

Health Services for Overseas Visitors

Healthcare Access

The NHS is the UK's state health service which provides treatment for UK residents. Some services are free, other have to be paid for. The regulations that govern who can and can't receive treatment are complex and may change.

For information for foreign nationals on how to access NHS healthcare in the UK and what treatments you are entitled to, please visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/AboutNHSservices/uk-visitors/Pages/access-services-in-England.aspx>

Medical Insurance

It is essential that you take out medical insurance for the duration of your visit prior to arrival in the UK.

If you are either:

- A non EU national and are going to stay in the UK for less than 6 months and your home country does not have a reciprocal agreement with the UK regarding medical care
- A non EU national registered as a student at a British University on a course of short duration (less than six months)
- A non EU national and are not a student and are going to stay in the UK for more than six months but less than a year

If you are a student registered at a UK University and are in the UK for more than six months it is not essential to take out medical insurance for the period you are in the UK (although you should have medical insurance in place to cover your trip to and from the UK) but you should consider the need for medical insurance in the event that you need to be repatriated on medical grounds to your home country.