



VISITING THE DOCTOR IN IRELAND – AUG/2025

Visitors from the EU/EEA

If you are visiting Ireland temporarily you can apply for a [European Health Insurance Card](#) which covers medical care if you become ill or have an accident. You should bring your European Health Insurance Card with you when you are travelling to Ireland.

If you have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) you can get necessary medical treatment in Ireland free of charge. EHIC only covers public healthcare, not private.

Contact a doctor who's a member of the Primary Care Reimbursement Scheme (PCRS). Most doctors in Ireland are part of this scheme. If you have an EHIC card, you can get treatment from a PCRS doctor free of charge

Doctors' surgeries have different hours for appointments - check with the surgery in your area. For out-of-hours appointments at other times, a recorded message will give you a different number to call.

If you need medicine, the doctor will write a prescription. There's a charge of €2 for each item you need. You will only pay up to a maximum of €20 a month, per person.

If the doctor thinks you need to see a specialist consultant, they will refer you.

Tell the doctor you want to be treated as a public patient (not a private patient). Treatment by specialist consultants is free with an EHIC if you're a public patient.

Visitors *NOT* from the EU/EEA

Non-EU/EEA students can access the GP through their health insurance, a deductible fee may apply depending on the insurance you have. All students must travel to Ireland with comprehensive health insurance.

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