



Aged Care Assessment & Fees

An aged care assessment is completed by a member of an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT).

Once you've made the decision to place your loved one into aged care, it helps to understand the process and what to expect. Your first stop should be an aged care assessment, normally organised through your doctor, another health professional or directly through the ACAT team. It is conducted to objectively assess the care needs of an individual to help them access the nost appropriate types of care, including approval for Australian Government subsidised care services.

If an assessment is thought to be necessary, the ACAT assessor will spend time with you and your family discussing your health and care needs and will visit you at home or in hospital.

You may have researched aged care homes available in your area prior to commencing the aged care assessment. If not, you can find lots of helpful information on the internet. These sites allow you to search by location, room type, and cost for example.

My Aged Care (Australian Government website) myagedcare.com.au

The Aged Care Guide agedcareguide.com.au

Aged Care Online agedcareonline.com.au

An aged care assessment

- Confirms eligibility for aged care
- Assesses you for permanent care
- Assesses you for respite care

• Approves eligibility for a package of comunity care/home care to help you continue living at home, or refer you to other services that will help you to continue living at home.

Having an ACAT assessment does not mean you have to enter a residential aged care home, but not having one will delay the process should you need care.

Understanding the cost

Residential Care is usually made up of four types of fees:-

1) Basic Daily Fee

This is a fee set by the government for all aged care homes, and covers everyday living costs such as meals, cleaning, laundry, some activities, heating & cooling. Linked to the Age Pension, this fee is increased in line with the pension on a six monthly basis. Based on current rates, the maximum basic daily fee is \$60.86 per day.



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2) Means Tested Care Fee

The Department of Human Services will assess your assets and income to determine whether you need to pay this fee towards the cost of your care. There are annual and lifetime caps in place to limit the amount you pay, as charged by the government.

3) Refundable Accommodation Deposit

This deposit is fully refundable. Unless you are considered a concessional by the government you will be required to pay a refundable room deposit. Alternatively you can choose to pay a monthly interest equivalent.

4) Other Service Fees

HillView Care offer a variety of premium services available to all residents.

Applying to HillView Care

Our team are ready and waiting to take your call, from Monday to Friday. If you call after hours, you can leave a message and we'll get back to you the very next business day. Whether you are in need of assistance with your aged care application, have a question regarding fees or care, or would like to book a tour at one of our homes, we are here to help. If you haven't quite decided if HillView Care is right for you, why not try a respite stay for a couple of weeks? That way, you receive the full HillView Care experience: 24/7 clinical care, lifestyle activities, delicious and nutritious home-cooked meals, exercise therapy, and a magnificent room with a view!

Move in Day

We're with you every step of the way! Whilst the move into aged care is an emotional experience, our carers help make the transition to your new home as welcoming and inviting as possible. A friendly face goes a long way, and we'll soon have you comfortably settled into your new environment.

> For more information, please call us on (07) 5559 3222, or visit www.myagedcare.com.au

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