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myTax 2017 Private health insurance

How to report your private health insurance information in your return using myTax.

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We have pre-filled your tax return with private health insurance policy details provided to us. Check for additional policies you held that are not pre-filled and ensure you add them.

If you were covered as a dependent child on a family policy, use the information shown on the statement for that policy.

Completing this section

Note: If you are an overseas visitor, for more information and instructions on how to complete the **Medicare levy surcharge** and this section, see Overseas visitors.

You will need a statement from your registered health insurer. If you did not receive a statement, contact your insurer. Your tax return may be delayed if you do not use your statement and the private health insurance details you provide are incorrect.

If you had more than one private health insurance policy, complete the following steps for each policy.

1. At **Private health insurance policies**, select **Add**.

2. Select the **Health insurer ID**, shown at **B** on your statement.

3. Enter your **Membership number**, shown at **C** on your statement.

For each policy, complete the following steps for each line of information on your statement.

4. At **Policy details**, select **Add**.

5. Select your **Tax claim code**. We may have pre-filled the tax claim code for you based on your last year's tax return.
For more information, see [Working out your tax claim code](#).
If you selected the following tax claim codes, you do not need to enter any other information for that line. Go to step 10.
E – Your spouse is claiming your share of the rebate.
F – You were covered as a dependent child on a private health insurance policy.

6. Enter **Your premiums eligible for Australian Government rebate**, shown at **J** on your statement. Do not show a percentage.

7. Enter **Your Australian Government rebate received**, shown at **K** on your statement. Do not show a percentage.

8. Select the **Benefit code**, shown at **L** on your statement.

9. If you had a spouse on 30 June 2017 and the **Tax claim code** you selected is **C**, answer the question **Do you want to claim your spouse's share?**
If **Yes**, your spouse's share will be automatically completed with tax claim code **D**.

10. Select **Save**.

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Working out your tax claim code

Instructions to decide which tax claim code you should select.

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1. On 30 June 2017, were you:

Status	Next step
Single?	Go to **step 2**
Married or de facto (including if your spouse died during 2016–17 and you did not have another spouse before 30 June 2017)?	Go to **step 3**

2. Select the code letter that best describes your circumstances.

Dependants	Code
You have no dependants. **Note**: If you had dependants in your previous tax return but don't have them anymore, you need to change the Number of dependent children in the Income tests section. **Tax claim code A** will then be available for selection.	**Tax claim code A**
• You have a dependent child (your child or a sibling who is dependent on you for economic support), or • You paid for a dependent-child-only policy.	**Tax claim code B**
You were covered as a dependent child on a private health insurance policy.	**Tax claim code F**

3. Select the code letter that best describes your circumstances.

Circumstances	Code

• You are claiming your share of the rebate, or • You are a parent claiming for a dependent-child-only policy.	**Tax claim code C**
Your spouse is claiming your share of the rebate.	**Tax claim code E**

4. Do you want to claim your spouse's share?

You can choose to claim your spouse's share of the rebate on their behalf if both of you meet all of the following three criteria. Both of you:

• were covered under the same policy

• were covered for the same period of time

• were together on 30 June 2017.

Yes or No	Spouse's share
Yes	Your spouse's share will be automatically completed with **Tax claim code D** Select **Save**.
No	Select **Save**.

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Overseas visitors

How overseas visitors should complete the Medicare levy surcharge and Private health insurance sections.

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If you are an overseas visitor, how you complete **Medicare levy surcharge** and **Private health insurance** in myTax depends on your circumstances, such as:

- If you have an overseas health insurer

- If you have a complying health insurance policy

- If you are not eligible for Medicare

- If you have overseas student or overseas visitor health cover

If you have an overseas health insurer

If your private health insurance provider is an overseas provider that is not registered in Australia, you will not be eligible for any rebate on your policy, and you may need to pay the Medicare levy surcharge if you don't meet the conditions for a Medicare levy exemption.

When completing myTax, you should:

At Medicare levy surcharge

1. Answer **No** to the question **Were you and all of your dependants covered by an appropriate level of private patient hospital cover from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?**

2. Indicate the **Number of days you do not have to pay the surcharge**. In some instances, myTax may determine for you that you do not have to pay the Medicare levy surcharge.
For more information, see Medicare levy surcharge.

At Private health insurance

3. Not enter any **Private health insurance policies**.

If you have a complying health insurance policy

You will receive a private health insurance statement from your insurance provider if:

- you have an Australian-registered complying health insurance policy

- you are eligible for Medicare

- you are a private health insurance incentive beneficiary (PHIIB).

When completing myTax, if you and all your dependents were covered under a complying health insurance policy for the full year with the appropriate level of private patient hospital cover, you should:

At Medicare levy surcharge

1. Answer **Yes** to the question **Were you and all of your dependants covered by an appropriate level of private patient hospital cover from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?**

At Private health insurance

2. Enter your **Private health insurance policies**. For more information, see [Completing this section](#).

If you are not eligible for Medicare

If you are an overseas visitor who is not eligible for Medicare, you are not entitled to any private health insurance rebate.

However, you can still purchase a complying health insurance policy with an Australian-registered health insurer. You will receive a private health insurance statement. Your statement will show the amount of premiums paid (at label J), while the rebate received at label K will be zero ($0).

If the complying health insurance policy provides you and all of your dependants with the appropriate level of private patient hospital cover, you will be eligible to claim an exemption from the Medicare levy surcharge.

When completing myTax, you should:

At Medicare levy surcharge

1. Answer **No** to the question **Were you and all of your dependants covered by an appropriate level of private patient hospital cover from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?**

2. Indicate the **Number of days you do not have to pay the surcharge**.
   In some instances, myTax may determine for you that you do not have to pay the Medicare levy surcharge.
   If not, and you and all of your dependants, including your spouse, were covered under the appropriate level of private patient hospital cover for the full year, enter **365** into **Number of days you do not have to pay the surcharge**.
   Otherwise, see Medicare levy surcharge to determine what to enter into **Number of days you do not have to pay the surcharge**.

At Private health insurance

3. Not enter any **Private health insurance policies**.

If you have overseas student or overseas visitor health cover

If you are an overseas visitor, you can purchase Overseas student health cover (OSHC) or Overseas visitors health cover (OVHC) from an Australian-registered health insurer. These are not complying health insurance policies, and you will not be eligible for the private health insurance rebate.

When completing myTax as an overseas visitor with OSHC or OVHC, you should:

At Medicare levy surcharge

1. Answer **No** to the question **Were you and all of your dependants covered by an appropriate level of private patient hospital cover from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?**

2. Indicate the **Number of days you do not have to pay the surcharge**.
   In some instances, myTax may determine for you that you do not have to pay the Medicare levy surcharge.
   For more information, see Medicare levy surcharge.

At Private health insurance

3. Not enter any **Private health insurance policies**.

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