




MEMBER FACT SHEET

The Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance

If you're eligible for Australian Medicare and hold a current Medicare card, you may be entitled to the Australian Government Rebate.

Private health insurance income thresholds

Your rebate entitlements will depend on your household income and age.

The government has set four income thresholds and four corresponding rebate tiers. If you fall within the lowest income threshold, you're eligible for the full entitlement under Base Tier. Individuals who fall into the thresholds that correspond with Tier 1 and Tier 2 will be provided with a lower level of rebate, while those who fall under Tier 3 won't be eligible for any rebate.

In addition to the income test, there's also an age-based test, with a higher rebate applied to anyone between the ages of 65

and 69. This increases again for anyone over the age of 70.

Australian Government Rebate

The government adjusts the rebate amount on 1 April every year. The income thresholds may also be subject to change on 1 July each year. If you're eligible for the rebate, you can choose to receive it as a reduction in your contributions, or as a rebate as part of your annual income tax return.

To receive your rebate as a reduction in contributions, you need to let us know of the rebate tier that applies to you. If you're on a company-funded health plan, your employer may nominate a rebate tier on your behalf.

If you don't nominate a rebate tier, Base Tier will be applied to your membership as the default. In this instance, as well as instances where the rebate tier selected doesn't accurately reflect your entitlement as determined by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), any liability or credit will be reconciled when you lodge your tax return.

For further details, visit the ATO website at ato.gov.au.

Income thresholds effective from 1 April 2015 to 30 June 2018

	Base Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Singles	\$90,000 or less	\$90,001 – \$105,000	\$105,001 – \$140,000	\$140,001+
Families	\$180,000 or less	\$180,001 – \$210,000	\$210,001 – \$280,000	\$280,001+

Note: Single parents and couples (including de facto couples) are subject to the family tiers. For families with children, the thresholds are increased by \$1,500 for each child after the first.

Rebate effective from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

	Base Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Aged under 65	25.934%	17.289%	8.644%	0.000%
Aged 65 to 69	30.256%	21.612%	12.966%	0.000%
Aged 70+	34.579%	25.934%	17.289%	0.000%

Note: Single parents and couples (including de facto couples) are subject to the family tiers. For families with children, the thresholds are increased by \$1,500 for each child after the first. Rebate levels are adjusted annually on 1 April based on the Rebate Adjustment Factor.

Updated September 2017. The information contained within this document is current from the publication date and is subject to change. If you're planning a treatment for which you anticipate a benefit from GU Health, contact us in advance to confirm your benefit entitlement.

Grand United Corporate Health Limited (GU Health) ABN 99 002 985 033 is a registered health insurer and a member of the Australian Unity Group. © Grand United Corporate Health Limited 2017. GU Health respects the privacy of our members, view our privacy policy at guhealth.com.au.