

Application for Premium Support Scheme

1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR THE PREMIUM SUPPORT SCHEME (PSS) FOR THE 2008/09 YEAR.

The Premium Support Scheme has been established by the Australian Government to provide financial assistance with medical indemnity premiums. You must apply separately for each year that you wish to be assessed for eligibility. The scheme requires also that you provide a Statutory Declaration of your Actual Income in order to be eligible. Completing this form does not automatically entitle you to a PSS payment. If you are entitled to a PSS payment, we will claim the payment directly from Medicare Australia and invoice you for the balance of your premium. If your premium has already been paid in full, we will refund the amount of the PSS payment.

For more details of the scheme, please refer to the PSS Information Booklet effective 1 January 2008.

To be eligible for a PSS payment you must be one of the following:

- a medical practitioner whose Gross Indemnity Costs for the premium period exceed 7.5% of their Estimated Income; or
- a procedural general practitioner practising in a rural area (Level 3-7 of RRMA); or
- a medical practitioner who has received a payment under the Medical Indemnity Subsidy Scheme (MISS) and who meets certain requirements; or
- a medical practitioner who works only in the public sector (thereby earning no income from private practice) but has a contract of insurance which provides run-off cover or retroactive cover for incidents that occurred in connection with past private medical practice. This does not include an insurance contract which only provides cover for medico-legal costs and/or damages in respect of gratuitous services.

The premium period referred to in this form is 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

Name	Member Number
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1. Provider Number

1.1 What is your provider number?

Note: Any valid provider number is acceptable.

2. Gross Private Billings

2.1 Please provide an estimate of your Gross Private Billings[^] for the premium period.

Note: Do NOT provide a billings band. A dollar amount must be stated.

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[^] The term Gross Private Billings is taken to have the same meaning as Actual Income. See below for the definition of Actual Income.

2.2 If you are not indemnified by your employer for civil claims arising from medical services provided by you in the public sector and you purchase professional indemnity for this work, please provide an estimate of your Gross Annual Billings from this work for the premium period.

(Please note you may need to apply to MDA National Insurance Pty Ltd (MDA National Insurance) ABN 56 058 271 417 for an endorsement to have such cover. Please call Member Services on 1800 011 255 if you require further information.)

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For the purposes of the PSS, Actual Income is defined as the total of all billings generated by you from the provision by you of private medical services (including without limitation Medicare benefits, payments by individuals, and payments by the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs, workers' compensation schemes and third party and/or vehicle insurers) whether retained by you or otherwise and before any apportionment or deduction of any expenses and/or tax. If as part of your medical practice you derive income from any other sources (i.e. professional fees, incentive payments, etc) this income must be included in the declaration of Actual Income.

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3. Gross Indemnity Costs

3.1 For the premium period, will you pay any run-off or retroactive cover premiums, medical indemnity subscriptions or UMP Support Payments other than those you will pay to us?

YES NO

Note: Refer to definition of Gross Indemnity Costs below.

Gross Indemnity Costs means, for a premium period, costs charged to you, or for which you are liable, comprising the premium payable to your insurer that is for medical indemnity cover in respect of your private medical services, MDO Membership subscription, UMP Support Payment (if any), costs payable for retroactive or run-off cover and 50% of any risk surcharge charged to you. DO NOT INCLUDE GST, stamp duty, capital calls, excess payments or deductibles, charges imposed by an insurer for late payment of any of these costs (including the premium), costs for previous premium periods except the costs of retroactive cover or run-off cover, late payment penalties under the Medical Indemnity Act 2002 or any amount of premium for a policy that primarily covers the employees of a medical practitioner or an entity that runs a medical practice (being a company, partnership or other entity).

3.2 If YES, please provide the amount and indicate the reason for such payments.

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Run-off or retroactive cover premium

MDO Membership subscription

UMPSP

Note: In order to calculate your eligibility, we will add the amounts you declare here to your 2008/09 MDA National subscription and MDA National Insurance premium.

4. Overseas Practice

4.1 During the premium period, will you be practising overseas for a period of more than 6 months?

YES NO

5. Procedural General Practitioners Only

5.1 If you are a procedural GP, will you practice in a rural area (Level 3-7 RRMA) during the premium period?

If NO, please proceed to Section 6.

YES NO

5.2 If YES, please provide the street address of your rural practice/hospital.

5.3 During the premium period will you practice in a rural area (Level 3-7 RRMA) and solely perform non-therapeutic cosmetic procedures?

Note: If you provided at least one procedure which is not a non-therapeutic cosmetic procedure answer NO. Non-therapeutic cosmetic procedures are those procedures NOT mentioned in the General Medical Services Table under the Health Insurance Act (1973) (i.e. procedures NOT claimable under Medicare). If you answer YES, you may not be eligible for the PSS.

YES NO

6. PSS Debts

6.1 Have you been overpaid a PSS payment in a previous premium period and not yet repaid the insurer?

YES

NO

7. Declaration

1. I understand that by completing this declaration and providing information in this form, I am applying for a PSS payment under the Australian Government Premium Support Scheme for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.
2. I understand that the terms and conditions of the Premium Support Scheme are set out in legislation and are subject to change from time to time. I accept the terms and conditions of the scheme that are in force as at the date of my application.
3. I understand and agree that I remain liable to pay all premiums and Gross Indemnity Costs until a final decision is made regarding my eligibility for a PSS payment and that any payments made to me or on my behalf under the scheme to which I am not entitled is a debt I owe to MDA National Insurance and is immediately due and payable.
4. I agree that with respect to the premium period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, MDA National Insurance and Medical Defence Association of Western Australia (Incorporated) (the Association) may release to Medicare Australia and any agency or department of, or other body or person authorised by, the Commonwealth Government as may require it for the purposes of calculating or administering or auditing the PSS, information relating to me and my insurance cover relevant to the PSS or my eligibility for the PSS, including the information provided in this form and any other information that MDA National Insurance or the Association holds about me.
5. In assessing whether I am an eligible member under the scheme and, if so, the amount of subsidy or advance subsidy payable, I acknowledge that Medicare Australia may have regard to any information in the possession of the Department of Health and Ageing or Medicare Australia, including information linked to my provider number.
6. I acknowledge that MDA National Insurance may utilise information from Medicare Australia in relation to the UMP Support Payment.
7. I agree to notify MDA National Insurance of any change to the information provided in this form and information that may affect my entitlement to, or the amount of, a PSS payment.
8. I undertake to provide, when requested, any additional information required for the purposes of administering the PSS.
9. I understand that if I am required to pay the UMP Support Payment but do not pay the required amount in full by the time permitted, then I am not entitled to receive any PSS payment.
10. I understand that if I do not participate in and complete the risk management activities I am required to undertake by MDA National Insurance within the insurance year, that I will not be eligible to receive a PSS payment.

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE HERE

Signed

Date

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Important

It is a requirement of the Premium Support Scheme that you participate in and complete risk management activities that MDA National regards as being appropriate. Failure to complete the required activity during the premium period or not providing us with the required evidence of completion by the time required will mean that you will not be eligible for a PSS payment and will have to repay any advance PSS payments made to you or on your behalf.

Unless you are required to comply with a tailored risk management plan, you may choose any one of the activities on the list of MDA National's risk management activities in order to comply with the risk management requirement of the scheme. The list of MDA National's risk management activities for the premium period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 can be found in the booklet "Risk Management Requirements for the Premium Support Scheme 2008/09". This booklet is available in our application pack, from the Download Centre of our website www.mdanational.com.au or by contacting Member Services on 1800 011 255.

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