



Budget 2024-25

This information is accurate as of 14 May 2024.

Health workforce

Currently, internationally qualified health practitioners must fill in several forms with different government bodies to get a Medicare provider number.

This measure streamlines the process for internationally qualified health practitioners to get a Medicare provider number. The reduced wait time will allow appropriately credentialed internationally qualified health practitioners to start providing services sooner in the Australian health system.

Services Australia will get \$15 million through to 2025–26 to establish required system and business capabilities to automate issuing of Medicare provider numbers.

This measure is led by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure is subject to legislation passing.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects internationally qualified health practitioners seeking to provide health services in Australia.

When will this start and finish?

The changes will be delivered iteratively in 2024–25 and 2025–26.