



# How to Apply Online for Medicare Only

It's so easy! Just go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

**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**  
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.

**Follow Up**  
After you're finished, we will contact you with any updates or questions we may have about your information. You can also use our Application Status to check on the status of your completed application online.



## Welcome to the Social Security Benefit Application

- Apply for benefits by selecting "Start a New Application;" or
- "Return to Saved Application Process."



## Information About You

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

**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



## 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; and
- Check the status of your completed application.

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

Re-entry Number **82895887** *SAMPLE*

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, log into 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.

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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? [More Info](#)

Yes  No

**Next** Previous

**In this section...**

- Applicant Identification
- Confid Information
- Birth and Citizenship
- Medicare Information
- Rx entry Number
- Other SSNs and Names

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## Medicare-only Decision

Choose to sign up for Medicare only and not receive retirement benefits at this time.

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## Questions About Your Health Benefits

- Other health insurance coverage;
- Group health plan information;
- Employment information; and
- Dates of coverage information.

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Group Health Plan Information for Joan Public

Is Joan Public covered under a Group Health Plan? [More Info](#)

Yes  No

Is Joan Public covered under a Group Health Plan through your own current employment? [More Info](#)

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
- Medicare Information
- Group Health Plan

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## 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; and
- Get information on what to do next.

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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



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and tomorrow

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