



Medicare enrolment

Children adopted from overseas

medicare



Medicare eligibility

To enrol in Medicare it must be established if your child is eligible.

When an adopted child enters Australia:

- on a permanent resident visa, they are eligible for enrolment in Medicare from the date of their arrival in Australia
- on a temporary visa and an application for permanent resident status has been lodged, they are eligible for enrolment in Medicare from the date of their arrival in Australia
- on a temporary resident visa and an application for permanent resident status has not been lodged, they are ineligible for enrolment in Medicare. When an application for permanent resident status is lodged, the child will be eligible for Medicare from the date of lodgment of the application for permanent residency.

Enrolling your child

Once your child's eligibility has been established you will need to visit your local Medicare office (your child does not need to be with you), with these documents:

- completed Medicare enrolment application form
- passport (for your child)
- valid visa (for your child)
 - either a permanent resident visa or
 - temporary resident visa
- documentation showing the child has been adopted or that the adoption is in progress
- your Medicare card
- if an application for permanent resident status has been made within Australia, the document from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship stating an application has been received

- if your child is to be enrolled under a different name to that on their passport and visa, we need to see some form of documentation that shows your child's legal name, such as:
 - adoption papers
 - new birth certificate
 - change of name certificate.

Exception: Where the adoption is in progress and both parents agree for your child to be known by your name, it will be necessary for you to provide a letter from the adoption agency confirming the child's known by name.

For more information

Online www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Email medicare@medicareaustralia.gov.au

Write **Medicare Australia**
GPO Box 9822
in your capital city

Call **132 011***

TTY **1800 552 152**** (hearing and speech impaired)

TIS **131 450*** (Translating and Interpreting Service)

If you need help translating this information call the TIS on **131 450***

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Serbian - Ако вам је потребна помоћ да преведете информације, назовите TIS на 131 450*

Spanish - Si necesita ayuda para traducir esta información, llame al TIS al 131 450*

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