

Claiming free treatment?

If you think you might be entitled to free NHS dental treatment because you or your partner are receiving a benefit, please check your entitlement first. Making an incorrect claim could result in you paying a penalty charge of up to £100, in addition to the cost of your NHS dental treatment.

You will have to pay for your treatment even if you get:

- 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 other benefit paid on its own (such as Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Council Tax Benefit etc.).

If you're unsure exactly which benefit you receive, you should:

- complete and sign the dental claim form as a paying patient, pay for your treatment and ask for a receipt
- check your entitlement letter or benefit award notice. If the benefit you get is listed in the green box below, you can claim a refund.

Your treatment will be free if, when you start your treatment or when you are asked to pay you:

- get or are included in an award of someone getting:
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance paid on its own or with contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance paid on its own or with contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) paid on its own or with Pension Credit (Savings Credit)
 - Universal Credit
- are entitled to, or are named on, a valid NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate
- are named on a valid HC2 or HC2W certificate (an NHS Low Income Scheme certificate).