



Application for a Medicare provider number and/or PBS prescriber number for a midwife or nurse practitioner

Important information

Complete this form if you are:

- an eligible midwife or nurse practitioner applying for an initial or additional Medicare Australia provider number; and/or
- an eligible midwife or nurse practitioner under section 84AAF/84AAJ of the *National Health Act 1953* applying for a prescriber number. You must have successfully undertaken an approved prescribing qualification, to be an authorised midwife or nurse practitioner for the purposes of prescribing pharmaceutical benefits under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Access to Medicare Australia services

Eligible midwives and nurse practitioners must apply for a unique provider number for each required location. A separate form must also be completed for a unique provider number for each profession in which you practice.

Medicare Australia provider numbers are allocated to midwives and nurse practitioners eligible to provide services listed within the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). The provider number also provides a method of identifying the location from which a service is provided.

Medicare Australia provider numbers are also allocated to midwives and nurse practitioners for the purposes of enabling these health professionals to request certain diagnostic imaging and eligible pathology services as set out in the MBS.

The Health Insurance Regulations provide that, for Medicare purposes, a valid account or receipt must contain the practitioner's name and either:

- the address of the place of practice from which the service was provided or
- the provider number for the place of practice from which the service was provided.

Payment of claims could be delayed or disallowed where it is not possible to clearly identify the services that qualify for Medicare benefits from account details or identify the midwife or nurse practitioner as a registered professional at the place of practice.

Eligibility for a provider number and a prescriber number

An eligible midwife or nurse practitioner is defined as:

- a person who is registered as a midwife and/or nurse practitioner, or authorised (however described) to practise midwifery and/or as a nurse practitioner, by or under law of a state or an internal territory that provides for the registration of midwives and/or nurse practitioners, or the authorisation of persons to practise midwifery and/or as a nurse practitioner.

Provider number

A midwife or nurse practitioner applying for a provider number must be in private practice, and services claimed under this initiative must be performed while working in a private capacity.

An application for a provider number from a midwife or nurse practitioner will be treated as an application to participate in eligible programs administered by Medicare Australia and activate eligibility to request certain diagnostic imaging and pathology services as listed in the MBS for use in private practice only.

Prescriber number

An application for a prescriber number from a midwife or nurse practitioner will be treated as an application to participate in prescribing pharmaceutical benefits under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Electronic Funds Transfer payments

Medicare and Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) benefits for bulk bill claims can be paid into a nominated bank account by completing the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) details at question 18.

Personal contact details

Recording of contact details is optional, your email or mailing address will be used for general correspondence. These details must be kept up-to-date to ensure important Medicare Australia information reaches you.

You can update your contact details via the Health Professional Online Services (HPOS). You will need a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) individual certificate to access the full range of HPOS services. To register for PKI go to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/hpos

Assistance

If you need assistance completing this form call **132 150** (call charges will apply) between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday. For more information email medicare.prov@medicareaustralia.gov.au

Lodgement

Send the completed form to:

Provider Eligibility Section

PO Box 9822

in your capital city

or fax to:

NSW **02 9895 3439**

NT **08 8922 6322**

ACT **02 9895 3439**

SA **08 8274 9307**

VIC **03 9605 7984**

WA **08 9214 8201**

QLD **07 3004 5634**

TAS **03 6215 5700**

When forms are faxed, you must retain your original documents for auditing purposes.

Print in **BLOCK LETTERS**

Tick where applicable

Applicant's details

A provider number will be issued in the name in which you are registered.

1 Medicare provider number (if applicable)

2 Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

First given name

Other given name(s)

3 Date of birth

4 Your sex

Male

Female

5 I would like to apply for:

an initial provider number *Complete up to question 19.*

an additional provider number/location *Complete questions 15–19.*

a prescriber number *If you already have a provider number go to questions 19 and 20, if not, complete questions 6–20.*

Personal contact details

6 Postal address

Postcode

7 Daytime phone number

Mobile phone number

Fax number

Pager number

Email address

@

8 Do you want the above details recorded as your preferred contact details?

No

Yes

Profession

9 One application form per profession (tick one box only).

Midwife

Nurse practitioner

10 Professional qualification

11 Place obtained

12 Year obtained

13 Languages spoken (other than English)

Registration details

14 National registration number

If you do not have a national registration number you will need to complete the following and attach a copy of documents confirming registration with the relevant state or territory board.

State or territory

Registration number

Required location

15 Start date

End date

Practice name/building

Property/department

Suite/unit number

Floor/level number

Practice address (this is the physical address where you will render services)

Postcode

Daytime number

Fax number

Email

@

Is this a government funded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health service?

No

Yes



If applying for more than one location, you must complete 15–18 for each location by attaching a separate sheet with details.

16 Does this practice use Medicare Online?

No

Yes What is the Practice Management Software Location ID?

17 Does this practice use Medicare Easyclaim?

No

Yes Which financial institution supplies the EFTPOS device?

Bank account details

Payment cannot be made into credit card, loan or mortgage accounts.

18 Name of bank, building society or credit union

Branch where the account is held

Branch number (BSB)

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Account number (this may not be the card number)

Account held in the name(s)

The nominated account for this location will be used for other Medicare and DVA benefits payments.



If you are applying for additional locations, complete separate EFT details (if applicable) for each location.

Declaration

19 I declare that:

- the information on this form is correct.

Applicant's signature

Date

Prescriber number

In order to prescribe pharmaceutical benefits under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, you will need to have a prescriber number. You must have endorsement to prescribe medication.

20 I hereby apply as an eligible midwife or nurse practitioner, under section 84AAF / 84AAJ of the *National Health Act 1953* to be an authorised midwife or nurse practitioner for the purposes of prescribing pharmaceutical benefits under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Applicant's signature

Date

Privacy note

The information on this form will be used to determine your eligibility to participate in the Medicare program and assess your application for a provider number. The information may also be used to allocate a prescriber number that will enable you to participate in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. The collection of this information is authorised by the *Health Insurance Act 1973* and the *National Health Act 1953*. This information may be disclosed to the Department of Health and Ageing, Department of Veterans' Affairs, other government agencies, relevant medical boards, private health funds or as authorised or required by law. Your bank account details will be disclosed to the relevant financial institutions to facilitate payment of your claims.

For office use only

Issuing of prescriber number approved

Date

Authorised midwife or nurse practitioner prescriber number

Advice of approval despatched