

## Note from the United Kingdom of 9 August 2021

**Subject:** Images of the European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC) and Global Health Insurance Cards (GHIC) circulated by the UK Government

The UK presented a note (A.C. 051/21) which set out the UK Government's steps on implementing the social security coordination provisions of the Withdrawal Agreement and the Protocol on Social Security Coordination of the EU – UK Trade & Cooperation Agreement. This note provides the relevant images for the UK-issued Health Insurance Cards in circulation, as requested by the Administrative Commission secretariat.

The UK has provided a similar notification to the Specialised Committee on Social Security Coordination, as per the obligations set out in the Protocol on Social Security Coordination.

### United Kingdom cards in circulation

<b>Card</b>	<b>Current legal basis</b>	<b>Validity Period</b>	<b>Valid in</b>
CRA EHIC (issued from November 2020)	Citizens' Rights Agreement (of the Withdrawal Agreement)	5 years	EEA and Switzerland
Student CRA EHIC (see below)	Citizens' Rights Agreement (of the Withdrawal Agreement) – <b>in country of study</b>  Social Security Protocol of the EU – UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement	Length of study	In country of study (EEA & Switzerland)  EU 27
UK EHIC (without EU stars, issued since February 2020)	Social Security Protocol of the EU – UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement	5 years	EU27
UK EHIC (with stars, issued up to 31 January 2020)	Social Security Protocol of the EU – UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement	5 years	EU27
GHIC (UK branding)	Social Security Protocol of the EU – UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement	5 years	EU27
GHIC (neutral design, available to residents of Northern Ireland)	Social Security Protocol of the EU – UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement	5 years	EU27

### Student CRA EHIC

The Withdrawal Agreement student EHICs are distinguished by country specific text in the PIN and should continue to be accepted by healthcare providers in that Member State as evidence of an individual's entitlement to necessary healthcare under the Withdrawal Agreement.

In addition, given students also have rights under the Protocol, we ask that under Article SSCI.75 of the Protocol, those new student CRA EHICs are accepted by healthcare providers in all other EU Member States as evidence of an individual's entitlement to necessary healthcare. The Specialised Committee on Social Security Coordination have also been notified.

**CRA EHIC (issued from November 2020)**

Current legal basis: Citizens' Rights Agreement (of the Withdrawal Agreement)

Validity Period: 5 years

Valid in: EEA and Switzerland

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EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

UK

CRA

3 Name

4 Given names

5 Date of birth

6 Personal identification number

7 Identification number of the institution

8 Identification number of the card

9 Expiry date

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**THIS IS NOT A PROOF OF IDENTITY**

- The EHIC may not cover the full cost of treatment abroad.
- Make sure you have valid travel insurance.
- The EHIC is not valid for private treatment and is not proof of entitlement to NHS services in the UK.

**Should you need to make a claim on your return home:**  
Contact Overseas Healthcare Services. Tel: 0191 218 1999 (Mon-Fri 8-6)

**Got a question?** For more information on your healthcare entitlements abroad and information about where this card is valid, go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

If found please return to: PO Box 854 Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 2DE

## Student CRA EHIC

Current legal basis:

1. Citizens' Rights Agreement (of the Withdrawal Agreement) – **in country of study which is specified in the Personal Identification Number**
2. Social Security Protocol of the EU – UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

Validity Period: Length of study

Valid in:

1. In country of study (EEA & Switzerland)
2. EU 27

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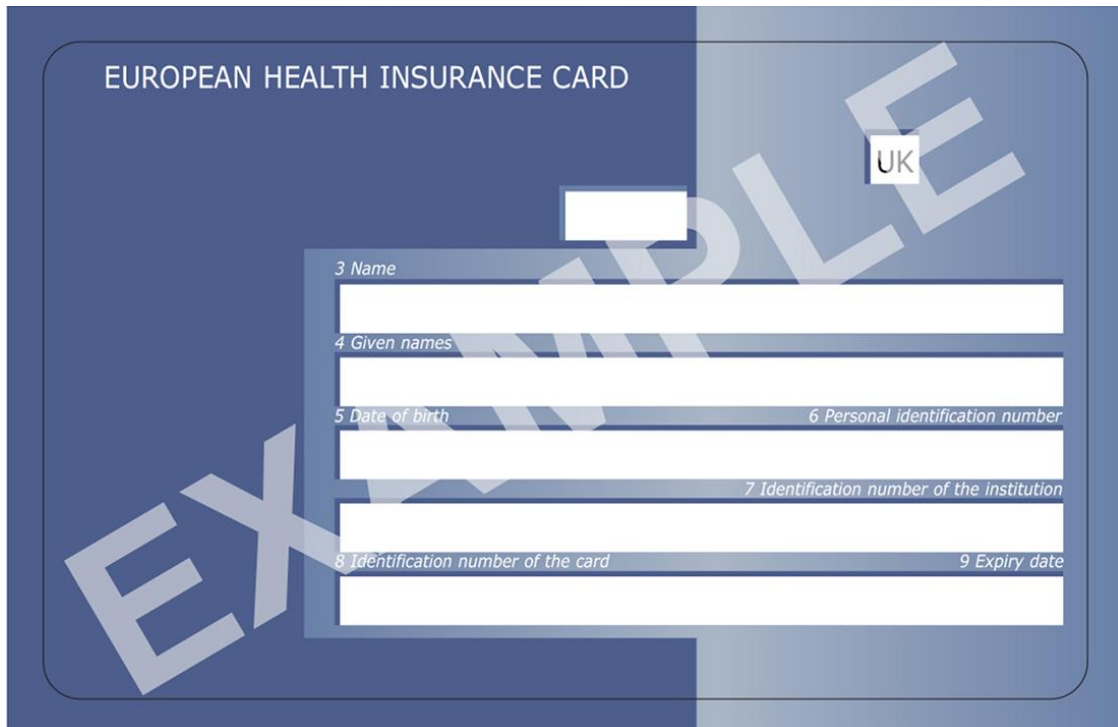
**UK EHIC (without EU stars, issued since February 2020)**

Current legal basis: Social Security Protocol of the EU – UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

Validity Period: 5 years

Valid in: EU27

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- Check [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for more information on using EHIC now the UK has left the EU
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- The EHIC may not cover the full cost of treatment abroad
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- For more information on accessing healthcare in EEA countries go to [www.nhs.uk/healthcareabroad](http://www.nhs.uk/healthcareabroad)

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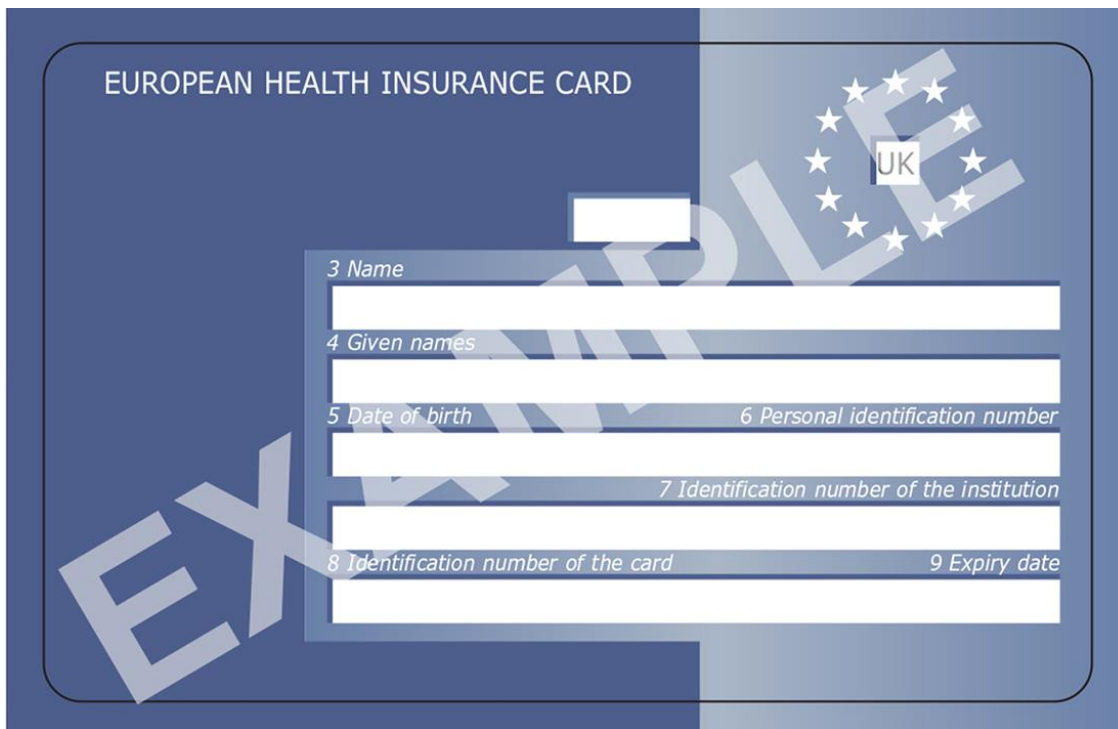
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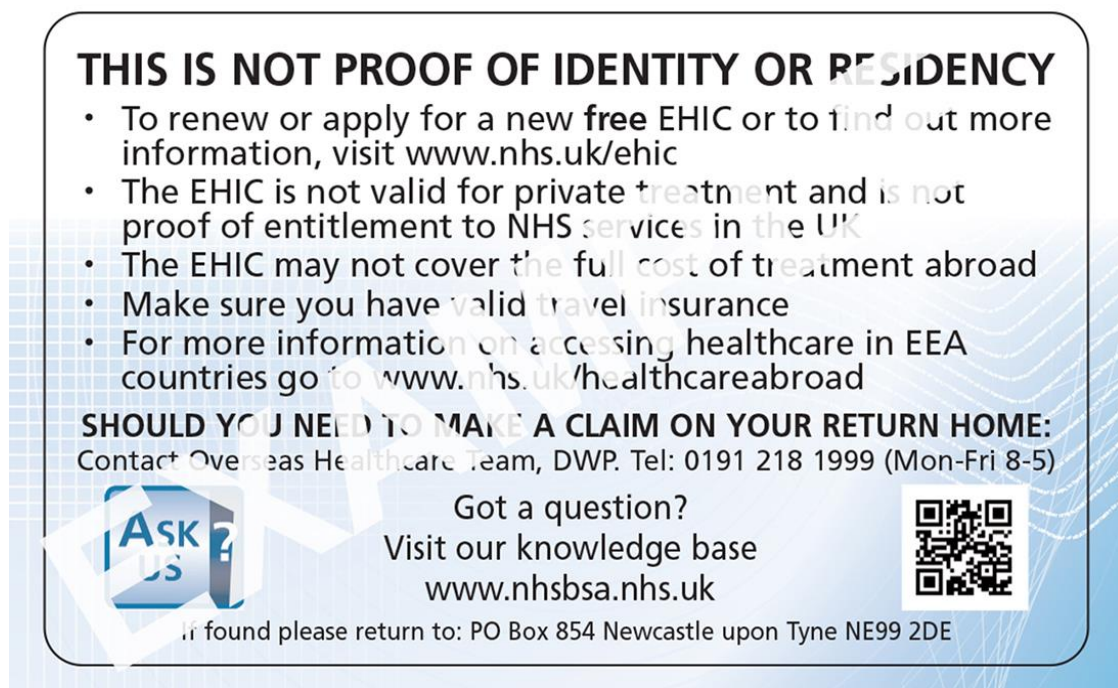
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Valid in: EU27

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**GHIC (UK branding)**

Current legal basis: Social Security Protocol of the EU – UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

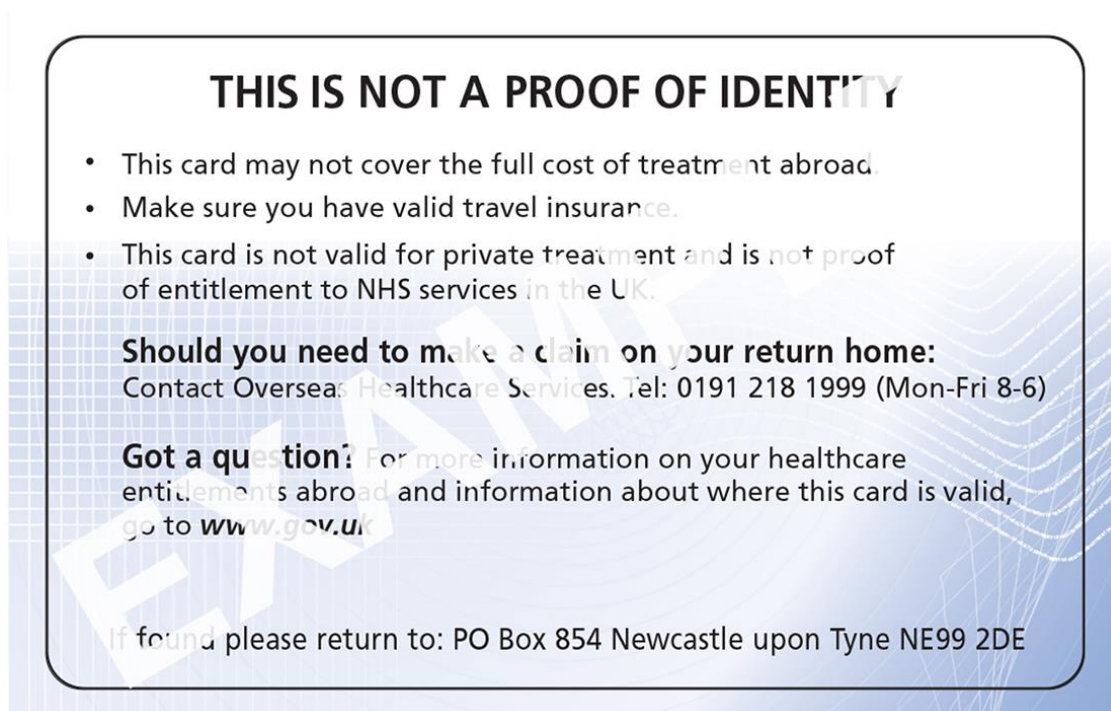
Validity Period: 5 years

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**GHIC (neutral design, available to residents of Northern Ireland)**

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Validity period: 5 years

Valid in: EU27

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UK GLOBAL HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

UK

*Name*

*Given names*

*Date of birth* *Personal identification number*

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