School leavers

Are you getting ready to leave high-school?

There are things you can do online to get prepared.

The best way to start is by creating a myGov account at **my.gov.au**

myGov gives you access to a range of government services online.

You’ll be able to do things like request your own Medicare card and apply for a student payment.

You can also get a Tax File Number online.

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Medicare card

If you’re 15 or older, there are ways you can request your own Medicare card.

To start, sign in to your myGov account and link Medicare. If you’re on your parents’ Medicare card, use that number to link.

You can then request your own Medicare card using your Medicare online account.

From the Menu, choose My Card then Get your own Medicare card and follow the instructions.

You can also download the Express Plus Medicare mobile app to access your digital card.

Using your Medicare online account, you can manage your details and Medicare claims as well as access your vaccination history.

For more information, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicarecardat15](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicarecardat15)

Student payments

You may be eligible for student payments like Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY.

To claim these, you usually need to be studying full-time, or doing a full-time Australian Apprenticeship.

To get a payment, you’ll need your own Centrelink online account. You can get this by linking Centrelink to your myGov account.

You’ll need to prove who you are. You can do this through a video call, or at a service centre.

You can claim your payment up to 13 weeks before your course starts.

For more information, go to [**servicesaustralia.gov.au/studentpayments**](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/studentpayments)

Tax File Number

To claim a Centrelink payment, you’ll first need a Tax File Number.

You can apply for one through the Australian Taxation Office.

You’ll need to fill out a form on the ATO’s website and then take it to a post office. You’ll also need to show some photo ID.

Your Tax File Number can take up to 28 days to be sent to you.

For more information, go to[**ato.gov.au**](http://ato.gov.au/tfn)