

The charge you pay depends on the treatment you need to keep your mouth, gums and teeth 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.

Emergency dental treatment – £21.60

This covers emergency care such as pain relief or a temporary filling.

Band 1 course of treatment – £21.60

This covers an examination, diagnosis (including X-rays), advice on how to prevent future problems, a scale and polish if clinically needed, and preventative care such as the application of fluoride varnish or fissure sealant if appropriate.

Band 2 course of treatment – £59.10

This covers everything listed in Band 1 above, plus any further treatment such as fillings, root canal work or removal of teeth but not more complex items covered by Band 3.

Band 3 course of treatment – £256.50

This covers everything listed in Bands 1 and 2 above, plus crowns, dentures, bridges and other laboratory work.

Exemptions from NHS dental Treatment

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

- under 18
- under 19 and in full-time education
- pregnant or you've had a baby within the 12 months before treatment starts

You can also get free NHS dental treatment if, when the treatment starts or when you're asked to pay:

- You're included in an award of Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance or Pension Credit guarantee credit or Universal credit (check entitlement after October 31 2015)
- Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance you're named on, or entitled to, a valid NHS tax credit exemption certificate
- You're named on a valid HC2 certificate
- If you're named on a valid HC3 certificate, you may not have to pay for all your NHS dental treatment. HC2 and HC3 certificates are issued under the NHS Low Income Scheme.

If you receive any of the following benefits you will not be exempt from paying for NHS dental treatment unless you also fall under one of the categories listed above:

- Incapacity Benefit
- contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance
- Council Tax Benefit
- Housing Benefit
- Pension Credit savings credit

Proof of your entitlement

You'll be asked to show us written proof that you're entitled to financial help with dental treatment. This will vary depending on your circumstances. To check what documents you need, see the NHS HC11 leaflet available at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-help-health-costs