



Part A &
Part B

How to apply for Medicare - Online

STEP 1: go to SSA.gov

STEP 2: Click on
MEDICARE across the
top and then select SIGN
UP FOR MEDICARE

The screenshot shows the SSA website's Medicare section. The top navigation bar includes the Social Security logo, a 'Benefits' dropdown menu, a 'Medicare' dropdown menu (which is currently open), and a 'Card & record' dropdown menu. The 'Medicare' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red circle, and a red arrow points from the text 'STEP 2: Click on MEDICARE across the top and then select SIGN UP FOR MEDICARE' to this menu. The dropdown menu contains the following links: 'Plan for Medicare', 'Sign up for Medicare' (circled in red), 'Request to lower IRMAA', 'Apply for Part D Extra Help', and 'Manage Medicare benefits'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features the heading 'Your most-need' (partially obscured) and 'ces, online' (partially obscured). The text 'With a secure my Social Security' and 'manage your benefits — anywhere, anytime.' is visible. A blue button labeled 'Sign in or create an account' is present. On the right side, there is a photograph of an elderly man with a young child sitting on his shoulders. Below the main content area, there are four white boxes with blue borders, each containing a title and a description: 'Get a benefits estimate' (Sign in to calculate your benefits estimate.), 'Apply for benefits' (Apply for Retirement, Disability, or other benefits online.), 'Check your status' (See where you are in your application or appeal process.), and 'Replace your card' (Find the best way to replace your card.).

Social Security

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Find the best way to replace your card.

Make sure you gather the information you will need to complete the application.

Information you'll need to provide

Basic information about yourself

- Social Security number
- Where you were born (city, state, country)

Health insurance information

- Start and end dates for any current group health plans
- Start and end dates for any group health plans after age 65

STEP 3: Scroll down the page and click the blue APPLY ONLINE button to enroll into Parts A & B.



Sign up for Medicare

If you're 65 or older, you can enroll online for Parts A and B, or Part A only. You can delay Part B if you're already covered through an employer group health plan.

The application is for retirement benefits and Medicare, or Medicare only.

Apply online



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Apply for Benefits

Benefits Application Terms of Service

I understand that I am entering a U.S. Government System to file a benefit application with the Social Security Administration. I understand that I need to provide the Social Security Administration information to process the benefit application. I understand that failing to agree to the statements below will result in my inability to file a benefit application online, which may prevent the Social Security Administration from making an accurate and timely decision about eligibility for benefits.

I understand that:

- the Social Security Administration will validate the information I provide against the information in Social Security Administration's systems.
- my activities may be monitored within this site.
- any person who knowingly and willfully tries to obtain Social Security benefits falsely could be punished by a fine or imprisonment, or both.
- I am authorized to file a claim on my own behalf or on behalf of someone else with the Social Security Administration.

☒ I understand and agree to the above statements.

Information about Social Security's Online Policies

We are committed to protecting individual privacy and securing the personal information made available to us when you visit our website, SSA.gov. Our [Internet Privacy Policy](#) explains our online information practices.

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Exit

STEP 4: Applicant must read the terms of service and check the attestation box.

STEP 5: Click the NEXT button.

STEP 6: Click START A
NEW APPLICATION



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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.

If you are unable to create or sign into your [my Social Security](#) account, you may continue to file an online application but you may need to visit a local Social Security office to provide an unexpired government issued photo identification.

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

- [When to Start Receiving Retirement Benefits](#)
- [Other Ways To Apply for Benefits](#)
- [Your Right to Representation](#)
- [Information in Other Languages](#)

OMB Number

Social Security Insurance Benefits: 0960-0618, [Paperwork Reduction Act](#)

STEP 7: Begin the application process. Regardless if you do or do not have a Social Security account, you will be directed to the same page next.

YES – You have an account



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Who Is Completing This Application?

Tell us information about the person completing this application:
☒ I am applying for myself.
☐ I am helping someone who is not with me, and therefore cannot sign the application at this time.

Do you have a *my* Social Security account?
☒ Yes ☐ No

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NO – You don't have an account



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Do you have a *my* Social Security account?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you have an address in the United States or U.S. territories?
This includes APO, DPO, or FPO addresses such as military bases or diplomatic locations.
☒ Yes ☐ No

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STEP 8: Either login or create an account to complete the enrollment process.



Social Security

Sign In or Create an Account

By signing in or creating an account, you agree to the [Privacy Act Statement and Terms of Service](#).

If you already have a Login.gov or ID.me account, do not create a new one. You can use your existing account to access Social Security services.

Sign in with  LOGIN.GOV

Sign in with  ID.me

 The Social Security username sign-in option is no longer available. Please use Login.gov or ID.me instead.

[Create an account with Login.gov](#)

[Create an account with ID.me](#)

[Sign in Help and Support](#)

If you delayed Medicare because you had employer coverage...

If you are **more than three months past your 65th birthday** and are applying for **Medicare Part A and Part B** because you had coverage through your (or your spouse's) employer, you will need to provide proof of that coverage.

Complete Form CMS-L564 (Request for Employment Information).

When you complete your online Medicare application, upload the completed CMS-L564 when prompted. This allows Social Security to process your Special Enrollment Period application without needing you to mail the form separately.

THINGS TO

- The process can take between 10 to 30 minutes.
- Ideal to complete the application at one time.
- If you need to stop, you may save your application, and you will be given a reference number to resume the application later.



Our team of licensed and certified agents can help guide you through every step of your Medicare journey.

Reach out to your Both Hands FG agent for any guidance you need.