



How to Apply Online for Medicare Only

It's so easy! Just go to www.ssa.gov

Social Security
The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration

Apply for Benefits

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Please Note:
We will ask you to create or sign in to your my Social Security account when you start the application. You will receive an additional Terms of Service if you need to create an account.

Apply Online for Retirement/Medicare Benefits

Getting Ready
Before you start your application, we recommend that you take a moment to prepare yourself by reviewing a few items:

1. Make sure you meet the requirements to apply online for Retirement/Medicare.
2. Gather all of the information you need to complete the application process.

Apply & Complete
After signing in to your my Social Security account, applying for Retirement/Medicare may take between 10 to 30 minutes to complete depending on your situation. You can save your application as you go, so you can take a break at any time.

[Start a New Application](#) or [Return to Saved Application Process](#)

Video Introduction
Helpful hints for applying online
1 minute

More Information

- 1 When to Start Receiving Retirement Benefits
- 2 Other Ways To Apply for Benefits
- 3 Your Right to Representation
- 4 Information in Other Languages

Your privacy is important.
For details about our use of your information, we encourage you to read our Privacy Act Statement.

Welcome to the Social Security Benefit Application

- Apply for benefits by selecting “Start a New Application.”
- If you take a break during the application process, select “Return to Saved Application Process” to resume where you left off.

Information About You

- Name.
- Social Security number.
- Date of birth.
- Gender.

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Information About Applicant

Applicant's Name:
Please provide the name as it appears on the most recent Social Security card.

First Middle Last Suffix

Social Security Number (SSN):

Date of Birth:
Month Day Year

Gender:
☐ Male ☐ Female

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You must print this page or write down the re-entry number.

Re-entry Number: **35467647**

If something causes you to exit or you choose to save and return at a later time, you must use this number to continue your saved application process.

If you lose your re-entry number, sign in to your my Social Security account, or register for an account, to view your re-entry number. Social Security employees will never ask for your re-entry number, or will have access to it. This is to protect your privacy.

[Print this page](#)

In this section...

- ☒ Applicant Identification
- ☒ Contact Information
- ☒ Birth and Citizenship
- ☒ Medicare Information
- Re-entry Number**

Re-entry Number

When you have successfully started your application, you will get a re-entry number that you can use to:

- Continue your application later if you need a break.
- Check the status of your completed application.



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Medicare Information for Joan Public

Do you wish to apply for Medicare ONLY, but not for monthly retirement cash benefits at this time? Things to Consider

☐ Yes ☐ No

Next Previous

In this section...

- Applicant Identification
- Contact Information
- Birth and Citizenship
- Medicare Information
- Re-entry Number
- Other SSNs and Numbers

Questions About Your Health Benefits

- Group health plan information.
- Employment information.
- Health insurance information.



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Electronic Signature Agreement

Congratulations, you're just about ready to complete your application for Medicare insurance.

Please read and accept the following statement to finish the application. If you are helping someone apply, then the person filing for benefits must read and accept this agreement by checking the box themselves.

I apply for all insurance benefits for which I may be eligible under Part A (and Part B, if applicable) of Title XVIII (Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled) of the Social Security Act as presently amended.

I understand and agree that my application will be signed electronically when I select the check box below. I also understand that my electronic signature means that I intend to file for Medicare insurance and have provided the Social Security Administration with accurate information.

I understand that I must apply separately to get monthly Social Security benefits.

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this application and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly gives a false or misleading statement about a material fact in this electronic application, or causes someone else to do so, commits a crime and may be sent to prison or may face other penalties, or both.

☐ agree with the Electronic Signature Agreement above.

You will no longer be able to change this information once you continue.

When you select "Submit Now" below, you will be sending this completed information electronically to the Social Security Administration. Please make sure that everything is correct.

Submit Now Previous Save & Exit

Medicare-only Decision

Choose to sign up for Medicare only and delay filing for retirement benefits at this time



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Group Health Plan Information for Joan Public

Are you covered under a Group Health Plan? More Info

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you covered under a Group Health Plan through your own current employment?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Employment Information

The questions below apply to the employment that provides group health plan insurance.

What date did employment start? More Info

-- -- --
Month Day Year

What date did employment end? More Info

-- -- --
Month Day Year

☐ Employment has not ended

Health Insurance Information

What date did health insurance start? More Info

-- -- --
Month Year

What date did health insurance end? More Info

-- -- --
Month Year

☐ Health insurance has not ended

Next Previous Save & Exit

In this section...

- Health Insurance Information
- Medicaid Information
- Group Health Plan

Finishing Your Application

- Go over a summary of your application for accuracy.
- Accept the agreement and sign your application by selecting the "Submit Now" button.
- Get a receipt for your application.
- Get information on what to do next.

Contacting Social Security

The most convenient way to do business with us from anywhere, on any device, is to visit **www.ssa.gov**. There are several things you can do online: apply for benefits; get useful information; find publications; and get answers to frequently asked questions.

Or, you can call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213** or at **1-800-325-0778** (TTY) if you're deaf or hard of hearing. We can answer your call from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekdays. You can also use our automated services via telephone, 24 hours a day. We look forward to serving you.



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