



Budget 2026-27

This information is accurate as of 12 May 2026.

Residential Aged Care supply and equity of access

CATEGORY: Ageing

This measure aims to increase the supply of residential aged care beds, helping with equity of access, improving investment certainty, and stimulating new development and expansion of the sector.

This measure provides funding from 1 January 2027 for eligible residential aged care homes. This includes the capability for Services Australia to record eligibility information and issue subsequent payments through the existing claim process.

Residential aged care homes will get the following payments based on eligibility:

- New Home Payment (\$30 per supported resident per day).
- Significant Improvement Payment (\$15 per supported resident per day).

To be implemented by 1 July 2027:

- Change accommodation pricing, including replacing the maximum interest rate with an alternative way to convert a daily payment into a refundable deposit.
- Improve consumer understanding and protections by giving individuals and providers clearer information about accommodation arrangements. This includes details in the aged care payment system, the Services Australia provider portal, and in fee advice letters.

Services Australia will get \$28.1 million through to 2029-30 to implement this measure.

This measure is led by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

This measure is subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

Australians impacted by Residential Aged Care programs.

When this starts and finishes

From 1 January 2027 and is ongoing.