

Evidence of Exemption from Dental Charges

If you or the person you are bringing along to the clinic are exempt from paying for dental treatment you **must** bring evidence of this to your dental appointment otherwise a charge may be made.

Please note: If a patient's finances come under the care of the financial protection team, you should contact them to obtain information regarding what benefits they are in receipt of before they attend their dental appointment.

The benefits listed below are the only benefits that automatically entitle patients to free NHS dental treatment. Some patients who receive other benefits may qualify for help through the NHS Low Income Scheme, but will need to complete an HC1 application form (these are available from the clinic)

These patients will have to pay for their treatment, but if their application is successful the charge can be refunded.

A patient can get free NHS dental treatment if they:	The proof they need to have:
are under 18 years old	Any official document showing their name and date of birth, such as a birth certificate, NHS medical card, or passport.
are aged 18 and in full-time education	A current Child Benefit award notice. They can show proof of their date of birth, such as a birth certificate or passport and proof that they are a full-time student.
are pregnant or have had a baby in the previous 12 months	MatB1 certificate, NHS maternity exemption certificate, notification of birth form, birth certificate or stillbirth certificate.
are getting, are included in the award of someone getting Income Support	
are getting, are included in the award of someone getting income-based Jobseeker's Allowance	
are getting, are included in the award of someone getting	

income-related Employment Support Allowance	
are getting, are included in the award of someone getting Universal Credit	Their entitlement letter from either the DWP or their Jobcentre Plus office.
are getting, are included in the award of someone getting Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)	Their award notice from the Pension Centre.
are included in an award of Tax Credits and meet the qualifying conditions	A valid NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate
are named on a valid HC2 certificate*	An NHS certificate HC2 for full help with health costs.

*Patients named on a valid HC3 certificate for partial help with help costs **should present their certificate**, which shows the amount they have to contribute towards the cost of their treatment