

HVC

Hypervisor Call causes an exception to EL2. Software executing at EL1 can use this instruction to call the hypervisor to request a service.
The HVC instruction is undefined:

- When EL3 is implemented and `SCR_EL3.HCE` is set to 0.
- When EL3 is not implemented and `HCR_EL2.HCD` is set to 1.
- When EL2 is not implemented.
- At EL1 if EL2 is not enabled in the current Security state.
- At EL0.

On executing an HVC instruction, the PE records the exception as a Hypervisor Call exception in `ESR_ELx`, using the EC value 0x16, and the value of the immediate argument.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	imm16														0	0	0	1	0		

HVC #<imm>

// Empty.

Assembler Symbols

<imm> Is a 16-bit unsigned immediate, in the range 0 to 65535, encoded in the "imm16" field.

Operation

```
if !HaveEL(EL2) || PSTATE.EL == EL0 || (PSTATE.EL == EL1 && !EL2Enabled)
    UNDEFINED;

bits(1) hvc_enable = if HaveEL(EL3) then SCR_EL3.HCE else NOT(HCR_EL2.HCD);

if hvc_enable == '0' then
    UNDEFINED;
else
    AArch64.CallHypervisor(imm16);
```