

Claiming free NHS dental care?



An easy read guide about who can have free NHS dental care and what happens if you wrongly claim.

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It is up to you to make sure you are allowed free NHS dental care.



You must tell us if you do not have to pay.



If you claim free NHS dental treatment when you are not allowed it you could have to pay a penalty charge of up to £100.



If you do not pay the penalty charge on time you will receive a further penalty charge of up to £50 as well as your original fine.

You are allowed free NHS dental treatment if you:



Under 18 years old

- are under 18 years old



18 years old and in full-time education

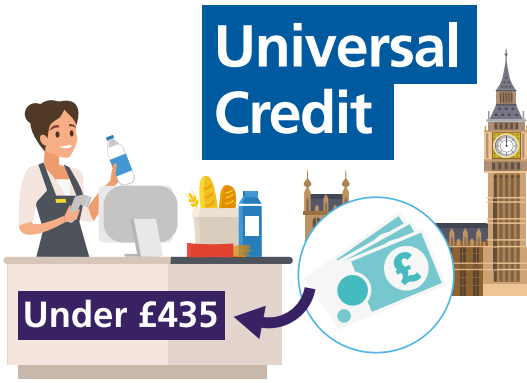
- are aged 18 years old and in full-time education



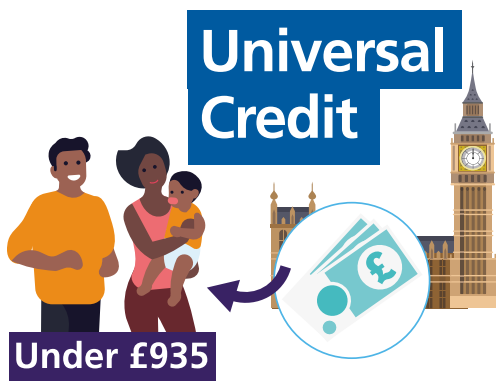
Pregnant or new mum

- are pregnant, or have had a baby in the last 12 months





- get Universal Credit and have earned less than £435 in your last assessment period.



- get Universal Credit which includes support for a child, or a limited capability for work and earned less than £935 in your last assessment period.

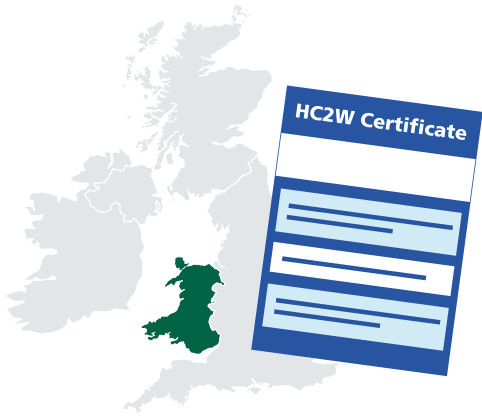


- get Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit).



- have applied to the NHS Low Income Scheme and have a valid HC2 certificate for full help with health costs

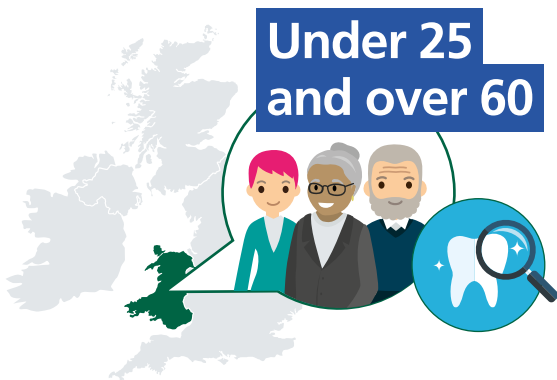




This is called a HC2W certificate in Wales.



If you have applied to the NHS Low Income Scheme and you have been sent a valid HC3 or HC3W certificate for partial help with health costs, the certificate will tell you the most you have to pay.



In Wales you are allowed a free dental examination if you are under 25 or over 60 years old.

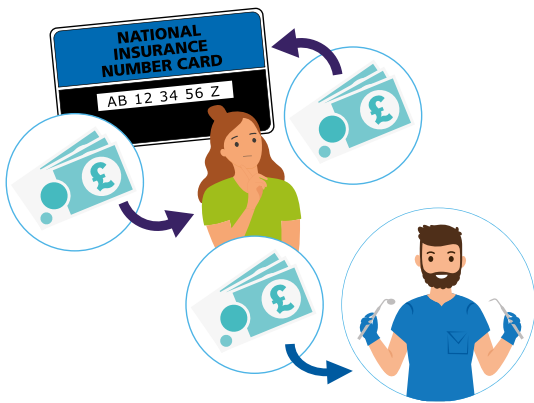


- get Income Support or income-related benefits like income-based Jobseeker's Allowance and income-related Employment and Support Allowance



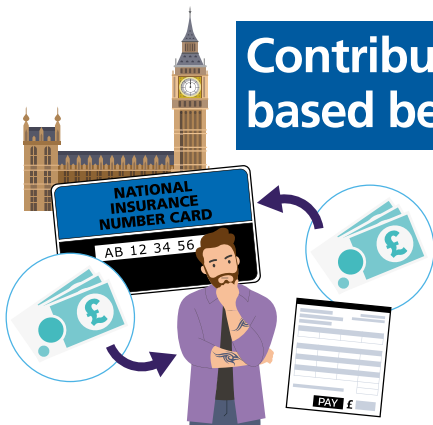


Not all people on benefits are allowed free NHS dental care.

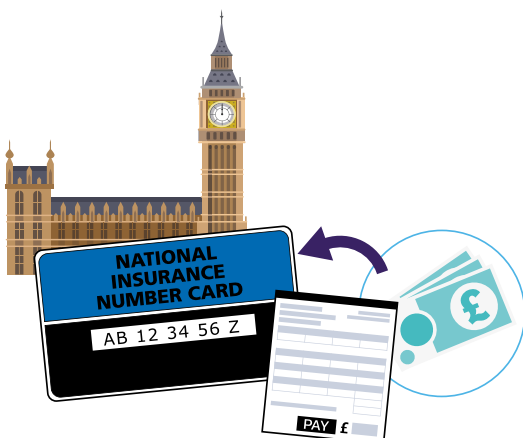


You will have to pay for your NHS dental treatment if all the benefits you get are **contribution-based benefits**.

Contribution based benefits

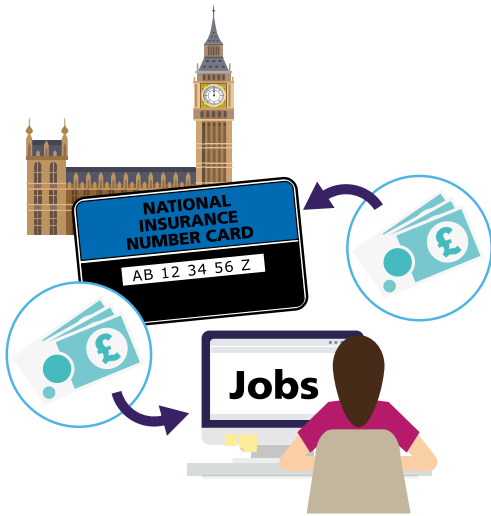


Contribution-based benefits are benefits you have paid money towards through National Insurance.

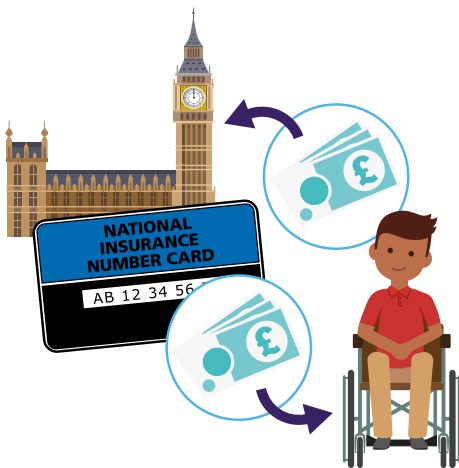


National Insurance is a tax and most people pay this when they have a job.

You will have to pay for NHS dental treatment if you:



- get contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance on its own



- get contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance on its own



- get Pension Credit (Savings Credit) on its own



- get any other benefit paid on its own. This includes Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payment, Universal Credit