



Creating and using an OpenAthens account

What is an OpenAthens account?

OpenAthens is the system that controls access to online resources such as e-journals and databases.

You will need an OpenAthens account to login to online resources available to you.

Who can have an OpenAthens account?

Anyone working for or on placement within the NHS in England can register for an OpenAthens account.

What if I have a university Athens account?

Your university Athens account will only allow you to access online resources purchased by your university; you must register for an NHS OpenAthens

How do I register for an OpenAthens account?

Go to: <https://openathens.nice.org.uk>

1. Read the eligibility criteria to ensure that you are eligible to access NHS-purchased online content.
2. Fill in your details including the organisation where you work or are on placement.
3. Select the tick box to accept the terms and conditions before selecting 'Register'.
4. Your OpenAthens account details will be confirmed on screen; make a note of your username.
5. An account activation email will be sent to your email address. Follow the instructions in the activation email and you will be asked to choose a password. We recommend waiting 24-48hrs **before** activating your account. However, if you require immediate access, contact the library (during staffed hours) and we will review your account immediately. Please note your activation link will be valid for 95 days.
6. Once logged in you will be taken to <https://openathens.nice.org.uk/Hub/>

From here you can:

- View all the free NHS resources you are eligible to access in the My resources section.
- Reset your password and change email.

If you have any difficulty registering for an account, try a different Internet Browser such as Microsoft Edge

What if I forget my log-in details?
Please contact the library and ask for the Athens Administrator.

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