

What is Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA Card)?

Launched on September 27, 2021, the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is a digital healthcare initiative that aims to create, develop, and strengthen India's digital healthcare infrastructure. By integrating the user's medical records and creating a single-point and safe access, the initiative allows the user to share these details with healthcare centres and medical professionals across India. Users can also control the use of their healthcare records, and access is subject to consent.

Benefits of the ABHA card

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, or Ayushman Bharat Yojana, enables an Indian citizen to avail of healthcare assistance and benefits, such as:

- The healthcare and medical services provided under the scheme are **free of cost** with an Ayushman Bharat Health Account.
- One of the main benefits of this scheme is that even **post-hospitalisation expenses** are covered.
- The cost is covered under the **highest package** in case of multiple procedures. In the case of a second and third procedure, the coverage offered will be **50% and 25%**, respectively.
- The scheme covers the treatment cost of **oncology and chemotherapy for 50 types of cancer**. However, the medical and surgical packages cannot be covered under one instance.
- Even **follow-up treatments** can be covered under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

ABHA Digital Health ID

The below information covers some essential details for the online application of the ABHA digital health ID:

<b>Scheme</b>	Digital Health Card
<b>Launched by</b>	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

<b>Application fee</b>	Not applicable/free
<b>Documents necessary</b>	Aadhaar card

Why Do You Need to Create an ABHA Digital Health ID Card?

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Digitised Health Records

The ABHA digital health ID card allows you to easily access and track your health records in a digital format and share these records with any healthcare system through your ABHA registration.

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Access to Doctors

You can securely get in touch with verified and qualified doctors, medical examiners, and other healthcare professionals and avail of medical consultations when needed.

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Personal Health Records

Maintain and link your personal health records with the digital ABHA Address (Health ID) card, thus keeping track of all your medical history, including treatments and consultations.

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Consent

No one can gain access to or see your medical data without your consent. You can also revoke access - the most important benefit of the ABHA digital health card.

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### Security

The digital platform is secured by a robust encryption system and other digital security measures. Further, you can control who has access to your medical information.

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### Voluntary Activation and De-activation

Having an ABHA health ID card is not mandatory. You can choose to register for the facility or erase your information from the ABHA database if you want to opt out of this facility.

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### Add a Nominee

Once you have a health card, you will also be able to include a nominee for your Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA). This facility is still in progress and will be available soon.

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### Child ABHA

You can create an ABHA digital health card for your child and maintain a medical history record starting from birth. However, this facility is still under development.

### How To Apply for ABHA Health ID Card Registration Online?

You can apply for your ABHA digital health card online using your Aadhaar card.

If your Aadhaar card is linked to your mobile number, you can use it to generate your ABHA health ID and receive an OTP on your mobile number to verify the application. If your mobile number and Aadhaar are not linked, request help from an Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission participating office.

## Documents Required for ABHA Card Registration

Registering for the ABHA digital health card is an online process and can be completed without hard copies of the necessary documents.

### Documents for ABHA card registration:

#### Aadhar Card

### FAQs on ABHA

#### ***What is ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account)?***

*ABHA is an innovative initiative by the National Health Authority (NHA) to create a one-stop digital platform for all the medical and health needs. It has an aim to make the healthcare ecosystem more centralised and convenient. The 14-digit unique number which is linked to the **ABHA digital health ID** enables easy access to all the medical records, prescriptions, diagnoses and health history.*

#### ***How to create the 14-digit unique ABHA number?***

*You can create your 14-digit unique ABHA number by going to [Create ABHA](#) and following the instructions. First, you will be prompted to verify Aadhaar credentials and next, your phone number will be verified. Upon successful verification, your 14-digit ABHA number will be generated and ready to use.*

This **ABHA** number can be linked to your new and existing medical records, which includes hospital records, lab reports, doctor prescriptions, etc. In addition to linking, these records can also be shared with registered health service providers and doctors

### ***How to download ABHA card?***

*Once you successfully complete the ABHA generation process, you can click on “View Health Card” and download your ABHA digital health ID card pdf.*

Your ABHA card can be downloaded anytime by visiting [ABHA](#), logging in using your 14-digit ABHA number and xxxx. Click on “View Health Card” and download your ABHA digital health ID card pdf.

Alternatively, you can download “ACTIV Health App” from the App Store or Play Store and download your **digital health ID card pdf** by logging in using your 14-digit ABHA number.

### ***Who is eligible for ABHA card?***

*To be eligible for Ayushman Bharat Health ID Card, you must be a citizen of India.*

### ***How to create ABHA Health Card using your Aadhar number?***

*You can create **ABHA Health Card ID** using your Aadhaar card, provided it is linked to your mobile number. Follow the steps given below -*

- Visit [ABHA](#) and click on “Create ABHA”.
- Enter your Aadhaar number and click “Send OTP”.
- Enter OTP and click on “Verify OTP”.
- Enter your mobile number and your desired ABHA handle. Handle contains of letters, numbers and special characters like full stop, comma and @.
- Once your handle is shown as “Available” click on “Create ABHA ID”.
- Enter OTP and click on “Verify OTP”.
- Your ABHA ID setup is now completed. Click on “View Health Card” to download your ABHA card.

### ***Can I delete or deactivate my ABHA Health ID online?***

*The **ABHA digital health ID card** is voluntary, and you have the option to temporarily deactivate or permanently delete the ABHA account. You will always have the option to reactivate your ABHA number in future if you have deactivated your profile.*

**Step 1:** Log in to the ABHA account with your ID and click on “submit.”

**Step 2:** After you have successfully logged in, tap on “My Account” and select “Deactivate/Delete Health ID” (Deactivation of **ABHA digital health ID card** is temporary, and your account will not be permanently closed; you can reactivate you account whenever you want to. However, if you want to permanently delete your **ABHA** number, you can do that as well) and click on “Continue” to deactivate or delete your digital health ID.

Keep in mind that deleting the account will amount to the loss of all data stored in the **ABHA health ID card**.

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