

# Self-registering for an NHS OpenAthens Account

**Who is eligible?** NHS staff; students while on clinical placement.

**What does it provide?** Access to online resources including clinical databases, e-journals, e-books and guidance.

**What do I need?** You must have an active (ideally NHS) e-mail account in order to register.

Go to: <https://openathens.nice.org.uk> and complete the form: see help on page 2.

**NICE** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

OpenAthens

Register for a NHS England OpenAthens account Already have an account? [Login](#)

Please note that you need to activate your account before you can use it. Please read the information on the page you'll see after you have submitted this form, and check your inbox for your activation email.

[Help me to complete this form](#) [More Information](#)

Please enter your name

First name  Last name

Please enter your professional / work / student placement email address

Please enter your organisation. Students enter your student placement organisation

Full work / placement address

This registration page can only be used to create OpenAthens accounts for NHS England users. Users from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland should access the relevant service using the links below:

- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

Your registration will be rejected if you have already registered for an OpenAthens account using your email address. Please use the [Forgot your password?](#) tool to have your password reset or contact your local Healthcare Library for help.

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Full work / placement address

Work telephone number

Please enter the name of your department, ward, GP practice or clinic

Position / job title

Job role

Position duration  Permanent  Temporary

I have read and accept the [OpenAthens user responsibilities](#) and [NICE's terms and conditions and privacy notice](#).

Enter your email address. Your NHS email will be automatically approved. Registration using non-NHS emails will not be instant and will require approval.

Type the start of the organisation. If your NHS email matches your organisation email you will automatically be eligible for an account.

Agree to the terms and conditions.

Make a note of the OpenAthens username created.

## Activate your OpenAthens account.

An activation code email from OpenAthens will be sent to your specified email address. Codes will be valid for 14 days. Click on the link in the email or copy and paste into your browser. Create your password.

Your password must be a minimum of 10 characters and contain a mix of letters and characters that are not letters, but NOT a series of ascending or descending characters eg 123, zyx.

## Having a problem?

### I have not received my activation code.

Please check your spam / junk folder as it may have been filtered as spam by your email system.

### I can log into my account but cannot access any resources.

Your account requires approval by your OpenAthens administrator as you registered on a non-NHS PC.