

# Who has to register?

'Service providers' must register with CQC. A service provider can be:

- an individual
- a partnership
- an organisation (for example, companies, charities, NHS trusts and local authorities).

We register the regulated activity that will be carried on – not service types or professions. To decide whether you need to register, it is important to determine what regulated activity will be carried on, and who is responsible for it.

It is the legal entity carrying on the regulated activity that must register – not the location or care setting where it is carried out. [See guidance about locations.](#)