

Application to register with publically funded health care for eligible visitors or persons taking up ordinary residence in Northern Ireland.

Guidance Notes

WHY YOU NEED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

Health and Social Care Services in Northern Ireland are not free to everyone. As they are primarily for the benefit of people who reside in Northern Ireland, in order to access publically funded health care in Northern Ireland you must complete this form and provide supporting documentation, so that your entitlement to access services can be assessed.

If you are considered eligible you will be issued with a medical card which you should present to the dentist or optician you wish to register with.

APPLICANTS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

This form must be completed by or on behalf of all applicants (except those referred to below*) who wish to register for publically funded health care.

Children under 16

This form may be used to register children under 16 residing with the applicant in Northern Ireland provided that the full names and dates of birth of the children are entered in Section 1.14.

***Anyone already registered with a GP practice in NI, is not required to complete this form**

COMPLETING THIS FORM

All applicants must complete Section 1 and sign the declaration in Section 6.

If you are completing this form as being **Ordinarily Resident** please complete Sections 1, 3, 5 & 6.

If you are an **Eligible Visitor** in Northern Ireland please complete Sections 1, 2, 5 & 6.

If you are a **Frontier Worker*** please complete Sections 1, 4, 5 & 6.

The completed form should be returned along with relevant supporting documentation to Registrations Team, FPS, Business Services Organisation, 2 Franklin Street, Belfast, BT2 8DQ.

*Frontier Workers

To qualify as a Frontier Worker you must live in another EEA country and work in Northern Ireland, travelling home daily or on a regular basis.

Categories of Entitlement

Ordinarily Resident in Northern Ireland:

Persons coming to Northern Ireland to live are required to meet the 'Ordinarily Resident Test' in Northern Ireland, i.e. you must be lawfully residing in Northern Ireland and have an identifiable and settled purpose here.

To satisfy this test you must have indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom (UK), and provide proof of your settled purpose e.g. to work, and confirmation of your **Northern Ireland address**.

Eligible Visitor:

An eligible visitor is a visitor to Northern Ireland who is lawfully present in Northern Ireland and satisfies a relevant exemption from charges such as students, workers and asylum seekers in accordance with the Health and Personal Social Services Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

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| 5. Lawful Residence for 12 months; | 15. War pensioners and armed forces compensation scheme payment recipients; |
| 6. Presence for work, study or to settle; | 16. HM UK Forces/ Crown Servants and others; |
| 8. Reciprocal Agreements; | 17. Former Residents working overseas; |
| 9. Refugees, Asylum Seekers and children in care; | 18. Missionaries for organisation established in UK; |
| 10. Victims of Human Trafficking; | 19. Prisoners and detainees; |
| 11. Exceptional Humanitarian Reasons; | 20. Employees on UK Registered Ships; |
| 12. Diplomats; | 22. Family members of visitors. |
| 13. NATO Forces; | |
| 14. Long term Visits by UK Pensioners; | For further information please visit: |

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/1785.htm>

How we use your information

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- check the accuracy of the information provided;
- to determine eligibility to register for publically funded health care in Northern Ireland;
- prevent or detect crime;
- protect public funds.

Details of our Privacy Notice can be found at:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2953.htm> or by contacting us using the details below.

If you require assistance or have any queries about this form please contact:

Medical Registration
Business Services Organisation
Tel: 0300 555 0113

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All applicants must complete Section 1 and provide Photographic ID.

SECTION 1 : Details of registering patient

1.1 Title:

Mr Mrs Miss Ms
Other

1.2 Surname:

1.3 Previous Surname:

1.4 Forename(s) (in full):

1.5 Date of Birth:

1.6 Gender:

Male Female

1.7 Country of Birth:

1.8 Daytime phone number:

The BSO may contact you regarding your application.

1.9 Current address in Northern Ireland:

Postcode

1.10 If you have an address outside Northern Ireland, please provide details:

Postcode

1.11 Health and Care Number, if known:

1.12 Previously registered in Northern Ireland

Yes No

Name of previous GP Practice in NI

Address

Postcode

1.13 If you are registering children under 16 years old residing with you in Northern Ireland, please give their details below.

1 Surname

Forename

Gender Male Female

Date of Birth

Country of Birth

2 Surname

Forename

Gender Male Female

Date of Birth

Country of Birth

3 Surname

Forename

Gender Male Female

Date of Birth

Country of Birth

SECTION 2 : Please complete this section if you are a visitor to Northern Ireland

2.1 From which country have you travelled to Northern Ireland?
 Go to 2.2

2.2 What date did you arrive in Northern Ireland?
 Go to 2.3

2.3 What date do you intend to leave Northern Ireland?
 Go to 2.4

2.4 What is the purpose of your visit e.g. Holiday/ Visiting family/ Study/ Work etc.?
 Go to 2.5

2.5 Please provide details of any exemption you meet under the Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, if applicable.

Please Note:

You must provide documentary proof of your claim for exemption as requested by Practice Staff.

Unless you are seeking asylum go to 2.6

If seeking asylum you must provide your Application Registration Card (ARC) and BAIL 201 letter from the Home Office confirming your address in Northern Ireland.

Go to Section 5

2.6 Do you normally reside in England, Scotland or Wales?

Yes

You must provide proof of your residency in England, Scotland or Wales to the Practice.

GP Details in England, Scotland, Wales:

Go to Section 5

No

Go to 2.7

2.7 Please state country of residence:
 Go to 2.8

2.8 Please provide your Passport or EEA Identity card details, as applicable:
Country of Issue

Passport Number/ ID Card Number

Issue Date
Expiry Date Go to 2.9

You must provide the **original** document to Practice staff.

2.9 Do you hold a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)?

Yes **Please provide details:**

Country of Issue

EHIC No
Valid from
Valid to

You must provide the **original** document to Practice staff.

Go to Section 5

No Go to 2.10

2.10 Do you hold a Visa issued by the UK Home Office?

Yes **Please provide details:**

Type:
Visa No
Valid from:
Valid to: Go to 2.11

You must provide the **original** document to Practice staff.

No Go to Section 5

2.11 Do you hold a Biometric Residence Permit issued by the UK Home Office?

Yes **Please provide details:**

Unique Number:

Issue Date
Expiry Date

Go to Section 5

You must provide the **original** document to Practice staff.

No Go to Section 5

SECTION 6 Continued :

You should note that if you do not provide the information relating to your entitlement, this may affect your ability to access publically funded health care in Northern Ireland

Signature:
Print Name:
Date:

As the person named in Section 1 lacks capacity I am signing this application on their behalf.

Signature:
Print Name:
Relationship to person:
Date:

SECTION 7 : Voluntary Consent for Organ Donation (optional)

Organ donation saves and improves thousands of lives each year, with even more lives improved by tissue donation. Just one organ donor can save the lives of up to 9 people. Each year, around 10-15 people in Northern Ireland die while waiting for an organ transplant.

Talk to those close to you about your organ donation decision and sign the Organ Donor Register – one day it could mean the gift of life. It takes just 2 minutes to sign at www.organdonationni.info or call 0300 123 23 23.

Or scan the QR code to go directly to the Register.



WHAT YOU MUST NOW DO

Return the completed form along with relevant supporting documentation to Registrations Team, FPS, Business Services Organisation, 2 Franklin Street, Belfast, BT2 8DQ.

This document is available on the BSO website in minority languages to assist applicants where English is not their first language.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR THOSE TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY

You are required to provide supporting documentation along with your completed application form. Please supply one item from the list below. **If you are having difficulty providing any of the items listed, please speak to Medical Registrations BSO 0300 555 113, who will discuss what alternative documents would be acceptable.**

Please indicate with a tick (✓) the items you are sending to confirm your identity and status in Northern Ireland.

Lawfully in Northern Ireland	TICK
If you are having difficulty providing any of the items listed, please speak to Medical Registrations BSO 0300 555 0113	✓
British or Irish Passport which confirms entitlement to permanently reside in the UK	
A British birth certificate if your DOB is prior to 1981, or a British birth certificate and their parent’s birth certificate if they were born after 1981	
An Irish birth certificate if their DOB is prior to 2005, or an Irish birth certificate and their parent’s birth certificate if they were born after 2004	
A Valid UK Biometric Residence Permit	
Letter, valid share code or print out from your Home Office account showing that you have applied to the EU Settlement Scheme	
Share code or print out of their Home Office account confirming Settled / Pre-Settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme and photographic ID	
For people who were born abroad and do not hold a British or Irish passport. They must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A foreign birth registration certificate, or • A full birth certificate and their parent’s birth certificate which confirms they hold citizenship via decent, or • A UK certificate of Naturalisation 	
Documentation which confirms you started living in the UK prior to 1973 and your passport or birth certificate	

Visitor Exemptions

If you are having difficulty providing any of the items listed, please speak to Medical Registrations BSO 0300 555 0113

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*A list of these exemptions can be found on Page 2 of this form.

If you wish to benefit under a regulation for visitors, please tick the relevant box below.

	Tick ✓		Tick
Regulation 5		Regulation 14	
Regulation 6		Regulation 15	
Regulation 8		Regulation 16	
Regulation 9		Regulation 17	
Regulation 10		Regulation 18	
Regulation 11		Regulation 19	
Regulation 12		Regulation 20	
Regulation 13		Regulation 22	