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Private Health Insurance and Health Cover

Australia has signed agreements with the UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden, the Netherlands, Finland, Belgium, Norway, Slovenia, Malta and Italy. These agreements entitle visitors from those countries to some subsidised health services for essential medical treatment while visiting Australia. The length of cover depends on your country of origin, for example, if you are a resident of the UK, Ireland, Sweden, Finland or Norway, you are covered for the entire length of your stay in Australia.

Maintaining private health care is a condition on your visa and must be maintained - if you fail to do this, your visa may be cancelled by the Department of Home Affairs and you will be repatriated to your home country and likely prevented from securing a further visa to travel or work in Australia.

Hospital cover applies to some or all the costs involved in a hospital stay such as hospital accommodation, theatre fees, pharmaceuticals, dressings and other consumables, diagnostic tests and doctors' fees.

Whenever you are considering what private health insurance requirements you have it is important to remember / consider:

- Does the cover include ambulance cover? These can be very expensive in Australia if you do not have cover
- Generally, private health cover will not cover a trip to your GP; so be aware that each time you visit there will be a cost applied

Whatever you choose, its best to do your research and you do it using Finder.com.au - **HERE**