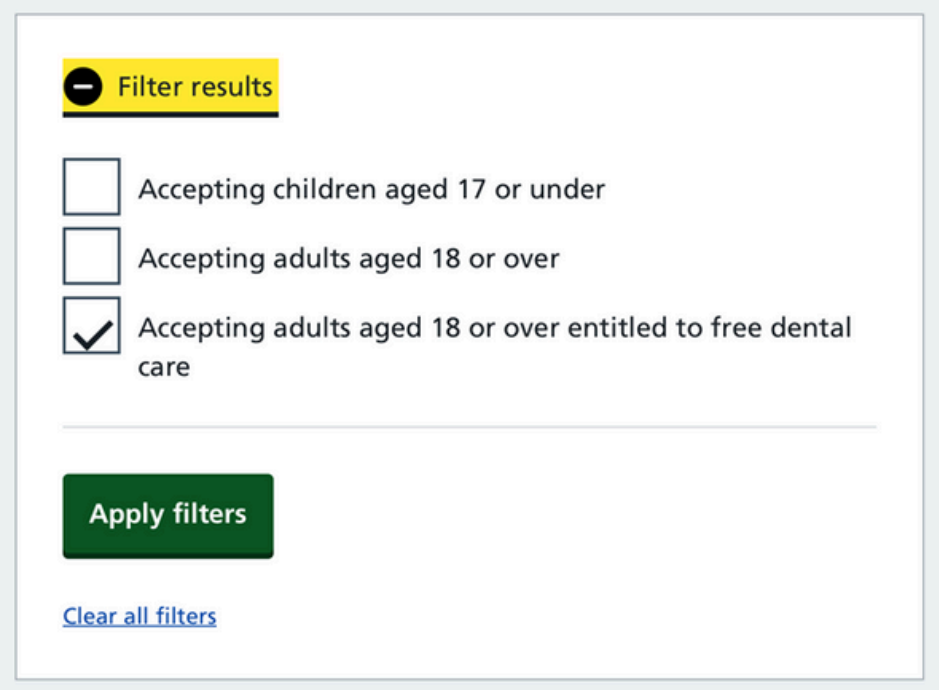
ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO FIND A DENTIST?

Finding an NHS dentist

To find your nearest dentist, visit https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist/
Alternatively, go to any web browser and search 'Find a dentist NHS'. Click on the first result from nhs.uk.
Once you've done that, insert your preferred postcode, and you will be given a list of dental clinics near that postcode.
Make sure you apply a filter for dentists who are "Accepting adults aged 18 or over entitled to free dental care" for a more effective search. See below on how to do this:



Urgent Dental Care

You may be eligible for urgent dental care if you are experiencing severe dental pain, bleeding, a spreading infection, swelling of the face, mouth or throat, or have had a dental injury.

So, what do I do?

If urgent care is needed, call NHS 111 for FREE.
Do NOT contact a GP or A&E as they cannot provide urgent dental care.
Once you have called 111, you will be assessed based on the symptoms you tell them.
If you are eligible, you will be referred to an urgent dental care provider or given an emergency dental appointment.

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Is it free?

NHS dental treatment is free IF:

- You need to remove stitches, stop bleeding in the mouth, or repair dentures.
- You are under the age of 18 OR under 19 in full-time education.
- You receive certain benefits. If you receive benefits, you must tell your dentist and show them proof.
- You are pregnant or have had a baby in the last 12 months. A MatB1 certificate, maternity exemption certificate (MatEx), or the baby's birth certificate must be shown to the dental practice.

Low Income Scheme

If you have a low income or do not have access to public funds, you can apply for an HC1 form to request help with healthcare coverage and NHS charges. To apply for the HC1 form, visit the NHSBSA website at https://apply-for-help-with-nhs-costs.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/apply-online
If you wish to complete the form in person, you can order a paper version to your preferred address on
https://applications.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/LISWebAppStaticData/begin.do

Depending on your eligibility, you may receive full help (HC2 certificate) or partial help (HC3 certificate) with healthcare costs.

If you need help applying for the HC1 form, you can contact the Doctors of The World advice line at 0808 1647 686. The advice line is open from Tuesday to Thursday, 10am to 12pm.

Remember...

- GP registration is NOT needed to see a dentist.
- Dentists should not ask migrants for proof of address or proof of immigration status when they apply to access NHS dental care.