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 **AGED CARE DECISIONS[®]**



**Fees for
Residential
Aged Care**

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Australia's Largest Aged Care Placement & Support Service

- ▶ Reduce stress
- ▶ Save time
- ▶ Find better aged care options

Aged Care Decisions is a **100% free** and independent aged care placement and support service. Using Australia's largest aged care vacancy database, we work with over **70% of Providers** across the **metro areas of Australia** to assist over **10,000 families** per month in placing their loved ones.

Our trained and professional Placement Specialists will prepare a customised list of vacancies that match the family's care needs, budget, preferred location and timeline. This allows families to make an independent and hassle-free decision with no stress all for FREE!



Fast

We assist in matching your preferences to suitable options so that you receive a customised aged care vacancy list within 20 minutes.



Free

We provide our placement and support services **100% free of charge** to families, because Providers pay us a fee instead of you.



Independent

Compare and choose from aged care facilities across Australia to make the best decision for your family.

What families say about our 100% free service:

"Natalia was an amazing help to me when it came time to place mum into care. As it was a sudden, and necessary decision, dad and myself had absolutely no idea of where to start or any of the processes.

Natalia helped us every step of the way, following up with all of our shortlisted facilities and explaining the entire process to us. I feel that these people genuinely care and understand how hard this process is for families, and, 100% recommend their services."

- Ann-Maree Wilson

"I was very pleased with the service I received at Aged Care Decisions. It saved me a lot of time running from aged care to aged care and we chose an aged care home from the list and it is beautiful."

- Colleen Boosma

Fees & Charges

Overview

Four types of fees potentially apply for permanent residential aged care:

- Basic Daily Fee
- Means Tested Care Fee
- Accommodation Payment
- Extra Services Fees (Additional Services Fee)

All amounts nominated below are current as of 20 September 2023, but are revised twice a year.

Basic Daily Fee

Every potential aged care resident must pay the basic daily fee. This fee is used for covering the day-to-day livings costs of residents such as meals, heating, cleaning. The maximum daily fee which can be requested by a provider is \$60.86.

Means Tested Care Fee

The amount, if any, of a Means Tested Care Fee will depend on the outcome of an Assets & Income Assessment organised through Centrelink. Generally, if assets are above \$197,735.20 a means tested care fee will apply.

If the means tested care fee is applicable, it is capped at an annual amount of **\$32,718.57**. A lifetime cap of \$78,524.69 also applies. The former primary residence may count as an asset, if a family member or carer is not, or has not, been living at the house. If the former house is included, its value is capped at \$197,735.20.

Extra / Additional Service Fees

Additional monthly fees will be charged if a resident opts for extra services, such as satellite TV, hairdressing, special therapies, etc. This fee is called different things at different facilities, and can be negotiated between the potential resident and the aged care provider.

Should we sell the family home?

Selling the family home to pay for aged care fees is a decision with a significant financial impact. The decision will impact pension eligibility, assessed assets and the means tested care fee. The decision on selling or not selling the family home needs to be made utilising specialised financial advice.





Accommodation Payment

If assessed **assets** are **between \$58,500-\$197,735.20** a **partial accommodation payment** (called an accommodation contribution) will be required. An incoming resident with **assets above \$197,735.20** will be required to make a **full accommodation payment**.

An Accommodation Payment can be paid in a number of ways:

Method	Detail
Lump sum	Also known as 'Refundable Accommodation Deposit' (RAD) or 'Refundable Accommodation Contribution' (RAC). The amount charged will vary from facility to facility, and from room type to room type. Aged Care Providers must publish their maximum RAD, but a lower RAD can be negotiated one-on-one. Until the lump sum is paid (max 6 mths) a daily fee will be charged.
Daily fee	Also known as a Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) or Daily Accommodation Charge (DAC). The daily fee is calculated by reference to the RAD - applying an interest rate (8.15% as of 1 October 2023) two the lump sum amount, then dividing it by 365 to make a daily fee. The DAP is not refundable upon exit.
Partial lump sum + partial daily fee	This scenario involves paying the accommodation payment partially with a lump sum, and partially as a daily fee. The daily fee component (DAP/DAC) can be deducted from the lump sum component (RAD/RAC).

The average RAD across Australia is approximately \$470,000, and can be as much as \$1 million in inner city areas. A resident has 30 days from placing into aged care to decide how they will pay the accommodation payment - using one of the methods above.

If lump sum (RAD) method is chosen, a resident has 6 months to physically pay the lump sum to the provider, until which time they will be charged a DAP.

Further information

Want more detail on how aged care fees work?

Aged Care Decisions offers a fast, free and independent aged care placement service.

The service is **100% free** and saves hours of running around. Simply call **1300 775 870** to get started.



Client Support Guarantee

Aged Care Decisions is a **100% free aged care placement service** for families – providing support with navigating the aged care journey, assists with forms and regulatory requirements, matching families to facilities with vacancies in their area based on care needs, preferences and budget, and assists with tours and shortlisting.

The service is kept free to families because registered Aged Care Providers pay the residents' placement support fee.

Aged Care Decisions provides the same superior level of service and support to all potential residents and families that come into contact with our service – regardless of financial capacity, location or clinical needs.

Importantly, whether a family already has a preferred facility or not, even if this facility is not registered with Aged Care Decisions, the level of support and service we provide remains the same.

Due to privacy laws, the only element of our service that cannot be provided in the instance that a preferred facility is not registered with Aged Care Decisions is support with providing any personal or clinical information to that facility, and assistance with booking tours.

Client Support Guarantee – guaranteeing all potential residents the support they need in their aged care placement journey.

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