

What is a Supported Resident in Aged Care?

Moving into aged care can be financially complex, with many families particularly concerned about their ability to fund their access to an aged care facility. Aged care is tightly legislated by the Commonwealth Government, with criteria in place for residents deemed to be of reduced financial means.

The legislation for those entering into aged care changed on the 20th September 2016, whereby both a resident's income and assets are taken into account when looking at their financial means.

Fully Funded by the Commonwealth Government

If your assets are below \$46,500 and your income is less than \$25,792 (including your age pension), the Commonwealth Government will fund the majority of your aged care.

Assets	Income	Outcome	Cost to Resident	Subject to Change
Less than \$46,500	Less than \$25,792	Funded by Commonwealth Government	Basic Daily Fee \$48.44 per day	Yes (Refer note)

- * Income includes age pension and any other income streams.
- * Deeming rates are used to ascertain income generated from any financial investments or superannuation assets.
- * Assets include car, contents and financial assets, account-based pension.
- * BDF – Basic Daily Fee.
- * A Resident's Supported position is subject to change if their asset position alters.

Partially Funded by the Commonwealth Government

If your assets exceed \$46,500 and your income exceeds \$25,792 (including your age pension), you may be asked to make a "Contribution" towards your cost of care in the form of a "Daily Accommodation Contribution" (DAC). Your contribution is calculated by the Commonwealth Government and is not determined by the aged care provider.

Assets		Income	Outcome	Cost to Resident	Subject to change
Between \$46,500 and \$159,631	PLUS	Income Over \$25,792	Partially funded by client and Commonwealth Government	Basic Daily Fee \$48.44 plus a DAC (Refer to note)	Yes (Refer to note)

- * Income includes age pension entitlements any other income streams and deeming.
- * Deeming rates are used to ascertain income generated from any financial investments or superannuation assets.
- * Assets include car, contents and financial assets, account based pensions.

- * DAC – Daily Accommodation Contribution. This ranges between \$0 and \$54.39 and is dependent upon the facility and room chosen.
- * RAC – Refundable Accommodation Contribution – Lump sum contribution paid to reduce the DAC.

Not Eligible for Commonwealth Government Funding

The following table outlines the circumstances when you would not be eligible for Commonwealth Government funding.

Assets		Income	Outcome	Cost to Resident	Subject to change
Over \$159,631.20	PLUS	Income over \$25,792	Required to fund your cost of accommodation based on the room price.	Basic Daily Fee and Refundable Accommodation Deposit or Daily Accommodation Payment and Means Tested Care Fee	Yes (Refer to note)

- * Income includes all age pension entitlements any other income streams.
- * Deeming rates are used to ascertain income generated from any financial investments or superannuation assets.
- * Assets include car, contents and financial assets, account-based pensions.
- * RAD is a lump sum contribution towards your living environment.
- * DAP is the interest payable on any unpaid RAD.
- * MTCF – Means-Tested Care Fee is a contribution towards the cost of nursing care.

Subject to Change

Should a resident's financial position alter after entry, the Commonwealth Government reserves the right to re-assess their eligibility to make a further "Contribution" towards their cost of care and/or accommodation.

To obtain any form of Commonwealth Government funding we suggest you complete an "*Income and Asset Assessment*" form and lodge this directly with the Department of Human Services to ascertain your eligibility for support. (Failure to lodge this form will result in the Department of Human Services assuming that you have Assets and Income resulting in the maximum MTCF being charged). This form can be accessed via www.humanservices.com.au.