



# Assessment for Carer Payment

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From the information you provide on this form, the Australian Government Department of Human Services, International Services will assess your eligibility for Carer Payment. You are also required to have a health professional complete the Health Professional Assessment form.

Please answer all questions.

## 1 Your details

Title Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Dr  Other

Family name

First given name

Other given name(s)

Date of birth

Contact phone number (  )

## About your partner

## 2 Your partner's details

Title Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Dr  Other

Family name

First given name

Other given name(s)

Date of birth

## 3 What is your partner's main disability/medical condition(s) for which they require care?

List condition(s)

## 4 Do you personally provide care for your partner on a daily basis because of the disability/medical condition?

No

Yes  Date care started (due to the disability/medical condition)



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5 Is your partner currently in hospital?

No

Yes  Date of hospitalisation

Expected release date

Do you provide care for your partner while they are in hospital?  
e.g. you are involved in your partner's rehabilitation or treatment.

No

Yes  Care you provide


Will your partner return to your care on their release from hospital?

No

Yes  You may be asked for more information.

6 Does your partner stay overnight or longer with any other person or organisation on a regular basis?

No

Yes  Please tick the box that shows the reason(s) why your partner stays overnight or longer with another person or organisation:

Treatment (other than hospitalisation)  
e.g. spends night(s) at therapy

How many nights?  
e.g. 3 days a week, 1 night a month

When did this start?

Education/training  
e.g. spends night(s) at training centre or hostel

How many nights?  
e.g. every weekend, 1 night a month

When did this start?

Shared care  
e.g. another family member

How many nights?  
e.g. every weekend, 1 night a month

When did this start?

Other care  
e.g. • temporary care  
• spends night(s) with other person not living with you  
• respite care

How many nights?  
e.g. every weekend, 1 night a month

When did this start?

7 Is your partner terminally ill and expected to live for 3 months or less?

No

Yes  Go to **Question 11** on page 7

*You do not need to complete details about the care provided.*

# About the care provided

## Section A—day to day care needs

Please read the instructions below before answering Question 8.

### 8 Does your partner:

For each statement in Question 8, tick the box that best describes how well your partner usually manages.

- Your partner's abilities include what they can do **when using their aids, appliances or special equipment items**.
- Where your partner's disability or condition is only apparent at certain times, the question should be answered for when your partner is **not experiencing an episode or flare-up of the disability/condition**.
- Help* means any physical assistance, guidance or supervision.
- Without help* means your partner starts and finishes activities without assistance or supervision.

<b>a</b> move around the house? may use walking stick, frame, wheelchair etc.	Without help <input type="checkbox"/> a
	With help of one person <input type="checkbox"/> b
	With help of two people <input type="checkbox"/> c
	Is confined to bed <input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>b</b> fall over indoors or outdoors (or from a wheelchair)?	Often <input type="checkbox"/> a
	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> b
	Never <input type="checkbox"/> c
<b>c</b> move to and from bed, chairs, wheelchair and walking aids?	Without help <input type="checkbox"/> a
	With some help <input type="checkbox"/> b
	With a lot of help <input type="checkbox"/> c
	Cannot do this <input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>d</b> have difficulty hearing others? even with hearing aids	Always <input type="checkbox"/> a
	Often <input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never <input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>e</b> have difficulty seeing clearly? even with glasses	Always <input type="checkbox"/> a
	Often <input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never <input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>f</b> need help or attention during the night?	Always <input type="checkbox"/> a
	Often <input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never <input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>g</b> have loss of bladder and/or bowel control? incontinence	Always <input type="checkbox"/> a
	Often <input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never <input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>h</b> use continence aids or equipment? e.g. colostomy, catheter, pads	Without help <input type="checkbox"/> a
	With some help <input type="checkbox"/> b
	With a lot of help <input type="checkbox"/> c
	Does not use aids <input type="checkbox"/> d

<i>(continued)</i> Does your partner:	<b>i use the toilet?</b>	Without help	<input type="checkbox"/> a
		With some help	<input type="checkbox"/> b
		With a lot of help	<input type="checkbox"/> c
		Cannot use a toilet	<input type="checkbox"/> d
	<b>j eat their food?</b> does not include meal preparation	Without help	<input type="checkbox"/> a
		With some help	<input type="checkbox"/> b
		With a lot of help	<input type="checkbox"/> c
		Cannot feed themselves	<input type="checkbox"/> d
	<b>k shower, bath themselves?</b>	Without help	<input type="checkbox"/> a
		With some help	<input type="checkbox"/> b
		With a lot of help	<input type="checkbox"/> c
		Cannot do this	<input type="checkbox"/> d
	<b>l dress themselves?</b> e.g. buttons, zips	Without help	<input type="checkbox"/> a
		With some help	<input type="checkbox"/> b
		With a lot of help	<input type="checkbox"/> c
		Cannot do this	<input type="checkbox"/> d
	<b>m look after their grooming?</b> e.g. shaving, caring for hair, teeth	Without help	<input type="checkbox"/> a
		With some help	<input type="checkbox"/> b
		With a lot of help	<input type="checkbox"/> c
		Cannot do this	<input type="checkbox"/> d
	<b>n take care of their own medication?</b> e.g. take the right tablet at the right time	Without help	<input type="checkbox"/> a
		With some help	<input type="checkbox"/> b
		With a lot of help	<input type="checkbox"/> c
		Cannot do this	<input type="checkbox"/> d
		Does not take medication	<input type="checkbox"/> e
	<b>o take care of their own treatment?</b> e.g. oxygen, wound care, gastric feeding	Without help	<input type="checkbox"/> a
		With some help	<input type="checkbox"/> b
		With a lot of help	<input type="checkbox"/> c
		Cannot do this	<input type="checkbox"/> d
		Does not have treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> e

**Section B**—cognitive function

**9 Does your partner:**

For each statement in Question 9, tick the box that best describes how well your partner usually manages.

<b>a understand what you, the carer, say?</b>	Always	<input type="checkbox"/> a
	Usually	<input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>b understand what other people say?</b>	Always	<input type="checkbox"/> a
	Usually	<input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>c let others know how they feel and what they want?</b> e.g. by speaking, using sign and/or communication aid	Always	<input type="checkbox"/> a
	Usually	<input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>d know where they are?</b>	Always	<input type="checkbox"/> a
	Usually	<input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>e know whether it is morning, afternoon or night?</b>	Always	<input type="checkbox"/> a
	Usually	<input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> d
<b>f remember things that happened today?</b>	Always	<input type="checkbox"/> a
	Usually	<input type="checkbox"/> b
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> c
	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> d

**Section C**—behaviour

**10 Does your partner:**

For each statement in Question 10, tick the box that best describes how well your partner usually behaves.

<b>a wander away or 'run away' from home?</b>	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> a	
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> b	
	Often	<input type="checkbox"/> c	
	<b>b shout, scream at or threaten, other people?</b>	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> a
		Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> b
		Often	<input type="checkbox"/> c
	<b>c physically harm other people?</b>	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> a
		Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> b
		Often	<input type="checkbox"/> c
<b>d damage furniture, possessions or objects?</b>	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> a	
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> b	
	Often	<input type="checkbox"/> c	
<b>e laugh or cry without apparent reason?</b>	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> a	
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> b	
	Often	<input type="checkbox"/> c	
<b>f withdraw from contact with other people, or appear depressed, worried or fearful?</b>	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> a	
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> b	
	Often	<input type="checkbox"/> c	
<b>g deliberately harm themselves?</b> e.g. by biting, scratching skin, hitting or banging their head	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> a	
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> b	
	Often	<input type="checkbox"/> c	
<b>h have unusual, inappropriate or repetitive behaviours?</b> e.g. uncontrolled eating, spinning objects, hand flapping, rocking, calling out or saying the same thing over and over again	Never	<input type="checkbox"/> a	
	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> b	
	Often	<input type="checkbox"/> c	

## 11 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Privacy and your personal information

Your personal information is protected by law (including the *Privacy Act 1988*) and is collected by the Australian Government Department of Human Services for the assessment and administration of payments and services.

Your information may be used by the department, or given to other parties where you have agreed to that, or where it is required or authorised by law (including for the purpose of research or conducting investigations).

You can get more information about the way in which the department will manage your personal information, including our privacy policy, at [humanservices.gov.au/privacy](http://humanservices.gov.au/privacy)

## Statement

### 12 You must read and sign the following statement.

**I declare that** to the best of my knowledge the information I have given on this form is correct.

**I understand that** giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Your signature



Date

### 13 WHAT TO DO NOW

- 1 Fill in your and your partner's details on the front of the Health Professional Assessment.**  
Your partner must sign the front of the assessment to authorise release of medical details.
- 2 Phone the health professional who treats your partner, to make an appointment.**  
When you make your appointment please let the treating health professional know that you require them to complete the Health Professional Assessment.
- 3 Return this completed form and the completed Health Professional Assessment to the Department of Human Services, International Services.**

**ENQUIRIES**—Phone the Department of Human Services, International Services on + 61 3 6222 3455 if you need assistance to complete this form.