



Medicare Enrollment Checklist

You have **three options** when you are ready to sign up for Medicare.

You can apply **by phone, online, or in person** at a U.S. Social Security Administration office or online. It is best to make an appointment first if you want to go in person.

What you need to sign up in person:

- **Original or certified copy of your birth certificate**
(or other proof of birth)
- **Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency if not born in the U.S.**
- **Social Security card**
(if you are already receiving benefits)
- **Copy of your W-2 form(s) and/or self-employment tax return for last year**
- **U.S. military discharge papers if you served before 1968**
- **Health insurance information**
(type and dates of coverage)

What you need to sign up online:

- **Date and place of birth.**
(Permanent Resident Card number if born outside the U.S.)
- **Health insurance information**
(Start and end dates for group coverage and employment)

If you are applying for a spouse in person at the Social Security Office, or signing up for Medicare by phone at 800.772.1213, **you may need to submit additional information.**

