



# How to Apply Online for Medicare Only

It's so easy! Just go to *www.ssa.gov*

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The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration

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**Please Note:**  
We will ask you to create or sign in to your *my* Social Security account when you start the application. You will receive an additional Terms of Service if you need to create an account.

**Apply Online for Retirement/Medicare Benefits**

**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**  
After signing in to your *my* Social Security account, 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.

or

**Video Introduction**  
Helpful hints for applying online  
1 minute

**More Information**

- When to Start Receiving Retirement Benefits
- Other Ways To Apply for Benefits
- Your Right to Representation
- Information in Other Languages

**Your privacy is important.**  
For details about our use of your information, we encourage you to read our Privacy Act Statement.

## Welcome to the Social Security Benefit Application

- Apply for benefits by selecting “Start a New Application.”
- If you take a break during the application process, select “Return to Saved Application Process” to resume where you left off.

## Information About You

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

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**Information About Applicant**

**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.
- Check the status of your completed application.

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Identification General Other Benefits Remarks & Options Review & Sign

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

Re-entry Number: **35467647**

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, sign in to 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.

**In this section...**

- Applicant Identification
- Contact Information
- Birth and Citizenship
- Medicare Information
- Re-entry Number

## Medicare-only Decision

Choose to sign up for Medicare only and delay filing for retirement benefits at this time

## Questions About Your Health Benefits

- Group health plan information.
- Employment information.
- Health insurance information.

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

## Contacting Social Security

The most convenient way to do business with us from anywhere, on any device, is to visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). There are several things you can do online: apply for benefits; get useful information; find publications; and get answers to frequently asked questions.

Or, you can call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213** or at **1-800-325-0778** (TTY) if you're deaf or hard of hearing. We can answer your call from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekdays. You can also use our automated services via telephone, 24 hours a day. We look forward to serving you.



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