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User guide to Athens

What is Athens?

Athens is an access management system that controls access to online resources. It provides you with a username and password that in the case of the NHS allows you to access both nationally, regionally and locally purchased resources using just a single username and password. You may find that if you are doing a course the college or university will offer you an Athens password too – this will give you access to the resources that they have purchased.

How do I get a user name and password?

Visit this website <https://register.athensams.net/nhs/> and follow the instructions on the screen. Please be sure to choose the correct employer – if you are uncertain please check your payslip! If you subsequently change employer please let us know.

We strongly recommend that you register using an NHSNet computer and that you enter your NHS email address (or failing that an Internet Service Provider email account e.g. @aol.com) to instantly receive your username and password.

If you register from a non-NHS computer, please be aware that there may be a delay of up to 10 working days before you receive your username and password.

Do I have to be at work to use the resources?

No, while we recommend that you register for a username from work, once you have a username you can access the resources from any computer with an internet connection.

How do I find out what resources I have access to?

Go to <http://www.library.nhs.uk/mylibrary/> and enter your username and password, then look at the 'My Athens Resources' section.

How do I find out how to use these resources?

The Healthcare Library produces guides and runs training courses. For more information go to <http://www.berkshire.nhs.uk/libraries/>



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What do I do if I forget my password?

If you have forgotten your Athens password please go to this website and it will be reset and emailed to you https://register.athensams.net/nhs/forgotten_password.php If you are not on an NHS Net computer then please contact us.

What do I do if I have any other problems?

Please contact the Healthcare Library on 0118 960 5012 or email library.healthcare@berkshire.nhs.uk