

# Average costs of residential aged care

## Understanding the fees and costs

### Basic daily fee

The basic daily fee is used to cover the day-to-day expenses such as meals, laundry and cleaning.

### Day-to-day expenses



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### Basic daily fee of \$63.57

= \$23,203 per year (as at 20 September 2024)



### Means-tested care fee

Your loved one may also be asked to contribute to the cost of their ongoing care via an additional means-tested care fee.

### Combined financial assets

= < \$242,803<sup>1</sup>



UP TO

### \$34,174 per year

if combined financial assets > \$242,803<sup>1</sup>



### Accommodation costs

Each residential aged care home has different accommodation costs and your loved one may be asked to contribute to their accommodation costs if they have combined assets > \$61,500.

You can fund the accommodation amount as a refundable lump sum, referred to as a refundable accommodation deposit (RAD), or in periodic payments, referred to as a daily accommodation payment (DAP), or a combination of both.

### Average published price \$466,000<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Assessable assets assumed to be financial assets subject to deeming. This asset amount applies to a single and is different for members of a couple.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Health and Aged Care - Financial Report on the Australian Aged Care Sector 2021-22.

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