

Accessing public services online

Lots of public services are now available online and are easy to use. Utility bills, your TV licence and amenities provided by your local council or central Government can now be accessed digitally from the comfort of your own home.

*Instructions may vary according to your device model.

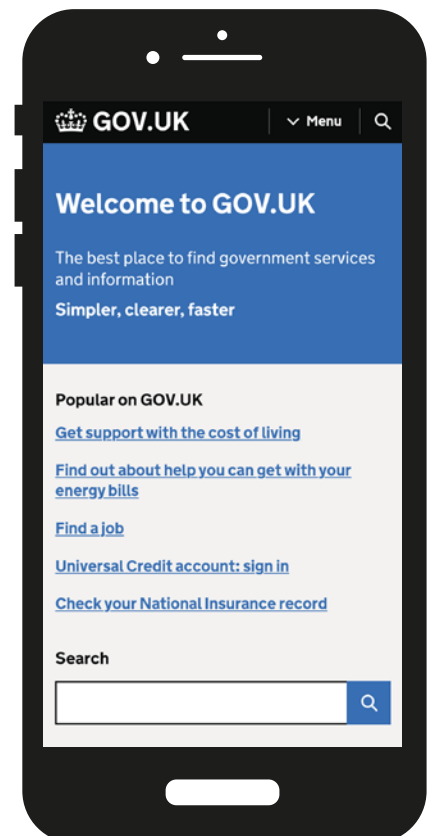
What you'll learn

1. About some of the services you can access online
2. How to navigate the web pages

About some of the services you can access online

To access many of the key public services online, you will need to visit the Government website – www.gov.uk. You can either click that link or type it in to your web browser.

Once you have arrived on the website, you will be met with a summary page which features both the most popular searches on the website and the opportunity to scroll through a range of different topics including benefits, car tax, passports and pensions. The homepage also includes information relating to the Government including news, research, policies, and department activity.



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Welcome to GOV.UK
The best place to find government services and information
Simpler, clearer, faster

Popular on GOV.UK

- [Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla](#)
- [Get support with the cost of living](#)
- [Find out about help you can get with your energy bills](#)
- [Find a job](#)
- [Universal Credit account: sign in](#)

Search

Topics

- Benefits** > Includes eligibility, appeals, tax credits and Universal Credit
- Births, deaths, marriages and care** > Parenting, civil partnerships, divorce and Lasting Power of Attorney
- Business and self-employed** > Tools and guidance for businesses
- Childcare and parenting** > Includes giving birth, fostering, adopting, benefits for children, childcare and schools
- Citizenship and living in the UK** > Voting, community participation, life in the UK, international projects
- Crime, justice and the law** > Legal processes, courts and the police
- Disabled people** > Includes carers, your rights, benefits and the Equality Act
- Driving and transport** > Includes vehicle tax, MOT and driving licences
- Education and learning** > Includes student loans, admissions and apprenticeships

You can click on any of these topics and select from the options available, or use the search tool at the top of the page to find what you're looking for.

You can also access your local council's website via gov.uk. If you aren't sure which council is yours, you can type 'find local council' into the search bar and select the top option. Once you enter your postcode, it will tell you which council you are in, and may have a link directly to the page or a suggested website to visit.

Your local council website will allow you to do things like pay your council tax, report a missed bin collection, a pothole or a faulty street light, or renew a library book.

Sorting utilities online

In the past, you will have received a paper statement from your utility supplier, for example your energy supplier, which will give you the address of the supplier's website and your account number. You can use this to create an online account, if you don't already have one. With an online account, you can check any statements and pay your bills online. Most will also offer an online chat function, which allows you to speak to a member of staff via direct message as opposed to phoning them.

Find your local council

Find the website for your local council.

Enter a postcode
For example SW1A 2AA

Find

[Find a postcode on Royal Mail's postcode finder](#)

Services in your area are provided by two local authorities

Different local authorities are responsible for different services.

Oxfordshire County Council
County councils are responsible for services like:

- education
- social care
- transport

[Go to Oxfordshire County Council website](#)

Vale of White Horse District Council
District councils are responsible for services like:

- rubbish and recycling collection
- council tax
- housing

What do you need to do today?

Apply	Pay	Report
Jobs	Parking ticket	Potholes and street problems
Blue Badge	Certificates of births, deaths and marriages	Faulty street light
Bus pass	Ceremonies	Safeguarding concern
Resident's parking permit	Council Tax	Faulty traffic light



Links to further learning

To find out about accessing your GP and NHS services online, additional fact sheets on those topics can be found at: bt.com/seniorskills

You can either click on the link above, or type the web address into your web browser's search bar.