OpenAthens

How to register for OpenAthens, activate your account, create a password and sign in for the first time.
**Introduction**

OpenAthens is a password system which began life in UK universities and has been adopted by the NHS to allow entitled people to access certain paid-for online resources from any internet-connected device. If you work for the NHS in England or are a student on placement within an NHS Trust organisation, you will definitely be eligible for an NHS OpenAthens password. Many others qualify, particularly if they are caring for NHS patients: A full eligibility list is available at: [http://www.library.nhs.uk/athens/eligibility](http://www.library.nhs.uk/athens/eligibility)

The main resources you can get with your OpenAthens password are:

- Searchable literature databases for locating (primarily) journal articles.
- The full-text content of hundreds of healthcare journals

There are direct links to full-text articles from the databases when you do a search; and items which are in your local NHS Library (or Libraries) are also flagged up. If a full text copy of an article is not available through your OpenAthens password or in hardcopy within your local NHS Library, they should be able to obtain a copy for you via their Inter-Library Loan service.

For information and training on how to search the Healthcare Databases, please contact the Library staff who will be more than happy to help.
Registering:

When registering for an OpenAthens password it is best to do so via an NHS internet connection. This will enable you to create your username and password instantly, whereas registration from a device that isn’t linked to the NHS could take up to 15 days.

Step One:

Go to the Yeovil Academy Library Blog: http://yeovildh.wordpress.com/athens-password/ clicking on this link will take you to a screen that looks like the following:

Click on the ‘OpenAthens Registration’ link which can be found on the OpenAthens Page of the Blog.
Step Two:

After clicking on the ‘OpenAthens Registration’ link you will be taken to a screen that looks like the following:

You can then begin filling out the registration form making sure that you click continue after completing each page.

NB: The email address you are asked to provide does not have to be an NHS one but you will need access to it in order to complete the registration process so please chose a current one.

To find your organisation simply start typing in the first few letters e.g. ‘yeo’ will find Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust will appear in a drop down box (See Below)
Step Three:

After you have found your organisation you can start to fill in your personal and professional details.

Once you have filled in your details you will need to submit your registration form.

You must tick to say you accept the terms and conditions.
After you have submitted your registration form you will be given a username which you will need (along with the password that you will create later) in order to log in.

If you struggle to remember your username you can also use the email address that you registered with to log in instead.

**Step Four:**

You now need to look in your emails for a message from OpenAthens. Although the email should be sent through straight away there can sometimes be a bit of a delay. So don’t worry if it doesn’t appear in your emails instantly.

The email will be sent from ‘Eduserv OpenAthens’ and the subject will be “OpenAthens account created – activation required”

You will need to use the activation link that is contained within the email to create your password.

Once you have clicked the link the following screen will appear and you will then be able to create your password.

It is important to read this so that you are aware of what your password must include.
Step Five:

Once you have submitted your password and it has met the criteria, you will see the following screen.

You have to tick to say that you accept the terms and conditions.

You will be redirected to the screen below:

Your account is now activated.
Using Your Password In Future

When you want to use your NHS OpenAthens password in the future, you can go to [https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/](https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/). Click on the ‘Journals and Databases’ link which is located in the top left hand corner and the screen below will appear. You can then use the ‘Sign-in to OpenAthens’ link.

The page below will follow and you can enter your username or email address and password to log-in.
Once you have logged in you will be redirected to My Account.

From this screen you will be able to check that the contact details you gave when you registered are correct. You can also change your organisation, email address and password from this screen.

There is a link so that you can contact your local Athens Administrator if you have any queries about your account.
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