

National Insurance Numbers

What is a National Insurance Number –NI?

Every resident of the UK must have a **National Insurance Number (NI)**. The number is similar to the following:

- Australia – Tax file number
- Canada – Social Insurance Number
- New Zealand – IRD number
- South Africa – Identification Number
- USA- Social Security number

Your NI (National Insurance Number) is a reference number that must be used for all NHS (National Health Service) matters.

These contributions fund all state benefits – state pensions, unemployment benefits, and the National Health Service (NHS) –and vary from 2% - 10%, depending on the amount you earn. Teachers normally pay between 8-10%.

For all enquiries:

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Your Temporary National Insurance Number

On your first pay slip you will be given a temporary National Insurance number. This ensures that you are on the Inland Revenue system and the correct amount of tax and health contributions have been taken out of your pay.

Your temporary NI number will start with the letters TN (temporary number) then your complete birth date e.g. 141183 (14th Nov 1983), followed by the letter F or M for your gender.

Example: TN141183F

NB: You will be required to apply for your permanent National Insurance number while holding your temporary card.

Applying for a National Insurance Number

From the time you first start work in the UK you will be on a temporary NI number but as soon as you are settled into permanent accommodation you should immediately ring the number below and arrange for your permanent National Insurance number, or we can **fast track** your application if you come in to London Education Recruitment for your NI interview.

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You must take your passport, proof of address and right to work in the UK visa with you to the interview. It usually takes between 4 – 6 weeks for your Permanent National Insurance number to come through.

If you decide to have London Education Recruitment manage your application we will conduct your interview here and your application will be fast tracked – 2 weeks.

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How much will I pay?

National Insurance payments are deducted at 11% and are completely separate from Tax. Your earnings are subject to National Insurance for every job you have, after you have earned over £91.33 per week.