

# Do I Need to Pay for My Healthcare?

## No, if you have;

- New Zealand citizenship (includes those from the Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau) or New Zealand residency
- a current work permit and previous permits allowing continuous stay of two years or more
- refugee status or are applying or appealing for refugee status
- Australian citizenship or permanent residency and have migrated to New Zealand for at least two years



## Or:

- are a child 17 years or under, living with a parent or legal guardian who is eligible
- a Commonwealth or NZ AID Official Development scholarship holder, or a Ministry of Education Foreign Language Teaching Assistant, or
- a visitor or student permit holder who has been eligible since 29 October 2003

## Health care can also be free or subsidised where people:



- have a UK or Australian passport, or Australian permanent residence (under the terms of the Reciprocal Agreements, this covers urgently required medical care only);
- are a pregnant woman with a spouse/partner who is eligible (maternity care only),
- are receiving treatment for an injury that is covered by ACC.
- are receiving compulsory public and mental health services treatment

You can expect to be asked for proof of eligibility. People who are not eligible for publicly funded services are liable for the cost of the services they receive.

**Anyone needing EMERGENCY CARE will be treated, but you will be invoiced if you do not meet the above criteria.**

For more information on eligibility: [www.moh.govt.nz/eligibility](http://www.moh.govt.nz/eligibility)