

Ready to enroll in Medicare?

Here's a final checklist of what you'll need












Are you receiving your Social Security benefits? If so, you'll be automatically enrolled in Original Medicare (Parts A and B) the first day of the month you turn 65. But if you choose to delay getting Social Security payments until after age 65 you will not be automatically enrolled. You'll need to have some information ready to begin your enrollment in Medicare.

So, what do you need to begin your application? To sign up you may be asked for:

- Proof of your age
- Your work history
- Your citizenship or permanent resident status

Are you interested in enrolling in coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan? If so, you'll need to provide some more information once you've signed up for Original Medicare.

What you may need

 Your date and place of birth.	 Your Social Security number.
 Social Security numbers of any spouses along with the date and place of any marriages and divorces.	 The amount of Social Security work credits you've earned while working abroad.
 Proof of citizenship (this could be your birth certificate if you were born in the U.S.) or permanent residency if you're not a citizen.	 Details about your employment for the current year and prior two years. This includes the name of your employer and the start and end date of your employment, if applicable. It's a good idea to have access to your W-2 forms for the previous two years.
 If you receive health insurance through your spouse's employer, you'll also want to have information about your spouse's employment for the current year and previous two years.	 The names and ages of any children you have who are under age 18.
 The names and ages of any children you have who had a disability before age 22.	 Information about any federal pension you receive now or will receive in the future.
 If you've ever applied for Social Security benefits in the past, or if anyone has ever applied on your behalf.	



Some additional items for Medicare Advantage

When you join a Medicare Advantage plan, you'll have to give these **extra items**:

- **Your Medicare number (you can find this information on your Medicare card)**
- **The name of the Medicare Advantage plan you've selected**

Once you've done your research, enrolling in Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage is fairly easy. But having everything mentioned on this guide ready will help make the process a breeze.

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