



Budget 2026–27

This information is accurate as of 12 May 2026.

Preventive health

CATEGORY: Health and disability

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program automatically sends Australians aged 50 to 74 a free screening kit every 2 years.

In July 2024, Australians aged 45 to 49 became eligible to request a free kit every 2 years on a voluntary opt-in basis.

This measure will enable Australians aged 45-49 to continue requesting kits through the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program.

This measure is led by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

This measure isn't subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

This affects all Australians aged 45 to 49.

When this starts and finishes

This measure starts on 1 January 2027 and ends on 30 June 2029.