

Residential Aged Care fees are determined in accordance with Commonwealth Government requirements. Some of the fees you pay are determined by your income and assets. It is important that you complete a '*Permanent Residential Aged Care – Request for a Combined Asset and Income Assessment form*' (#SA457).

Forms are available from our Finance Office, Centrelink or the My Aged Care website. If you do not complete an Income and Assets Assessment form, you will not be eligible for any Government assistance and will be required to pay the full cost of your accommodation and care.

Types of Fees

Basic Daily Fee

The Basic Daily Fee (BDF) is payable by all residents. This fee covers the cost of your day to day living expenses. The BDF is currently \$68.93 per day, or \$25,159.45 per year following the recent indexation on 20 September 2026. And is set by the Commonwealth Government in March and September. In general, this equals approximately 85% of the basic aged pension at the single person rate.

Means Tested Care Fee – Determined by your Income & Assets Assessment

This is a contribution towards the cost of your nursing and personal care. The Commonwealth Government will advise the amount of the fee shortly after your admission. If we do not have sufficient information at the time of your admission to calculate the MTCF, we may charge an estimated fee in the interim.

Accommodation Payment – Determined by your Income & Assets Assessment

Depending on your income and assets you may be asked to pay an Accommodation Payment (self-funded) or an Accommodation Contribution (partially funded) or your costs may be covered by the Australian Government (fully funded).

Accommodation Payment Options

You have three options as to how you can pay for your accommodation:

- a refundable lump sum amount
- non-refundable daily payments, or
- a combination of both.

For detailed information about the different accommodation payment options, how each option works, and how to work out your costs, visit the *Understanding aged care home accommodation costs* page.

Northern Health has five residential Aged Care Facilities across three campuses:

Bundoora Extended care Centre		Broadmeadows Hospital	Kilmore District Hospital	
Ian Brand Residential Aged Care	Merv Irvine Nursing Home	McLellan House	Caladenia Nursing Home	Dianella Hostel

Aged Care Facility	Room Type	Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)	Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)
Caladenia Nursing Home	Single room with ensuite	\$500,000	\$116.58 daily rate
	Single room with shared ensuite	\$400,000	\$93.26 daily rate
	Shared room	\$325,000	\$75.77 daily rate
Dianella Hostel	All rooms	\$460,000	\$107.25 daily rate
Ian Brand	Single room with no ensuite	\$400,000	\$93.26 daily rate
McLellan House	Single room with ensuite	\$400,000	\$93.26 daily rate
Merv Irvine	Single room with ensuite	\$400,000	\$93.26 daily rate
	Single room with shared ensuite	\$400,000	\$93.26 daily rate

Fees and prices apply from 1 October 2026 based on Maximum Permissible Interest Rate (MPIR) of 8.43%.

Contact Us

We appreciate that this is confusing. If you are considering this option, please see the finance team who would be happy to provide you with a personalised summary of these options. Details are as follows:

Phone: (03) 9485 9327 or (03) 5734 2165

Email: NH-AgedCareBillingandLiaisonOfficer@nh.org.au

Further Information

Further information about fees and charges is also available on the My Aged Care website: www.myagedcare.gov.au

Financial Planning for Aged Care

Northern Health strongly encourage you to find an advisor that you are comfortable with and to check their qualifications, fees and references.

Services Australia offers a free Financial Information Service (FIS). Call 132 300 for access.

For assistance in finding a financial planner go to the My Aged Care website at <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/costs/finances-and-financial-advice>