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Athens FAQ sheet

What is an Athens account?

An Athens account is a form of authentication for access to products such as databases, electronic books or electronic journals. You can have several different Athens accounts with different institutions. Athens accounts consist of two elements: a Username and a Password.

What is the DMLS Athens account?

The DMLS has purchased several databases, electronic journals and electronic books on your behalf, and makes them available to you via the [DMLS Central Library](#) website. The resources themselves are held on commercial or external websites. In order to prove that you have permission to access the resources purchased by the DMLS, you will need a valid Athens account. Your Athens account then enables you to access these resources wherever you have access to the Internet (e.g. from home, desktop or on deployment).

How do I obtain one?

To get an Athens account, you should apply to the [Library Administrator](#), DMLS Central Library. A full Internet e-mail address (work or home) is needed to set up an Athens account. You are also invited to provide a password made up of at least 6 characters.

Application forms can be requested from the Library Administrator via e-mail (see end of this sheet for details) or you can use the forms available at the [DMLS Central Library, Fort Blockhouse](#).

How long do they last for?

Your Athens account lasts for 3 years from the date of registration. Library staff will renew it for you, upon application, provided you are still entitled to use it.

Do I have to pay?

No - it is free.

However... be aware that some commercial websites will offer to sell you journal articles that your Athens account does not give you access to. These are normally quite expensive services, so you may prefer to ask the library to provide it for you.

If I am an MOD employee working in the NHS and a University student, why do I have three Athens accounts?

Information resources from each will not be exactly the same, as each library provider serves a different clientele. To access products purchased by the DMLS, you need to use your DMLS Athens Username and Password. To access those purchased by the NHS, you need to use your NHS Athens account, and to access those purchased by the University, you need to use your University Athens account. As a rule of thumb, your University Athens will give you access to a wider range of databases and journals than your MOD and NHS Athens accounts, which give you access to a wide range of clinical books and journals.

Can I use my University Athens account from my MOD workplace?

Yes, but it will only give you access to the University resources that are available via their Library web page. You must log out of one Athens account before using the other. Again, you must log out of your University Athens account, before being able to use your DMLS Athens account.

Can I use my MOD Athens account from my NHS workplace?

Yes, but it will only give you access to DMLS resources that are available via the Library website. You must log out of one Athens account before using the other. If looking at electronic journals via an NHS library website, you cannot switch straight to the DMLS library website to look at electronic journals, without first logging out of Athens.

Can I use my MOD Athens account from a PC in the University?

Yes, but it will only give you access to the MOD resources that are available via the DMLS Central Library web page. Again, you must log out of your University Athens account, before being able to use your DMLS Athens account.

Can I check what resources my Athens account gives me access to?

Go to <http://www.athensams.net/myathens/> and enter your username and password. Entering your Athens username and password takes you to a list of resources and you can access any of them directly from this webpage list.

Who do I contact if I have any problems with my account?

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