

# Am I entitled to a free NHS eye test?

You qualify for a free NHS-funded sight test if:

- you're aged under 16
- you're aged 16, 17 or 18 and are in full-time education
- you're aged 60 or over
- you're registered as partially sighted (sight impaired) or blind (severely sight impaired)
- you've been diagnosed with diabetes or glaucoma
- you're 40 or over, and your mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter has been diagnosed with glaucoma
- you've been advised by an ophthalmologist (eye doctor) that you're at risk of glaucoma
- you're a prisoner on leave from prison
- you're eligible for an NHS complex lens voucher - your optometrist (optician) can advise you about your entitlement

You're also entitled to a free NHS sight test if you:

- receive Income Support
- receive Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (not Contribution-based)
- receive Pension Credit Guarantee Credit
- receive Income-based Employment and Support Allowance (not Contribution-based)
- are entitled to, or named on, a valid NHS tax credit exemption certificate
- on a low income and named on a valid HC2 (full help) or HC3 (partial help) certificate

## Proving your entitlement to a free NHS eye test

When you go for your sight test, tell your ophthalmic practitioner that you're entitled to a free NHS sight test. They will give you a form called GOS1 to fill in and sign.

You'll be asked to show proof that you're entitled to a free NHS sight test. For more information, see the NHS leaflet [Help with health costs \(PDF, 287.10kb\)](#). This leaflet explains which documents you will need to prove that you're entitled to a free NHS eye test.

Further information: visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)