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NATIONAL LUNG CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM

When found
early, over
65% of lung
cancers
can be successfully
treated

Could you be eligible for free lung cancer screening?

The National Lung Cancer Screening Program (NLCSP) offers free low-dose CT scans for Australians who may be at higher risk of lung cancer. Finding lung cancer early, before symptoms appear, gives you the best chance of successful treatment.

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if you meet ALL of the following:



**Aged 50 to 70
years old**



**No signs or symptoms
of lung cancer**



**Currently smoke,
or have quit in
the last 10 years**



**Significant smoking
history (a pack a day
for 30 years)**

You do not need to quit smoking to participate in the NLCSP

About the National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR)

Your doctor will ask your permission to enrol you in the National Cancer Screening Register. This is optional. If you choose not to join, you can still have your scan, but you will not receive automatic reminders or your results through the NCSR.

If you have any symptoms now

If you think you are experiencing symptoms of lung cancer, don't wait. See your healthcare professional or Aboriginal health worker right away. The main symptoms of lung cancer include a new or changed cough, coughing up blood, unexplained shortness of breath or weight loss, fatigue and chest or shoulder pain that does not go away.



Find out more:

health.gov.au/nlcsp

or call the National Cancer Screening Register
on **1800 627 701**



If you need an interpreter,
please call **13 14 50**

**These resources are available
in other languages**

Your next steps

What steps to follow if you think you're eligible for free lung cancer screening.

1



Talk to your doctor

Tell your doctor you're interested in **lung cancer screening**. They will check if you're eligible and give you a referral for a **free low-dose CT scan**. Consultation fees may apply if your doctor does not bulk bill.

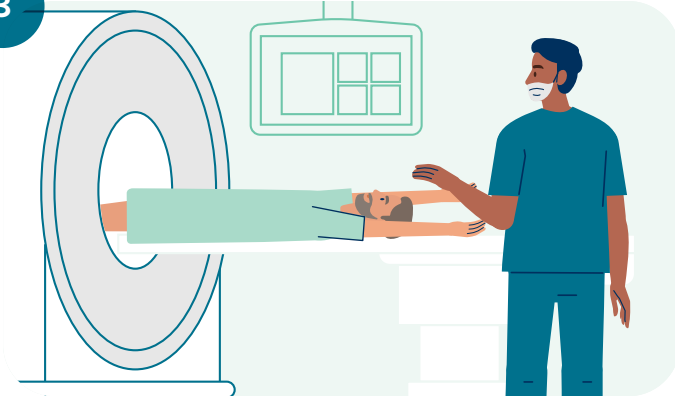
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Book your CT scan

Book your low-dose CT scan at a local radiology clinic. Your doctor can help you find a radiology clinic near you. **The scan itself is free, covered by Medicare.**

3



Go to your appointment

A radiographer will take you to a private space for comfort. You will be asked to lie flat on the bed with your arms above your head. You will need to hold your breath and lie still for a few seconds while the machine takes images of your chest.

4



After the scan

The NCSR will notify you of your next steps.

If something is found

You will be encouraged to discuss your results with your healthcare provider. **This doesn't necessarily mean you have cancer** – it just means they need to take a closer look.

Thinking about quitting smoking?

Your doctor can help. Or call Quitline on **13 78 48** or visit **quit.org.au**

The scan is quick, painless and doesn't involve any needles.

The appointment will take around **10 to 15 minutes.**



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