

How to register with a GP surgery

Anyone in England can register with a GP surgery. It's free to register.

You do not need proof of address or immigration status, ID or an NHS number.

You might be able to register with a GP surgery that's not in the area you live. [Find out about registering with a GP surgery out of your area](#)

GP surgeries are usually the first contact if you have a health problem. They can treat many conditions and give health advice. They can also refer you to other NHS services.

Registering with a GP

Find a GP that suits what you need. Some GP surgeries offer more services than others. You can look up GP surgeries to see what they offer and how they compare.

Find a GP

Because of coronavirus (COVID-19), try to avoid going into a GP surgery to register.

You can:

- check the GP surgery website to see if you can register online
- call or email the GP surgery and ask to be registered as a patient

[You can download a GMS1 registration form on GOV.UK](#) if you're asked to complete one.

You do not need proof of ID to register with a GP, but it might help if you have one or more of the following:

- passport
- birth certificate
- HC2 certificate
- rough sleepers' identity badge
- hostel or accommodation registration or mail forwarding letter

If you're homeless, you can give a temporary address, such as a friend's address, a day centre or the GP surgery address.