



Aged Care Facility Independent Living

Things you need to know about putting in an application at Geegeelup Village

The information provided outlines the steps required in applying and accessing care at Geegeelup Village and the potential financial decisions you may face. This information is subject to change and should not replace your own research regarding the requirements and cost involved in entering a residential aged care facility.

Our Staff will be very happy to assist you with any questions you may have and help guide you through the process.

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All information provided by Geegeelup Village is general in nature and cannot be relied upon as advice.

For further information Services Australia has an aged care specialist officer based in their Busselton Branch. You can make an appointment with them on 1800 227 475.

You can also access further information at <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/>



Aged Care Assessment

Your first requirement will be to get an assessment performed by the Aged Care Assessments Team (ACAT). They will determine if you are eligible for a home care package and or respite/ permanent care at an aged care facility.

To request an assessment you can do any of the following;

- Call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422
- Visit <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/assessment>
- Contact your General Practitioner (GP)

Fees and Charges

There are three types of costs associated with entering an aged care facility.

- Basic Daily Care Fee – this covers basics such as meals, cleaning and laundry.
- Means Tested Care Fee – this covers personal care (bathing, grooming etc) and clinical care (nursing services etc).
- Accommodation Payment – this covers the cost of your room.

Basic Daily Care Fee

The basic daily care fee is currently set at \$58.98 per day and is charged to everyone that enters aged care (regardless of their means). This is set at 85% of the single person rate of the basic aged care pension and will change on March 20th and September 20th every year in line with the changes to the aged care pension.

Means Tested Care Fee

The means tested fee is an extra contribution that some people pay as determined through a means assessment. Your means tested care fee will be between \$0 and \$358.41 per day. Your means tested care fee does not remain fixed when you enter an aged care home and can change over time (such as when your financial circumstances change). There are both annual and lifetime caps on this fee.

To get an estimate on these fees please go to <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/how-much-will-i-pay>

Accommodation Payment

A room price at Geegeelup Aged Care Facility is set at \$450,000. As a general guide;

- If you have an income below \$31,140.20 and assets below \$57,000 the Australian Government will pay the full accommodation payment.
- If you have assets above \$193,219.20 you will need to pay for the full cost of your accommodation.
- Between these figures above, the government will determine how much you can afford to pay and they will assist with the remainder.

There are three options to pay for this accommodation payment;

- A fully refundable lump sum
- Rental style daily payments
- A combination of both

Our finance officer can provide estimates of your accommodation payment and can run through a few various payment combinations to aid in your decision making process.

Other charges

Additional Fees

Geegeelup Village offer an onsite hairdresser. We charge \$20 per visit. This can either be paid with cash on the day or we can arrange for an invoice to be sent to you.

Other Charges

Depending on your assessed level of needs you may be asked to contribute towards certain medial costs such as physio appointments, occupational therapy and speech pathology. You may also be required to contribute towards your sanitary items. If required you will be advised and an invoice will be sent to you when needed.

All invoices will be direct debited from your bank account. We will require a direct debit form to be filled out at the time of admission.

Financial Assessment

You should arrange for a formal income and assets assessment as soon as possible as this process takes time.

Assessments are undertaken by Services Australia, except for eligible members of the veteran community whose assessment may be undertaken by DVA. To apply for your income and assets assessment you need to complete the Permanent Residential Aged Care Request for a Combined Assets and Income Assessment (SA457) form. You will find a form included in this package.

If you do not complete an income and assets assessment, you won't be eligible for government assistance with your accommodation and care costs. In these cases we may have to ask you to pay the maximum means-tested care fee and an accommodation payment.

Offer and acceptance of a vacant room

It is important to note that upon agreement that Geegeelup can offer you a place, there is unfortunately no guarantee when that place may become available. We understand this may be difficult and inconvenient but circumstances beyond our control dictate when we may be able to offer you that place. Due to the high number of applications and people waiting to come into Geegeelup, when you are offered a place, we can only hold a room for you for a short period of time. We will discuss this with you depending on the circumstances at the time but normally we will be unable to extend this holding period beyond 7 days at a maximum. If you wish to discuss this policy further, we are happy for you to contact us at any stage.

Summary

We thank you for considering Geegeelup Village as a potential future resident. We will assist you in any way we can in the decision regarding your entry into Aged Care. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments.

If you wish to proceed with your application

To be returned to Geegeelup Village:

- Permanent Application Form
- Financial Application Form
- ACAT Assessment
- Copies of EPOG or EPOA

Other items to be completed

- Send in forms to Services Australia/ DVA to advise current assets and incomes.

Current Update: 20.03.2023

This form will be updated bi-annually in March and September in line with Services Australia releasing the Schedule of Fees and Charges. If your document has expired, please contact the office for an updated version.