

Culturally, the UK is very diverse and welcoming of people from all around the world. You will find plenty of Egyptians in most big cities, particularly around universities.

In case you weren't already aware, the UK is known for its cold and wet weather! Pack lots of warm clothes and a waterproof coat for the winter months, and don't expect summer to be very hot very often.



REGISTERING WITH A GP PRACTICE OR DOCTOR'S SURGERY

When registering at a doctor's surgery you will need to show that you are legally and permanently or temporarily living in the area. You may be asked to show proof that you intend to stay in the UK for 6 months or more.

You could be asked to show:

- Photographic ID
- Passport (with Visa if necessary)
- Government Issue ID Card
- Asylum Documents (occupancy agreement, Home Office documents or HC2)
- Proof you are living and settled in the UK
- Contract of Employment and Payslip
- Tenancy Agreement or papers relating to your Housing
- College Enrolment Documents
- Benefits Award Letter
- Marriage Certificate (if registering with your husband/wife)
- Birth Certificates (registering children) or Proof of Guardianship

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When registered with a GP:

You will receive a Medical Card to your home address; this will have your NHS Number on it. You should show this card if you wish to move to a different GP Practice or when you visit a Dentist or other health service.

WHERE CAN I GO TO GET LOCAL ADVICE, SUPPORT OR MORE INFORMATION?

Citizens Advice Bureau

The Citizens Advice service offers practical, up-to-date information and advice on a wide range of topics, including; debt, benefits, housing, legal, discrimination, employment, immigration, consumer and other problems. The service generally operates 5 days per week from Monday to Friday between the hours of 09.15 – 13.00

For more information, visit <http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/doncab.htm>

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HOW TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT IN THE UK

What Documents Do I Need?

In order to open a UK bank account, you will need two documents: one to prove your identity and one to prove your address. This applies both in branch and online. Proving your identity is simple; you will need your passport.

You'll also have to prove your address by providing another document.

Every bank has its own list of what documents are acceptable as proof of address. Broadly speaking, however, these include:

- a tenancy agreement or mortgage statement;**
- a recent electricity or gas bill (less than 3 months old);**
- a recent (less than 3 months old) bank or credit card statement that's not printed off the internet; or**

- a current council tax bill.

Of course, if you're new to the UK, you probably don't have any of the documents on this list. Luckily, in recent years, banks have become a bit more flexible in terms of what documents they will accept as proof of address.

If you're in the UK to study, for example, many banks will accept a letter from your University's admissions office confirming your address.

Many banks will also accept a letter from Jobcentre Plus confirming your National Insurance number or even a letter from your employer, as long as it's less than three months old. There is also another way. Before you leave for the UK, go to your bank and ask them to change your correspondence address to your UK address. You may also be able to do this via internet banking.

Once you've changed your address, ask your bank to send a bank statement to your new address by post, and you'll have a document that proves your UK address.

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Liverpool Letting Agents & Rent

Average rent for student accommodation

The amount of cash that you can expect to spend on rent will depend on where you decide to live and the quality of the property. As a general rule, the rate can be between £50 and £80 (per week) in the key student living areas. Many letting agencies will expect you to have a guarantor for the rent, or to pay several months' up front, to secure your contract.

There are also websites to look for Flats/Houses
And each city has its local letting agency

- <https://www.rightmove.co.uk>
- <https://www.zoopla.co.uk>