

Are you claiming free treatment?

Don't assume you're entitled. You could have to pay **up to £100** - as well as the original treatment charge.

Who can claim free NHS dental care?

You're entitled to free treatment if you are:

- ✓ under 18 years old
- ✓ aged 18 and in full-time education
- ✓ pregnant or have given birth in the 12 months before your treatment starts
- ✓ included in a claim for **certain benefits** – turn over for more information
- ✓ covered by an HC2 or HC2W certificate for full help with health costs
- ✓ included in an award of:
 - Child Tax Credit
 - Working Tax Credit including a disability element
 - Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit paid together

and your annual family income used to work out your tax credits is **£15,276** or less.

If you meet these conditions, you will normally be sent an NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate which is valid for up to 7 months.

If you live in Wales, you're entitled to a free examination if you're under 25 or 60 or over.



Who can claim reduced cost NHS dental care?

You may get help with dental treatment charges if you have an HC3 or HC3W certificate for partial help with health costs. Your certificate tells you how much you have to pay.

Which benefits entitle you to free dental care?

Not all benefits entitle you to free NHS dental treatment. Check which type of benefit you get before signing your dental claim form.



You're only entitled to **free dental treatment** if you're named on a claim for:

- Income Support
- **income-based** Jobseeker's Allowance
- **income-related** Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit (**Guarantee Credit**)
- Universal Credit – but only if your earnings in your last assessment period were **£435** or less, or **£935** or less if you get an element for a child or have limited capability for work



You're **not entitled** to free dental treatment if you're named on a claim for:

- **contribution-based** Jobseeker's Allowance, paid on its own
- **contribution-based** Employment and Support Allowance, paid on its own
- Pension Credit (**Savings Credit**), paid on its own
- any benefit paid on its own and not listed in the green box above (such as Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment or Incapacity Benefit)

Not sure if you're entitled to free dental treatment?

If you're not sure whether you're entitled to free NHS dental treatment (or you're waiting to find out), you should pay and ask for a receipt.

If you find out later that you are entitled and have proof, you can apply for a refund. Ask dental practice staff for an HC5(D) form or an HC5W(D) form in Wales, or go to: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/freedental

Help with dental treatment costs

You may be able to get help with the cost of your dental treatment and other NHS charges through the **NHS Low Income Scheme**. This includes students and pensioners.

You can apply if your savings, investments or property (not including where you live) are no more than **£16,000**, or no more than **£23,250** if you permanently live in a care home.

Find out more and how to apply at: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lowincomescheme