

FAQs - GP fellows applying for specialist registration

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What are the changes to Medicare?

Commonwealth Government changes to the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, which came into effect on 16 June 2021, mean access to Medicare rebates is linked to specialist registration with the Medical Board of Australia.

Services Australia now use Ahpra's Register of Medical Practitioners to determine GP access to Medicare rebates.

GPs with a fellowship qualification from RACGP or ACRRM must hold specialist registration with the Medical Board to access Medicare rebates.

More information is available on the [Department of Health website](#).

How are RACGP/ACRRM fellows affected?

If you have a fellowship qualification from RACGP or ACCRM, you must hold specialist registration in general practice with the Medical Board of Australia to access GP Medicare rebates.

I am a GP fellow with general registration. What do I need to do?

If you are fellow of RACGP or ACRRM and you *do not* hold specialist registration in general practice, you need to apply to Ahpra for specialist registration.

You can check what type of registration you have on [Ahpra's public register](#).

You can hold both general and specialist registration.

I am a GP fellow with specialist registration. What do I need to do?

Nothing. If you already hold specialist registration as a general practitioner, you do not need to do anything. You can continue accessing specialist GP rebates through Medicare.

I am a GP fellow and I have recently applied for specialist registration. What do I need to do?

Nothing. If you have already lodged your application to the Medical Board, you will hear from us soon if we need anything further from you or if we have granted specialist registration.

How can I find out whether I hold specialist GP registration?

You can check your current registration status by searching [Ahpra's public register](#), or login to view your registration details in your [online services account](#).

How do I apply for specialist registration?

- Submit the [application for specialist registration form \(ASPC-30\)](#). There is a one-off application fee of \$203 for applicants who currently hold general registration.
- If you don't hold general registration, submit the [application for registration as a medical specialist form \(AGSP-30\)](#). There is an application fee and a registration fee.