

Before you sign up for Original Medicare, here is the information you'll want to have handy.



Your date and place of birth



Your Social Security number



Social Security numbers of any spouses along with the date and place of any marriages and divorces



The amount of Social Security work credits you've earned while working abroad



Proof of citizenship (this could be your birth certificate if you were born in the U.S.) or permanent residency if you're not a citizen



Details about your employment for the current year and prior two years. This includes the name of your employer and the start and end date of your employment, if applicable. It's a good idea to have access to your W-2 forms for the previous two years.



If you receive health insurance through your spouse's employer, you'll also want to have information about your spouse's employment for the current year and previous two years.



The names and ages of any children you have who are under age 18



The names and ages of any children you have who had a disability before age 22



Information about any federal pension you receive now or will receive in the future



Know if you've ever applied for Social Security benefits in the past or whether anyone has ever applied on your behalf