**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**

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| **Card** | **Current legal basis** | **Validity Period** | **Valid in** |
| 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) – **in country of study**  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.

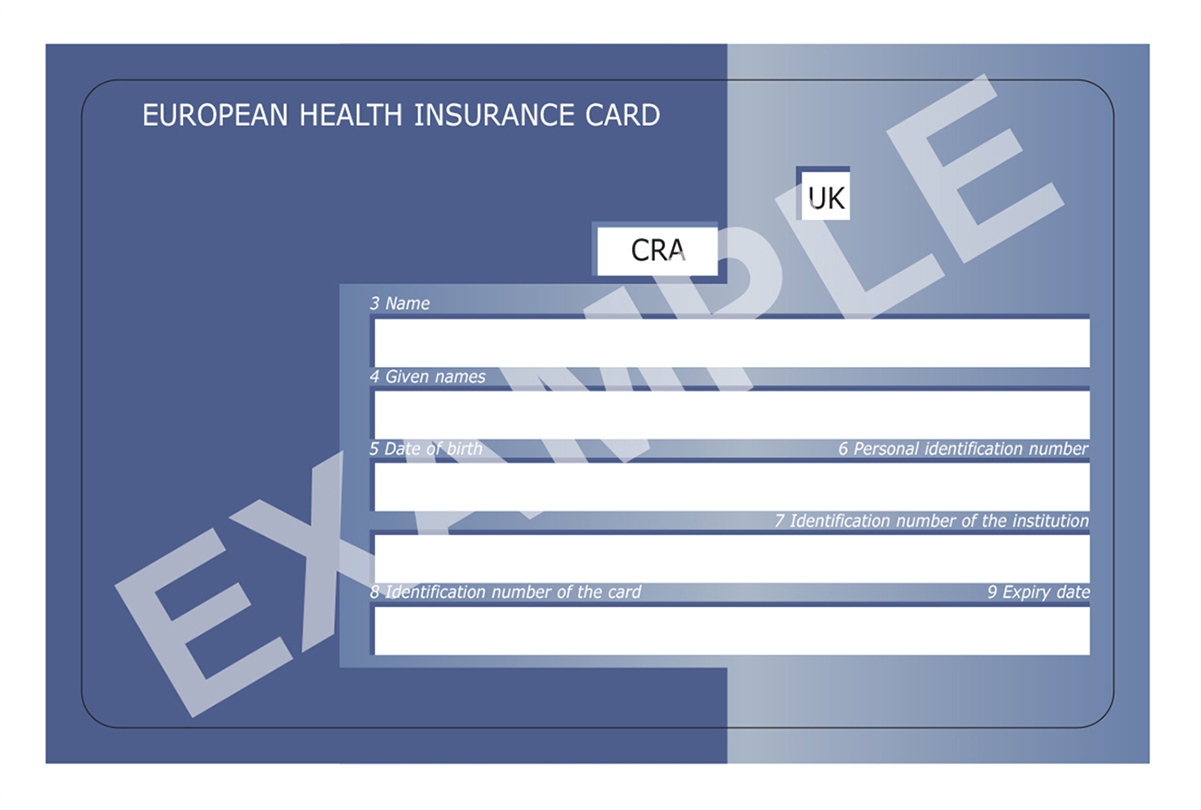
**CRA EHIC (issued from November 2020)**

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

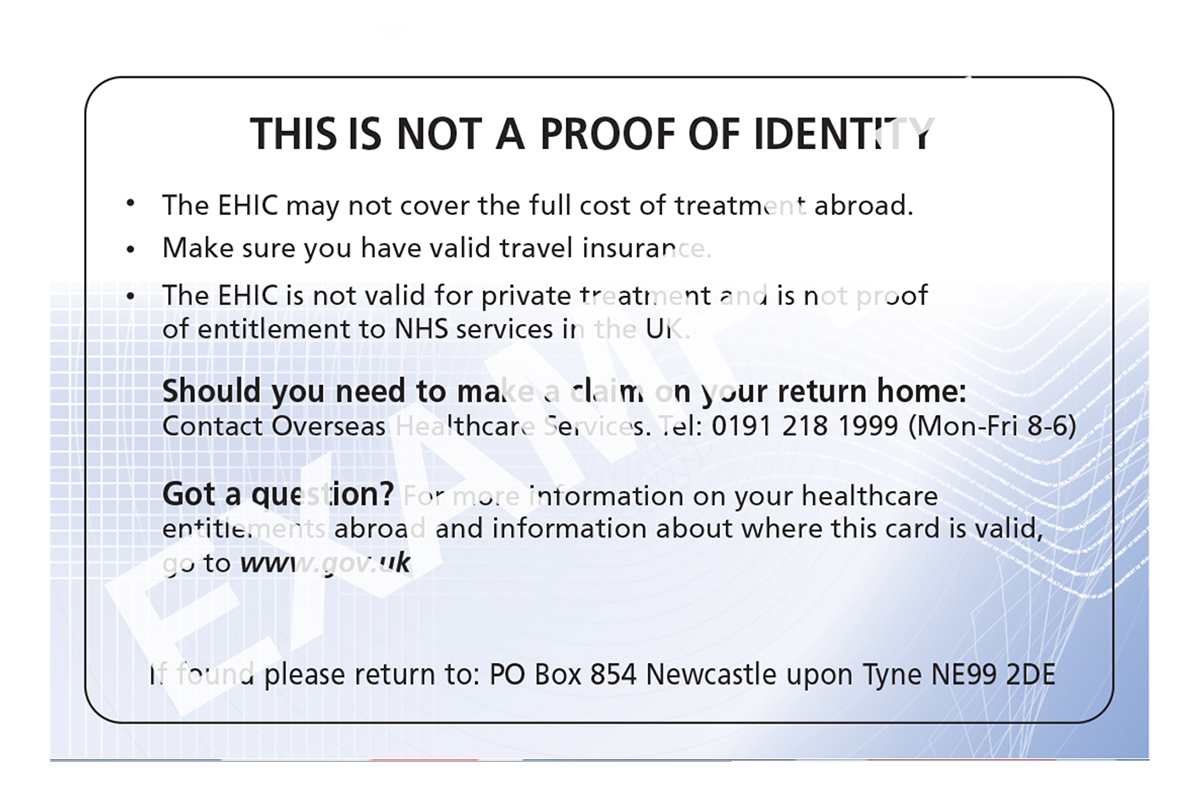
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**Student CRA EHIC**

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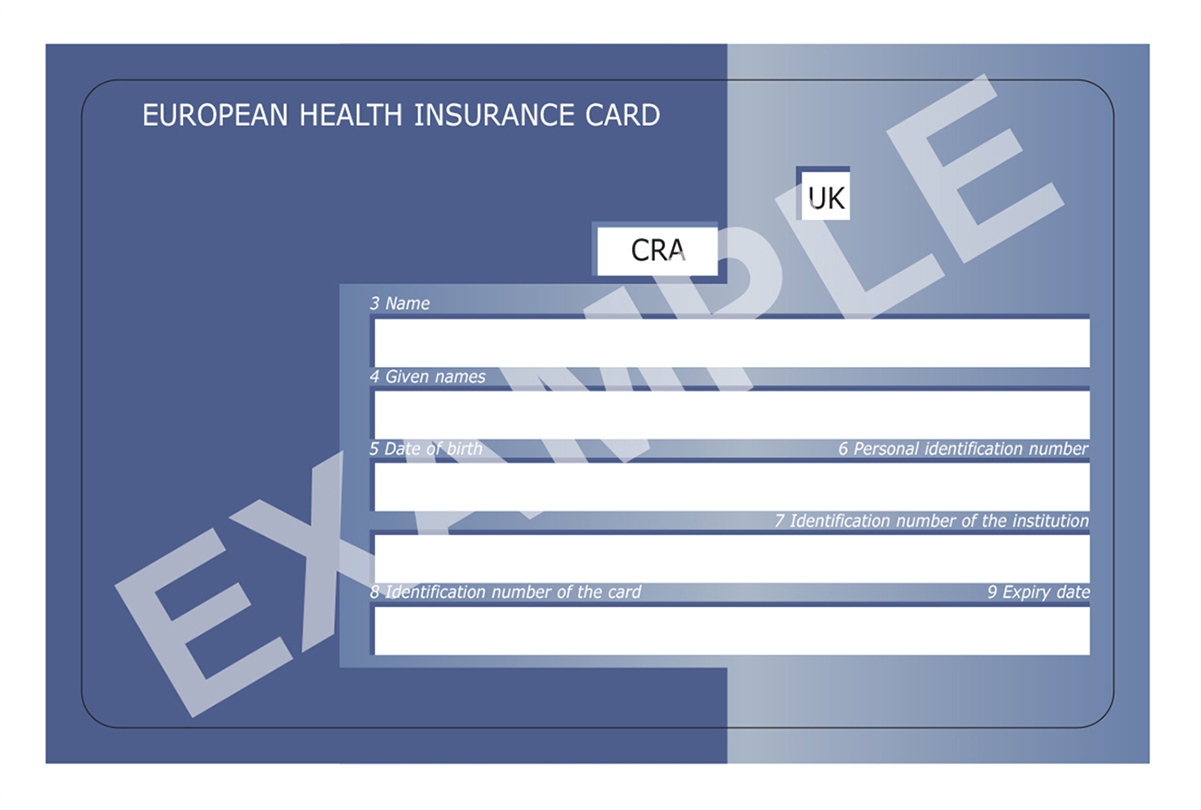
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2. Social Security Protocol of the EU – UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

Validity Period: Length of study

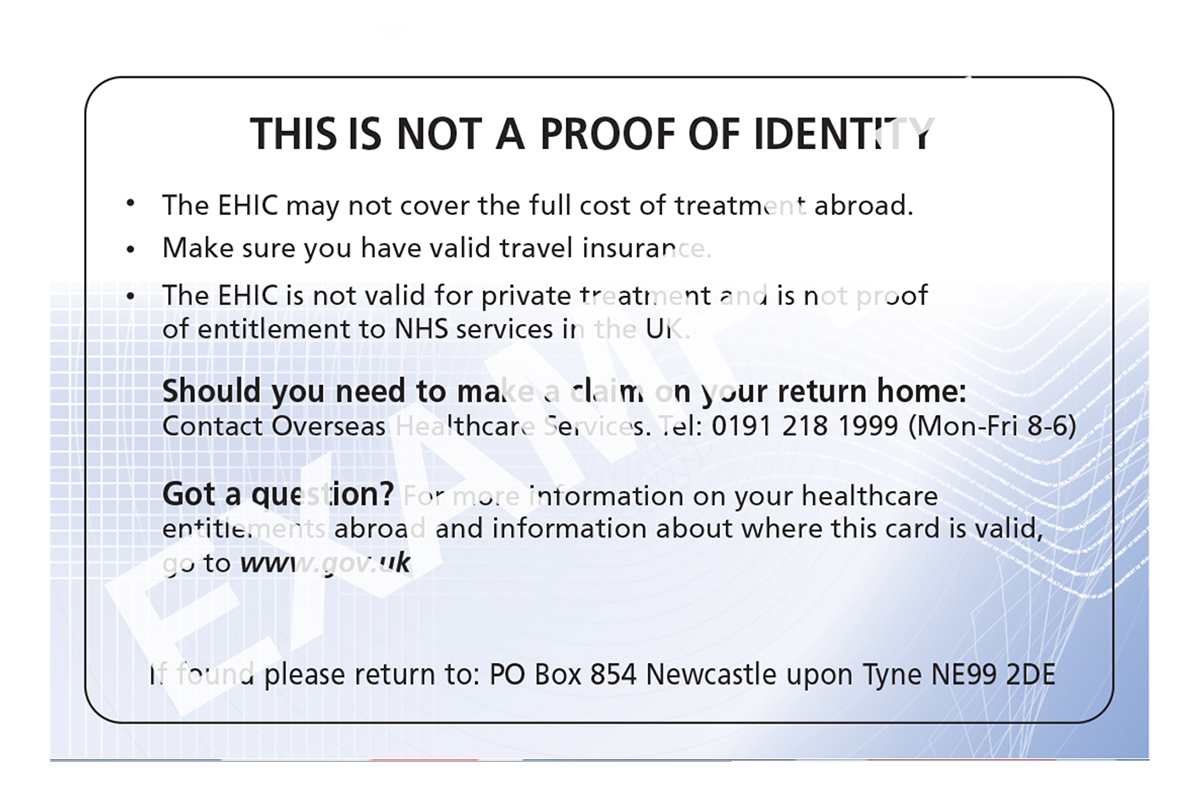
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1. In country of study (EEA & Switzerland)
2. EU 27

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

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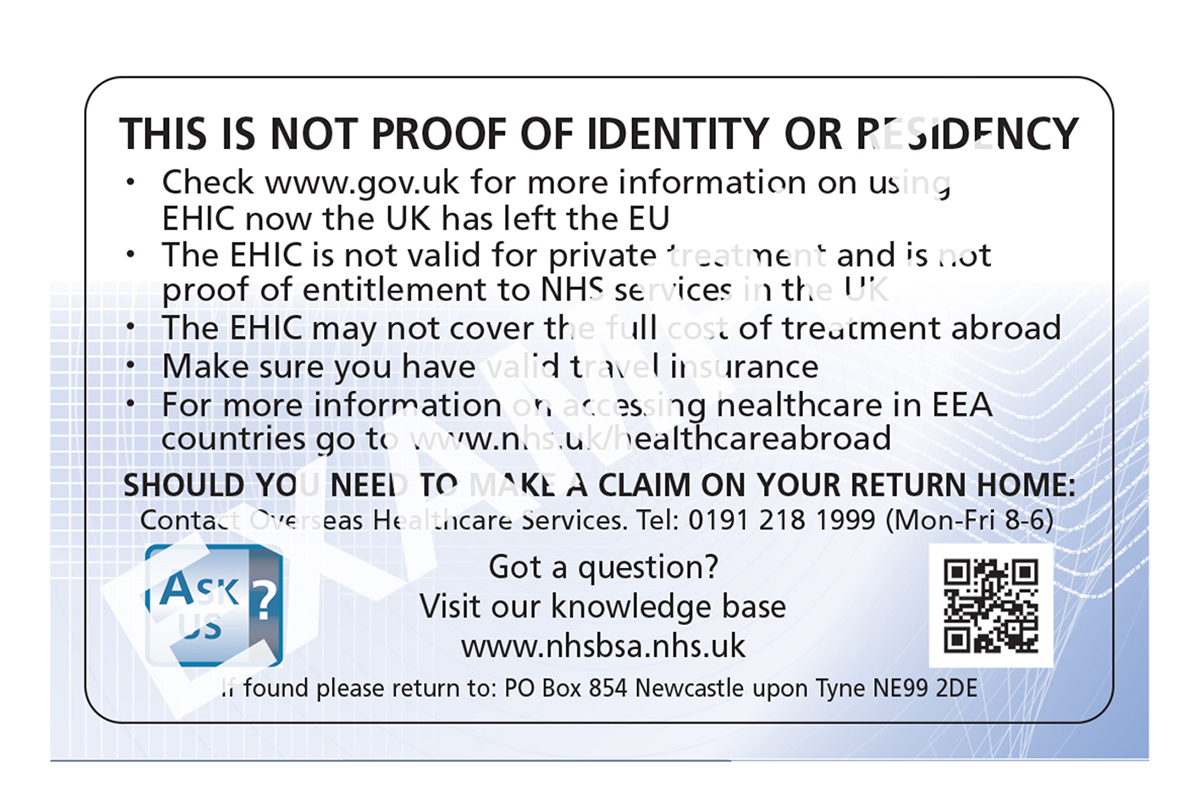
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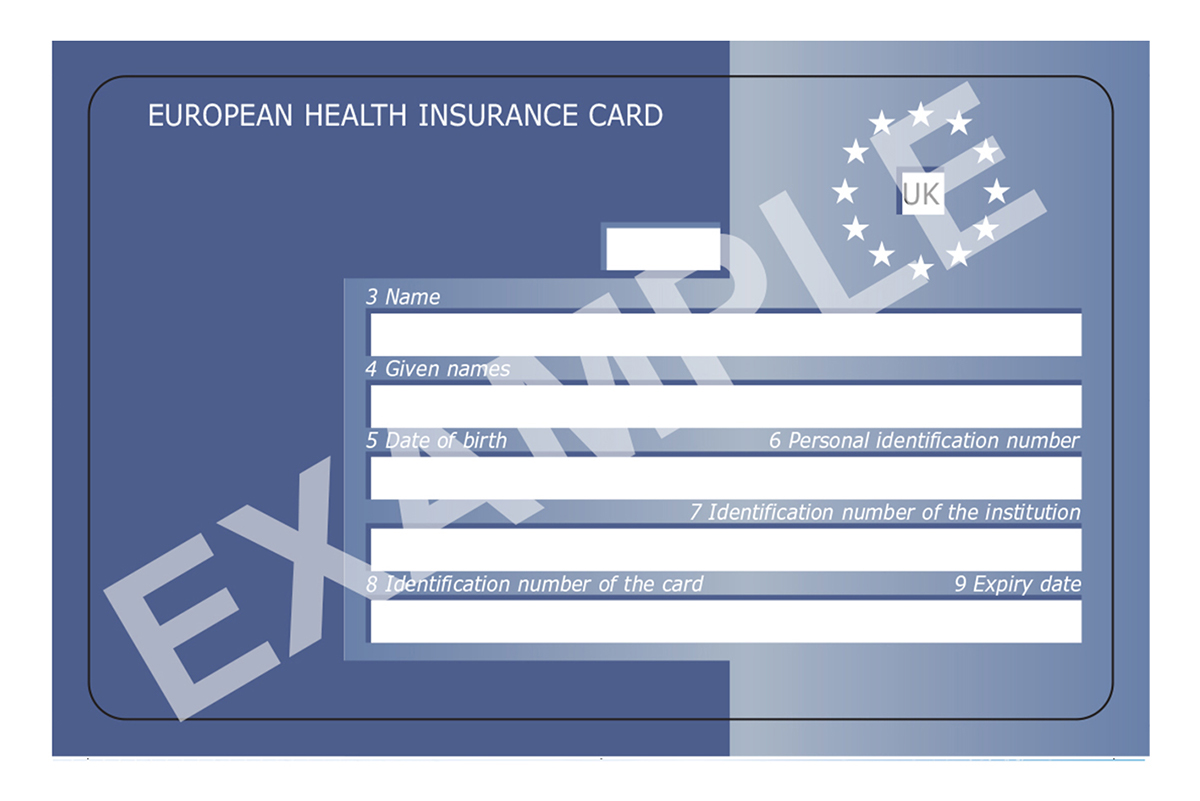
**UK EHIC (with stars, issued up to 31 January 2020)**

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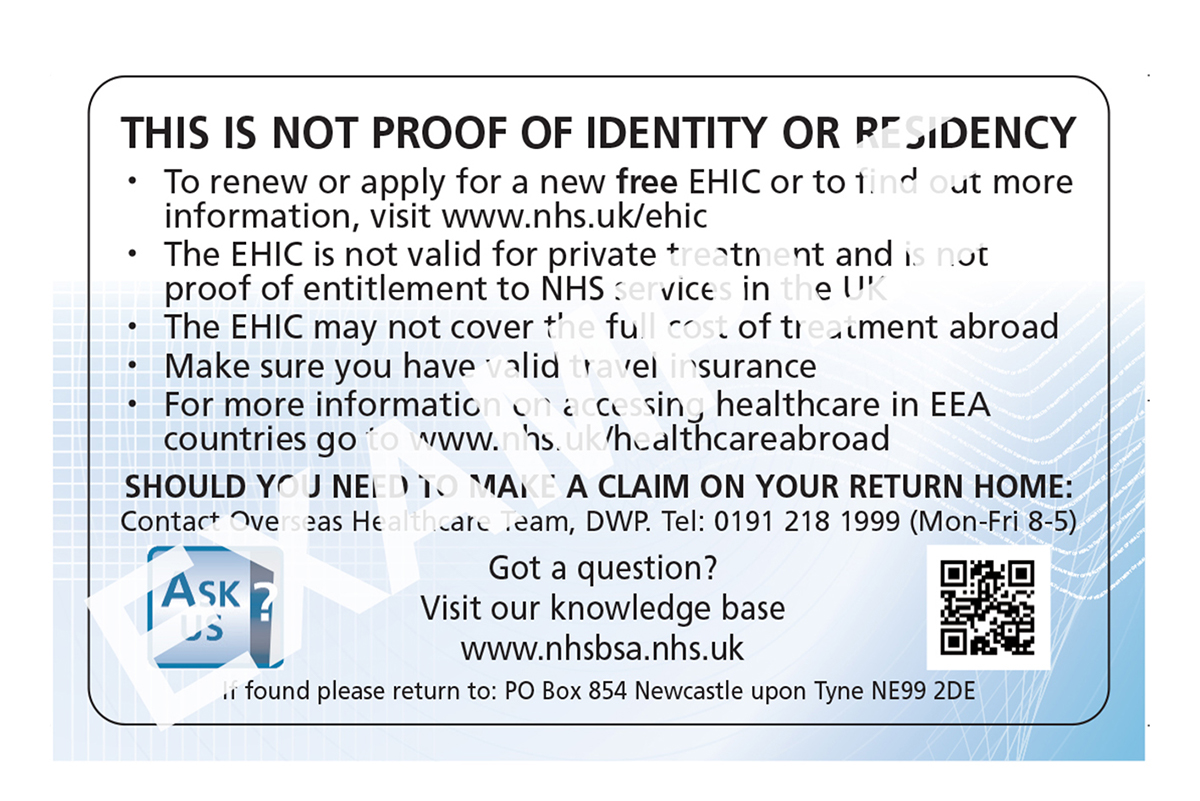
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**GHIC (UK branding)**

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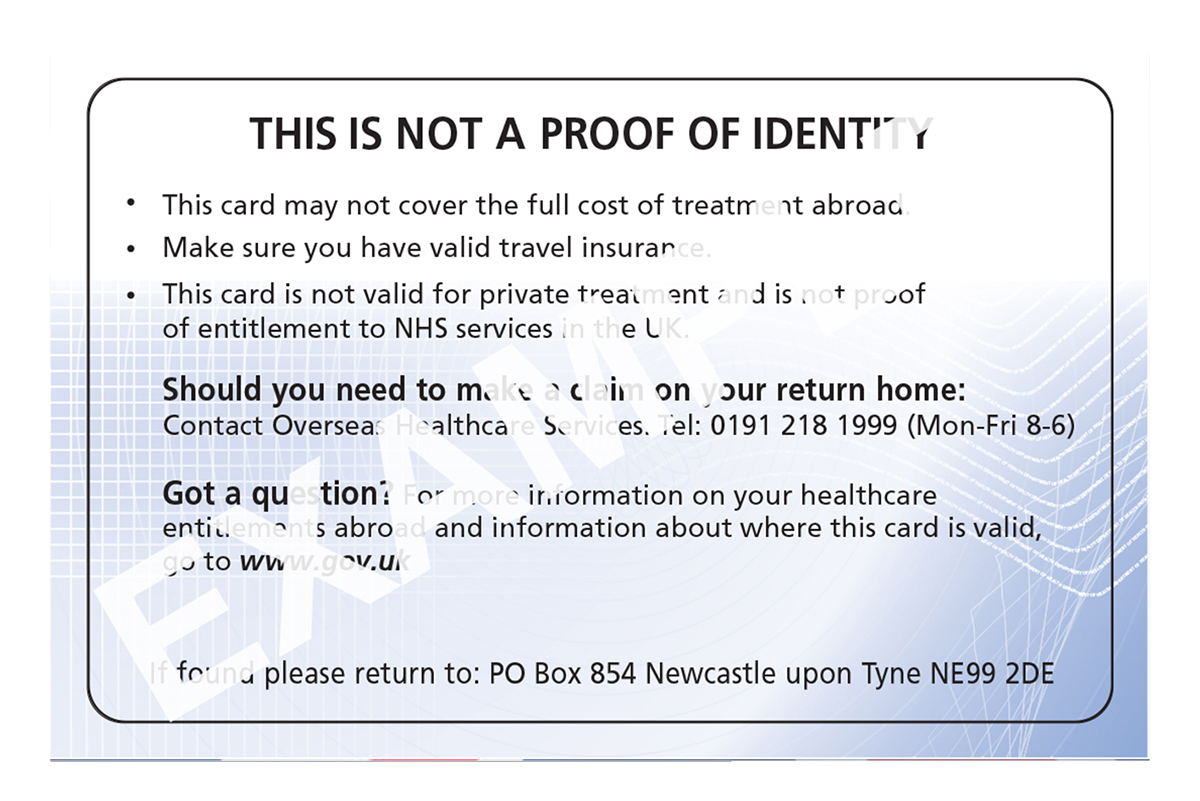
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**GHIC (neutral design, available to residents of Northern Ireland)**

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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