

# 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



ARE  
COVERED  
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BASIC  
DAILY FEE OF

**\$58.98**

= \$21,528 PER YEAR

(as at 20 March 2023)

### 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.

IF COMBINED FINANCIAL

**ASSETS**  
= <\$230,000<sup>1</sup>



UP TO

**\$31,707** PER YEAR IF COMBINED  
**FINANCIAL ASSETS**  
= >\$230,000<sup>1</sup>

### Accommodation costs



AVERAGE RAD  
**\$464,000<sup>2</sup>**


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 > \$57,000.

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.

- 1 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.
- 2 Department of Health and Aged Care - Financial Report on the Australian Aged Care Sector 2020-21.

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