

If you are applying for a Medicare Entitlement Statement (MES), applications can only be lodged **from 1 July** for the previous financial year. Early applications **will not** be accepted or actioned, unless you are leaving the country.

## Applying online is faster and easier

There are 2 ways to apply for a MES online.

1. Use the MES dashboard in the Individual Healthcare Identifiers (IHI) service through myGov.

You can also use the dashboard to:

- track the progress of your application
- upload documents for your application
- download and print your statements.

2. Apply online using your myGov account.

If you cannot apply online, or are a tax agent, use this form.

## When to use this form

Use this form if you are claiming an exemption from the Medicare levy and need a MES showing you are not eligible for Medicare.

## Medicare Entitlement Statement eligibility

You may get a MES if you were not eligible for Medicare for all or part of a financial year.

Before you apply for a MES, check that you were not eligible for Medicare. Even if you do not have a Medicare card, you may still have been eligible.

If you were eligible for Medicare for the whole financial year, you cannot get a MES.

You may get a MES if you were:

- an Australian permanent resident and lived outside Australia for 12 months or more
- a temporary visa holder and you had not applied for permanent residence, excluding Skilled Work Regional visa and Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional visa holders
- a temporary visa holder, and you are not eligible for Medicare under a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement
- a New Zealand citizen who spent less than 6 months in Australia within a 12 month period
- an Australian citizen living overseas for 5 years or more.

## Medicare levy exemption

- A MES tells you the period during a financial year that you were not eligible for Medicare.
- If you were not eligible for Medicare, you might be exempt from paying the Medicare levy in your tax return.
- You must get a new MES each year you claim a Medicare levy exemption. A previous exemption does not mean you will get an exemption every year.
- We will write to you if we need more information or if your application for a MES is not approved.
- If we approve your application, we will send your MES to the address you tell us in the form.
- You will need to tell the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) you have a MES when you do your income tax return. You need your MES before you can start. Keep the MES for your records.
- The ATO will decide if you need to pay the Medicare levy.
- You should only apply for a MES for a previous financial year. If you are leaving Australia, you can apply for the current financial year and lodge your application up to 4 weeks before your departure date. We will not process your application until you leave.

## Documents you need

You need to give us a copy of the photo page of your passport to prove your identity.

You may also need to give us a copy of:

- your current visa
- the letter from the Department of Home Affairs showing the date your application for permanent residency was received
- the letter from the Department of Home Affairs showing the date your application for permanent residency was approved, withdrawn or refused
- the letter showing you have appealed the decision to refuse your application for permanent residency
- proof you have requested ministerial intervention
- your European Health Insurance Card or other proof of health insurance.

Your proof of health insurance must show an expiry date if you are from one of these countries:

- Belgium
- Finland
- Italy
- the Netherlands
- Norway
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- the United Kingdom.

## For more information

Go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/medicareentitlement](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/medicareentitlement)



**12** Is the postal address provided in question 11 a tax agent's address?

No

Yes

### Eligibility for Medicare

**13** What country was the applicant living in for **6 months or more** before arriving in Australia?

**14** How long was the applicant residing in that country?

Years  and/or months

**15** Does the applicant hold current or expired health or medical insurance in Belgium, Finland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden or the United Kingdom (for example, European Health Insurance card, Tessera Sanitaria or AIRE registration)?

No

Yes



Provide a copy of the current or expired health or medical insurance documentation, showing the expiry date.

**16** Is the applicant from Finland, Malta or Norway?

No  **Go to 18**

Yes

**17** Did the applicant enter Australia on a student visa?

No

Yes

**18** Has the applicant lodged an application for permanent residency (other than a parent visa) with the Department of Home Affairs, this includes applications for Spouse Combined visas (subclass 820/801) and (subclass 309/100)?

No  **Go to 19**

Yes  Give details below

### Application 1

**A** Date application lodged (DD MM YYYY)



Provide a copy of the letter showing the date your application for permanent residency was received. This can be the acknowledgement letter the Department of Home Affairs sent to you by post, email or in your ImmiAccount.

**B** Is the application for permanent residency that is being considered by the Department of Home Affairs, still ongoing?

No

Yes  **Go to 19**

**C** The application for permanent residency was:

#### Tick one only

Approved  Date (DD MM YYYY)

**Go to 20**

Withdrawn  Date (DD MM YYYY)

**Go to 20**

Refused  Date (DD MM YYYY)

**Go to D**



Provide a copy of the letter showing the date your application for permanent residency was approved, withdrawn or refused. This can be the letter the Department of Home Affairs sent to you by post, email or in your ImmiAccount.

**D** Has the applicant lodged an appeal against that decision?

No

Yes



Provide proof that you have lodged an appeal against your refused application for permanent residency or that you have requested ministerial intervention.

**Application 2** (if the applicant has lodged more than one application for permanent residency)

**A** Date application lodged (DD MM YYYY)

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Provide a copy of the letter showing the date your application for permanent residency was received. This can be the acknowledgement letter the Department of Home Affairs sent to you by post, email or in your ImmiAccount.

**B** Is the application for permanent residency, that is being considered by the Department of Home Affairs, still ongoing?

No

Yes  **Go to 19**

**C** The application for permanent residency was:

**Tick one only**

Approved  Date (DD MM YYYY)

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**Go to 20**

Withdrawn  Date (DD MM YYYY)

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**Go to 20**

Refused  Date (DD MM YYYY)

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**Go to D**



Provide a copy of the letter showing the date your application for permanent residency was approved, withdrawn or refused. This can be the letter the Department of Home Affairs sent to you by post, email or in your ImmiAccount.

**D** Has the applicant lodged an appeal against that decision?

No

Yes



Provide proof that you have lodged an appeal against your refused application for permanent residency or that you have requested ministerial intervention.

If the applicant has lodged more than 2 applications for permanent residency, provide a separate sheet with details.

**19** Has the applicant lodged an application for permanent residency with the Department of Home Affairs under parent category (Aged parent or Contributory parent)?

No

Yes  Aged parent  or Contributory parent

Date application lodged (DD MM YYYY)

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**Claiming period**

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- A separate application must be completed for each financial year.
- We are **unable** to certify any period after the date this application is completed.
- All periods **must** be in the same financial year.

Which financial year is the applicant applying for?

1 July 20						to	30 June 20							
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**21**

Is the applicant leaving Australia permanently before the end of the current financial year?

No  Submit your application **from 1 July**

Yes  Expected departure date (DD MM YYYY)

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**Checklist**

**22** Which of the following documents are you providing with this form?

If you are not sure, check the question to see if you should provide the documents.

A copy of the photo page of the applicant's passport

A copy of the current or expired health or medical insurance documentation, showing the expiry date. (if you answered Yes at **question 15**)

A copy of the letter showing the date your application for permanent residency was received. (if you answered **question 18A**)

A copy of the letter showing the date your application for permanent residency was approved, withdrawn or refused. (if you answered **question 18C**)

Proof that you have lodged an appeal against your refused application for permanent residency or that you have requested ministerial intervention. (if you answered Yes at **question 18D**)

## Privacy notice

- 23** The privacy and security of your personal information is important to us, and is protected by law. We collect this information so we can process and manage your applications and payments, and provide services to you. We only share your information with other parties where you have agreed, or where the law allows or requires it. For more information, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacypolicy](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacypolicy)

## Declaration

This declaration **must** be completed **by the applicant**.

### 24 I declare that:

- I have provided all relevant documents
- I have read and understood the **Privacy notice**
- for the period(s) specified in question 20, I was a resident of Australia for taxation purposes, and at the same time I was **not eligible** for Medicare benefits, nor Medicare benefits under a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement
- the information I have provided in this form is complete and correct.

### I consent to:

- Services Australia confirming my immigration and visa details with the Department of Home Affairs.

### I authorise:

- Services Australia to use, share and record my Medicare information where it is relevant for processing my application and related purposes.

### I understand that:

- information regarding this application is exchanged between Services Australia and the Australian Taxation Office for the purposes of assessing and confirming eligibility for a Medicare Entitlement Statement and the Medicare levy exemption
- health, tax and privacy laws may apply to the handling of my information
- if my declaration is incorrect, I may not be issued with a Medicare Entitlement Statement
- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

I have read, understood and agree to the above.

Applicant's full name

Date (DD MM YYYY) (you **must** date this declaration)

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## Returning this form

Return this form and any supporting documents by:

- **post to**  
Services Australia  
Medicare Entitlement Statement Unit  
GPO Box 9822  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Your tax agent can also return this form and any supporting documents by post or email.

- There may be risks with sending personal information through unsecured networks or email channels.

Make sure your documents are:

- in PDF, JPG, PNG, GIF or BMP format
- not password protected, or in a WinZip or RAR file
- no larger than 5 megabytes (MB) for each document
- no larger than 10 MB in total for all documents.

If you are a tax agent sending applications for multiple applicants, a separate email **must** be sent for each applicant. If the applicant has multiple applications for different financial years, they can be sent in one email.