About the medical certificate

The purpose of the medical certificate is to help a Medical Indemnity Insurer (MII) determine whether an insured medical practitioner is eligible to participate in the Australian Government’s Run-off Cover Indemnity Scheme (ROCS). The MII will submit the certificate to Medicare Australia in the event that they apply for a ROCS indemnity payment on behalf of the medical practitioner.

Maternity

A medical practitioner is eligible to participate in ROCS if she has ceased all medical practice because of maternity.

The term “maternity” is defined by section 34ZB of the Medical Indemnity Act 2002 (the Act), and summarised as follows:

A person is taken to have ceased practice as a medical practitioner because of maternity if and only if the person has ceased all medical practice (temporarily or permanently) because she is:
• pregnant, or
• caring for one or more children to whom she has given birth, or
• recovering from a pregnancy (including a miscarriage or stillbirth).

Completing and lodging the form

The form must be completed by a medical practitioner other than the medical practitioner who is being assessed for eligibility for ROCS. It is mandatory to complete each question.

If more space is required please use a separate sheet of paper, sign it and attach it to the form.

The completed form should be forwarded to the Medical Indemnity Insurer responsible to assess the applying medical practitioner’s eligibility for ROCS. For further assistance in completing this form please contact the applying Medical Practitioner’s current MII.

About the information you give

The Commonwealth Crimes Act 1914 contains penalties for giving false or misleading information in connection with this form.

Medicare Australia is authorised to collect information provided on this form under section 34ZB of the Medical Indemnity Act 2002. The information provided will be used to assess the (applying) medical practitioner’s eligibility to participate in the Australian Government’s Run-off Cover Indemnity Scheme. The information provided may be disclosed to the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health and Ageing and/or the Australian Government Actuary for the purpose of administering the Act or as authorised by law.