



NHS Dental Charges

The charge you pay depends on the treatment you need to keep your mouth, teeth and gums healthy. You will only ever be asked to pay one charge for each complete course of treatment, even if you need to visit your dentist more than once to finish it – either Band 1, Band 2 or Band 3 (see below). If you have to be referred to another dentist for another, separate course of treatment, you can expect a second charge.

Band 1 course of treatment – £14.70

This covers an examination, diagnosis (e.g. X-rays), advice on how to prevent future problems, a scale and polish if needed, and application of fluoride varnish or fissure sealant. If you require urgent care, even if your urgent treatment needs more than one appointment to complete, you will only need to pay one Band 1 charge.

Band 2 course of treatment – £47.00

This covers everything listed in Band 1 above, plus any further treatment such as fillings, root canal work or if your dentist needs to take out one or more of your teeth.

Band 3 course of treatment – £203.00

This covers everything listed in Bands 1 and 2 above, plus crowns, dentures and bridges

You do not have to pay for NHS dental treatment if, when the treatment starts, you are:

- aged under 18
- under 19 and receiving full time education
- pregnant or a mother who has had a baby in the last 12 months
- staying in an NHS hospital and your treatment is carried out by the hospital dentist
- An NHS Hospital Dental Service outpatient (however you may have to pay for your dentures or bridges).

You also do not have to pay if, when the treatment starts, or when you are asked to pay:

- you are included in an award of
 - Income Support
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Pension Credit guarantee credit
- or,
 - you are named on a valid NHS tax credit exemption certificate, or you are entitled to an NHS credit exemption certificate
 - you are named on a valid HC2 certificate

You will not be exempt from paying if you receive Incapacity Benefit, contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance, contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Council Tax Benefit, Housing Benefit or Pension Credit savings credit, when paid on their own. Medical conditions do not exempt patients from payment for dental treatment.

You will be asked to show your dentist written proof that you do not have to pay for all or part of your NHS treatment. You will also be asked to sign a form to confirm that you do not have to pay. If your name is on a valid HC3 certificate, you may not have to pay for all your treatment. Checks are made on fee and reduced cost treatment claims. If you say you have the right to free treatment when you do not, you may incur a penalty charge