

# Understanding your care and accommodation fees



When moving into an aged care home, it's important to understand the care-related fees that everyone pays, as well as the flexible options available to pay for your accommodation.

## Care-related fees

### Basic Daily Fee

- Everyone pays this standard fee for essential services like meals, cleaning, laundry, and facility management.
- The amount is set by the Government at 85% of the single basic Age Pension. It is reviewed and adjusted twice a year – in March and September – in line with changes to the pension.

### Hotelling Supplement Contribution (HSC)

- This is an extra daily fee to help cover the true cost of everyday services in aged care.
- The amount is means-tested, determined by Services Australia, and subject to regular review.

### Non-Clinical Care Contribution

- This is a daily fee for non-clinical care services such as bathing and hygiene assistance, mobility support, lifestyle activities.
- The amount is means-tested, determined by Services Australia, and subject to regular review.

## Accommodation payment options

There are three flexible options available to help you pay for your room in aged care. You can choose the option that best suits your needs:

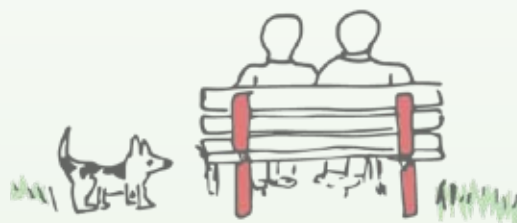
Payment option	How it works	Is it refundable?
Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)	A one-off lump sum payment for your room	✓ Fully refundable when you leave care (minus agreed fees or retention amounts)
Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)	A daily fee, like paying rent. Calculated using a government-set rate called the Maximum Permissible Interest Rate (MPIR)	✗ Not refundable
Combined payment (Part RAD + Part DAP)	Allows you to pay part of your room cost upfront and the rest as a daily fee.	✓ The RAD portion is refundable ✗ The DAP portion is not refundable



# Aldersgate Aged Care

## Accommodation costs

Effective 1 January 2026



COTTAGE AND ROOM TYPE	Maximum daily accommodation payment (DAP)	Room size	Max refundable deposit	Combination payment example
<b>Banksia, Magnolia and Rose Cottages:</b> single room with ensuite	\$79.64	14m <sup>2</sup>	\$380,000	50% refundable deposit of \$190,000 and a daily payment of \$39.82
<b>Birch House:</b> single room with ensuite	\$101.65	14m <sup>2</sup>	\$485,000	50% refundable deposit of \$242,500 and a daily payment of \$50.82
<b>Jacaranda, Wattle and Willow House:</b> single room with ensuite	\$101.65	14m <sup>2</sup>	\$485,000	50% refundable deposit of \$242,500 and a daily payment of \$50.82
<b>Wisteria and Pomroy House:</b> single room with shared bathroom	\$56.59	12m <sup>2</sup>	\$270,000	50% refundable deposit of \$135,000 and a daily payment of \$28.29

For more information on how Daily Accommodation Payments are calculated, please visit [www.myagedcare.gov.au/understanding-aged-care-home-accommodation-costs](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au/understanding-aged-care-home-accommodation-costs)

