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EU registration

As a citizen of the EU/EEA or Switzerland, you may freely move around in the EU. If you reside somewhere for more than three months, it is important to be registered in the EU. When you are EU-registered in Denmark, you can be registered in the national register and thus also be covered by the Danish public health service.

As an EU citizen, you must have a reason to reside in another EU country. This will typically be for studying or working. The five reasons for residency you can have as an EU citizen are mentioned below.

- Employee

If you have found employment in Denmark, you can be registered as an employee. It is a requirement that your work is factual and genuine; that is, that you work for an employer according to the employer's instructions and are paid for doing so. It is also a requirement that your employment is for at least 10-12 weeks and that the weekly working hours are at least 10-12 hours. When you apply for EU registration as an employee, there must therefore be an employer declaration from your employer in Denmark.

- Student

If you have been admitted to an educational institution in Denmark at upper secondary level or higher, you can be registered as a student. The conditions for this are that you are admitted to either a private or public education in Denmark at least at upper secondary level, that you can support yourself and that you are actively studying.

The requirement that you can support yourself means than you do not receive, for example, cash benefits, but you may receive state education fund grants from Denmark and a daily allowance.

- Self-employment

You can register yourself as being self-employed if you have established and run your own company in Denmark. The company must be established and registered in Denmark, and you must be the (co-)founder and run the company daily.

- Person with sufficient means

You can be registered as a person with sufficient means if you can support yourself and any of your family members who accompany you for the entire duration of the time you wish to reside in Denmark. In practice, you must be able to prove that you can support yourself for the first year.

- Member of the family of an EU citizen

As a rule, you may be registered as a member of the family of an EU citizen, the main person, if you are the spouse/partner or a child under the age of 21. This applies to both family members who are EU citizens or citizens of third countries. The main person must have his or her own independent reason for residing in Denmark, for example, as an employee.