' (at your local town hall) for at least one year.

- Convenio especial costs 60 euros for those under 65 years old and 157 euros to those over 65 years old.
- Medical prescriptions are not included.
- Healthcare cover under this scheme is sufficient proof of healthcare cover for residency applications..

### 4. As a permanent resident

If you've been a resident in Spain for 5 years or more, you can apply for permanent residency. This will give you access to state healthcare on the same basis as a Spanish citizen.

Once you're a permanent resident, you need to register for healthcare at [your local INSS office](#). They will give you a document which you need to take to your local healthcare center.

Call the Overseas Healthcare Service on +44 191 218 1999 and ask for a 'legislation letter'. This tells the Spanish authorities that the UK does not cover your healthcare, and will be requested by the INSS

The INSS will give you a document (Documento Acreditativo) which you need to take to your local healthcare center in order to register.

### 5. As a student, with your UK issued EHIC European Health Insurance Card

You may be able to apply for a student EHIC. This is different from a normal EHIC and entitles you to cover for longer.

Your student EHIC gives you access to necessary state healthcare in Spain on the same basis as a Spanish resident.

An EHIC is not a replacement for travel insurance. You should have both to cover the duration of your course.

If you started studying in Spain before the end of 2020, your EHIC will be valid for the rest of your course.

### 6. Through private insurance

You should declare any pre-existing conditions. If you are using your private health insurance for your residency application, you must ensure that it provides the same level of cover as the state system i.e. there must be no exclusions within your policy, or co-payment requirements.

## Where do you live?

In order to get accurate information about the access to healthcare in your region visit the following websites:

MADRID: <https://www.comunidad.madrid/servicios/salud/tarjeta-sanitaria>

ANDALUCÍA: <https://www.juntadeandalucia.es/temas/salud/servicios/tarjeta.html>

MURCIA: [https://sede.carm.es/web/pagina?IDCONTENIDO=9363&DTIPO=240&RASTRO=c\\$m40288](https://sede.carm.es/web/pagina?IDCONTENIDO=9363&DTIPO=240&RASTRO=c$m40288)

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