



# Medicare enrolment

## Returning residents

medicare



This advice relates to Medicare enrolment for:

- an Australian citizen/Norfolk Island resident returning to Australia to live after an absence of five years or more
- a permanent resident visa holder (previously enrolled in Medicare) returning to Australia to live after an absence of 12 months or more.

The following documents are necessary:

- completed *Medicare enrolment application* form
- completed statutory declaration (confirming they have returned to reside)
- passports for all people listed on the application
- documents to confirm residency.

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the necessary documentation to establish they are living in Australia.

**Note:** all Australian Government employees continue to remain eligible for Medicare regardless of the length of time they are working overseas. It may be necessary to provide evidence of employment.

### Documents to confirm residency—two of any of the following documents

Documents from another country:

- sale of property (sale agreement)
- cessation of lease agreement for rental of property
- termination of employment (acceptance of resignation by employer)
- transit document for household goods, and/or furniture
- closure of bank accounts, cancellation of health or property/contents insurance.

Documents from Australia:

- purchase of property (purchase agreement), gas/electricity account/s in same name
- lease agreement for rental of property, gas/electricity accounts in same name

- evidence of employment
- evidence of children at school/university
- private health insurance in Australia, opening of bank accounts, property/contents insurance.

If you are experiencing difficulty in providing the above documents, call Medicare Australia on **132 011\*** or visit your local Medicare office.

**Note:** documents must be originals or certified copies. Photocopying facilities are not available in Medicare offices.

### For more information

Online [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)

Email [medicare@medicareaustralia.gov.au](mailto: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\***.

Arabic - إذا احتجت لمساعدة في ترجمة هذه المعلومات، يمكنك الإتصال بخدمة الترجمة التحريرية والشفهية على الرقم\*131 450

Korean - 본 정보의 이해를 위해 번역사의 도움이 필요하시면, 131 450\*번으로 TIS에 전화하십시오

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\*

Turkish - Bu bilgiyi tercüme etmek için yardıma ihtiyacınız varsa 131 450\* numaradan TIS'i arayınız

Vietnamese - Nếu quý vị cần nhờ dịch thông tin này xin gọi cho TIS số 131 450\*

\* Call charges apply.

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