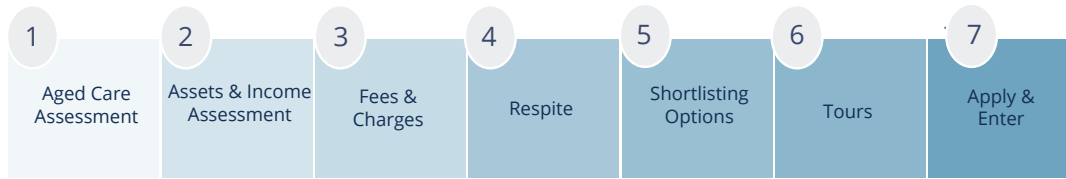


7 Step Aged Care Guide



1 Aged Care Assessment

An Aged Care Assessment determines whether you are eligible to receive government subsidised aged care services.

Visit My Aged Care's website <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/assessment>

or call My Aged Care on **1800 200 422**

2 Assets and Income Assessment

An assets and income assessment determines what you need to contribute towards the fees and charges associated with your aged care. This assessment is coordinated by Services Australia (Centrelink) and is Visit www.servicesaustralia.gov.au or call 1800 200 422.

3 Learn About Fees and Charges

The following fees may apply for permanent residential aged care.

Basic Daily Fee: This covers basic living costs such as food and laundry. This fee is not means tested - everyone entering residential aged care pays the same basic daily care fee.

It is set by the government at 85% of the standard aged pension.

Means Tested Care Fee: this covers the cost of healthcare for aged care residents. The means tested fee is calculated based on income and assets, including the resident's home if they own one. Means tested fees are determined by an assessment coordinated by Services Australia or the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Accommodation payment: The cost of a room in a residential aged care facility can be paid via a Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD), a Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP), or a combination of the two.

Extra (or additional) Services Fees

4 Understand Respite Care

Respite care is a temporary short stay in a residential aged care facility. Residential respite can be planned or scheduled on an emergency basis. Respite is often used to provide a break for a person's usual carer, and it can be used as a trial run before committing to permanent residential care.

5 Shortlist Your Options

Aged Care Decisions' custom software compares aged care facilities and matches vacancies to your location, budget, care needs and personal preferences.

You will receive a personalised Options Report, and at the same time, we forward your information to the facilities on your shortlist, inviting them to start considering the potential resident for admission.

6 Book Facility Tours

We recommend arranging tours of your shortlisted facilities via your Aged Care Decisions Placement Specialist. Ideally, you should tour facilities between 10.30am-12.30pm which is when most social activities are scheduled. A tour provides the opportunity for you to research each facility's staffing levels, activities calendar, meals and menu options, cleanliness, building and amenities maintenance, and residents' feedback.

7 Make an Application

Aged Care Decisions recommends completing an application for your chosen aged care facilities after you have the results of your Aged Care Assessment and your Assets and Income Assessment, and you have conducted a thorough facility tour. Aged Care Decisions can assist you through every step of the application process.

Complete our enquiry form to get started.