

RIGHT TO PUBLIC HEALTHCARE IN CATALONIA

If you live in Catalonia, depending on your situation, you can have access to public healthcare in one of the following ways:

Who has the right to public healthcare recognised by the National Health System (INSS)?

According to the [Royal-Decree 1192/2012: http://tiny.cc/Decreto_1192_2012](http://tiny.cc/Decreto_1192_2012)

- Workers and pensioners affiliated to the INSS
- Persons with residence authorization, persons insured by the INSS and their beneficiaries
- Uninsured people who fulfill some of the following criteria:
 - Spanish nationality and residence in Spanish territory
 - European Union citizen registered in the *Central Register of Foreigners*
 - Citizens of a different country not previously mentioned (or stateless persons) with a residence permit in Spain

Who has the right recognised by the Catalan Health Service (CatSalut)?

According to the 8/2015 instruction: http://tiny.cc/Instruccio_08_2015⁽¹⁾

- All those people registered in the population census of any Catalan municipality not having the right recognized by the INSS
- Persons providing evidence of having social attachment in Catalonia. The social attachment criteria are pending to be developed in the regulation of the aforementioned law⁽¹⁾

REQUIREMENTS:

- You should be registered in the census or have social attachment criteria
- You have not to be insured by the INSS
- You should have a current identity document or similar documents

Special situations

- **Pregnant:** Pregnant women have the right to public healthcare under all circumstances during pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum and for voluntary termination of pregnancy.
- **Children under the age of 18:** They have the right to public healthcare like the Spanish children
- **Other situations:** international protection applicants and victims of human trafficking

Access to the EMERGENCY attention:

According to the Resolution of September 30, 2016 on Emergency Assistance and Billing: <http://tiny.cc/FacturasUrgencias>

- Non-registered persons who live in Catalonia or registered persons who do not have the health card yet, **are entitled to receive emergency care for free at any public healthcare institution:** if they do not have another health insurance and they do not have available economic resources. This entitlement continues up to the cure or the medical discharge.
- **In case they give you a payment commitment or an invoice, you must not pay it.** You have the entitlement according to the 9/2017 Catalan Law and the Resolution on Emergency Assistance and Billing. Ask for the **RESPONSIBLE DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY** to assume emergency healthcare cost
- In case of being under 18 years old or being pregnant, the right to emergency care is universal in Catalonia charged to CatSalut (9/2017 Law of June 27). Request the specific **RESPONSIBLE DECLARATION for CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD AND / OR PREGNANT WOMEN**

⁽¹⁾ The health card (TSI) obtained by 8/2015 instruction gives the right to complete healthcare from the moment of obtaining it, but health coverage is only guaranteed within Catalonia territory

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Steps to obtain the Individual Health Card (TSI)

1

You should do the census register at the city council where you live

*This procedure will be carried out in the Citizen Service Office (OAC) of the City Council. How to register if you live in Barcelona: <http://tiny.cc/AtencioCiutadaBCN>
If you do not live in Barcelona, ask in your OAC how you can be registered according to the documentation you have.*



2

Once you are registered on the census, you must go to the Primary Care Center (CAP) and apply for the TSI:

Documentation needed for people living in Catalonia uninsured by the INSS:

- Original and photocopy of the current Passport, NIE, TIE, or other identity document supporting
- Current census register

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To the aforementioned documentation you must add: "Certificate indicating that you are not applicable for exporting the right to healthcare. This certificate must be issued by the competent institution in your home country". This certificate can be obtained through the Social Security Offices of your home country and/or in your Consulate. Some consulates allow this procedure online.

CatSalut will not require this certificate to Romania and Bulgaria citizens because of the demonstrated difficulties that they have to obtain it, either in their consulate or home country.

With fixed address: Documentation needed to census register in Barcelona

<https://tinyurl.com/PadroBcn2018>

With a fixed address without documentary support:

If you have fixed address but you are not able to obtain the documentation to demonstrate it

- Submit an application to the OAC. The same documentation is required, except the one supporting the habitual residence.
- The municipal inspection body will make the verification of residence in the address that appears in the instance and shall issue a report. They have 3 months to resolve the request.

No fixed address:

- Submit an application to register with no fixed abode. The OAC will request for the Report of Knowledge of Residence in the municipality (ICR) (the citizen can also request for this report at Social Services Centers). They have 3 months to solve the request.
- Once you have the ICR, you must do the census register within the first month (from the date ICR was issued). You will be registered at the address of one of the centers of municipal social services.

If you can not support your identity or you can not do the census register, you can obtain Health Card applying to Red Cross Convention

More information in this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/Conveni-CatSalut-CreuRoja>

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