

Registering with the Spanish authorities

In order to register your S1 form with the Spanish social security office (INSS), you will also need to obtain the following documents:

- Certificate of Residence in Spain (*Certificado de Residencia* with your *Numero de Identificacion Extranjero*) – available from your nearest National Police station. You can be assigned a NIE without having taken out residency therefore please make sure your NIE is printed on a green form – not a white one.
- Certificate as a Local Resident (*Certificado de Empadronamiento* or 'padrón') from the Town Hall;
- You will also need to show your valid passport when registering your forms. Your local INSS office will be able to tell you if there are any other documents they require.
- If you are a dependent, please make sure you legalize your marriage/birth certificate with a Hague Apostille from the Legalisation Office in the UK as you will be asked for proof of this by the Spanish authorities and at the Spanish social security office. More information here www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised

Convenio Especial

No entitlement to healthcare cover?

- If you are not entitled to healthcare cover from Spain or the UK, you might be able to join the Spanish government's special pay-in health insurance scheme known as the Convenio Especial. This scheme provides access to the state healthcare system for a monthly payment of €60 per person under the age of 65 and €157 for those age 65+. It covers all pre-existing medical conditions but it does not cover prescriptions. You will not be issued with a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for healthcare cover outside of Spain (within the EU).
- In order to apply, you must have been registered at the local Town Hall on the 'padrón' (or *Certificado de Empadronamiento*) in Spain for at least 1 year and you must not be in receipt of any healthcare cover from the UK.
- If you are not yet eligible to sign up for the Convenio Especial you might have to take out private health insurance or pay every time you go to the doctor or receive treatment.

Residency-based healthcare

- If you have permanent residency in Spain you could be entitled to healthcare on the same basis as a Spanish national. You must not have entitlement to healthcare through any other means (e.g. linked to a UK state pension or benefit). For more information please read here. The INSS are likely to request that you are not covered by the UK for healthcare unless you have previously worked in Spain. The document you need is called a Legislation Letter and can be requested from the Overseas Healthcare Service on +44 191 218 1999, or by email at overseas.healthcare@dwp.gsi.gov.uk.
- You will need to apply in person at your local INSS office (take the above documentation along with your residency, padrón and passports and photocopies of each one). Please consult the INSS directly for the full list of requirements to support your application: www.seg-social.es

Prescriptions

- Spain uses a co-payment system (information in Spanish) where residents are required to pay a percentage of the cost of their prescription medication.
- If you are of working age, you will need to pay between 40-60% on prescriptions, depending on your annual income.
- If you are a pensioner, you will only have to pay 10% of prescriptions. These are also capped depending on your annual income.

If you need any more information, please visit www.healthcareinspain.eu and complete a contact form.