

Medicare Eligibility Age Chart

Eligibility Requirements for Seniors

- Age 65 or older.
- 10+ years of work history (your own or your spouse's).
- Lawfully present in the United States with a long-term residence status. Tourist visits do not count.
- Eligibility includes green card holders or those with a work permit contributing to the required work history.

Age	Details
Age 64	Not yet eligible. However, it is recommended you start learning about Medicare and explore your options.
Age 64.5 to 65	Book an appointment with a Medicare agent to explore options and get questions answered.
Age 64 and 9 months to 65 years and 3 months (Initial Enrollment Period):	<p>Eligibility to sign up for Medicare for the first time.</p> <p>Coverage start varies by when you apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-3 months before 65th birthday: Coverage starts on the 1st day of the birthday month. • During the birthday month: Coverage starts 1 month after sign-up. • 1 month after the 65th birthday: Coverage starts 2 months after sign-up. • 2 months after the 65th birthday: Coverage starts 3 months after sign-up. • 3 months after the 65th birthday: Coverage starts 3 months after sign-up.

Annual Enrollment Period (AEP): October 15 to December 7 annually.

During AEP, you can enroll in or change Medicare plans.
Any new enrollments or changes take effect on January 1 of the following year.