

Step-By-Step Guide to Applying for Medicare Online

Create your personal *my* Social Security account today

A free and secure *my* Social Security account provides personalized tools for everyone, whether you receive benefits or not. You can use your account to request a replacement Social Security card, check the status of an application, estimate future benefits, or manage the benefits you already receive.

Create an Account

Sign In

- 1 Create a My Social Security account if you don't have one already.

- 2 Click on "Create an account".

Sign In

Accounts created before September 18, 2021 should enter a Username and Password.

Username

Forgot Username?

Password

Forgot Password?

Sign in

Sign in with LOGIN.GOV

Sign in with ID.me

Learn more

Create an account

Use an activation code

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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.

Information about Social Security's Online Policies
The privacy of our customers is always very important to us. We encourage you to read our [Privacy Act Statement](#).

I understand and agree to the above statements.

- 3 Visit the Social Security Administration's Apply for Benefits page.

Read page, then click on "I understand and agree to the above statements".

- 4 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.

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:

- Make sure you meet the requirements to apply online for Retirement/Medicare.
- 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

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After you're enrolled, CMS will send you a welcome packet in the mail along with your Medicare card. If you sign up for Medicare on your own, the packet should arrive about two weeks after you sign up.

You will also receive a "Medicare & You" handbook, which includes important information about your coverage.