

Registering at a Public Healthcare centre in Spain

Congratulations you now have your document known as the:

DOCUMENTO ACREDITATIVO DEL DERECHO DE ASISTENCIA SANITARIA

This is proof that the Social Security in Spain has recognised your right to receive Spanish public healthcare through the SI convenio between the UK and Spain.

Now you need to register this document at your local healthcare centre (Centro de Salud).

Please remember you can only register at a state run healthcare centre – this certificate does not give you access to any private healthcare.

How to register

First you will need to find your nearest healthcare centre – if you don't know which centre covers your address, ask at your local Town Hall (where you registered for your Padron certificate).

You may need to make an appointment, so visit the Health Centre and ask what their process is for registering a new patient.

There are no guarantees that you will find an English speaker behind the counter, so it's best to take a Spanish speaker with you.

So, you've made the appointment – these are the documents you'll need to take with you:

- DOCUMENTO ACREDITATIVO DEL DERECHO DE ASISTENCIA SANITARIA certificate
- Original TIE residency card
- Original passport
- Padron certificate dated within the last 90 days

We also advise you to take copies of all your documents in case they ask for them.

Once you have registered, you should receive a letter or receipt as proof of the registration so you can access healthcare straightaway. Your health card (sometimes called SIPP card) will be sent out to your postal address. The Card is normally biometric (carries a chip with your medical history) so it's important you don't lose it.