



Birkenhead Medical Centre

Eligibility

The right to publicly funded healthcare is one of the benefits New Zealanders enjoy. In order to keep providing quality care, the practice must ensure that the patients we treat are in fact eligible to receive our services.

Annually, millions of dollars are being spent on healthcare for people who do not actually qualify for such services. There are now very clear guidelines set as to who qualifies for free health care and who does not.

The practice is now requesting proof of eligibility from every patient. We understand that this may be an inconvenience, but we ask for your assistance. We will only request this information once and will scan to your patient record.

The table below shows what forms of ID (copies only required) are acceptable as proof. This can be dropped into reception, mailed to the address below or emailed to admin@birkenheadmedical.co.nz

If you are:	Are you eligible?	Proof required
NZ citizen or Permanent resident or their children	✓	Passport / NZ Birth Certificate
Citizen of the Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau	✓	NZ Passport / NZ Birth Certificate
Australian citizen who has been or intends to be in NZ for more than 2 years.	✓	Australian passport with proof of having lived or with intention of living in NZ for more than 2 years.
Holders of a work visa (if work visa expires more than 2 years after arriving in NZ)	✓	Valid passport and or relevant permits/visas

If you fit outside the criteria above and want to check your eligibility or find out more information visit www.moh.govt.nz/eligibility