Aged Care Residential Accommodation Pricing

Great Ocean Road Health Apollo Bay Campus

Entry Process

Before entering Great Ocean Road Health aged are residence, all of the following three steps must be undertaken by the incoming residents (or their representative).

1. **ACAT/ACAS/NSAF Assessment**

This assessment lets us know what type of care a prospective residents may require, and allows us to claim government funding to reduce fees. Aged Care assessments are conducted by external assessment agents called ACAS teams.

Your local GP or health care provider can assist with arranging an assessment, or you can arrange directly via My Aged Care by calling 1800 200 422 or emailing myagedcare.gov.au via the website. Please note, there is usually a wait time for assessments, so please organise in advance.

2. **Centrelink/ DVA Assessment**

The government requires those who can afford to contribute more towards their care to do so.

As such, every person entering aged care, including those applying for a financially supported place, must have an Income & Asset Assessment. This Assessment will determine if a resident qualifies for a government supported place or will contribute to their accommodation cost.

The type of form to be completed will depend on your circumstances.

- SA485 – Pensioner & Home Owner
- SA457 – Non-Pensioner
- Pensioner & non-home owner – please call Centrelink 1800227475 or DVA 1800555254

Forms can be obtained by Google searching the form name and downloading a PDF version, or by accessing the website: https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/ or by calling 1800 227 475.

3. **Great Ocean Road Health application form**

An application form must be completed by all persons interested in becoming a resident at Great Ocean Road Health Lorne or Apollo Bay nursing homes.

Our application forms are available directly from our website or by calling our Apollo Bay campus on 03 5237 8500.

Aged Care Fees and Charges

What fees can I be asked to pay in residential aged care?

1. **Basic Daily Care Fee (mandatory)**

Every person in residential aged care is required to pay a Basic Daily Care Fee (DCF), which covers your day to day living costs such as meals, cleaning and laundry. This fee is set by the government and is based on 85% of the single Australian Aged Pension. The Australian Government review this fee on 20th March and 20th September in line with the pension.

2. **Accommodation Payment**

Some residents will have their accommodation costs met in full or part by the government, while others will need to pay the accommodation prices agreed with Great Ocean Road Health. The Department of Human Services (Centrelink) will advise which applies to you based on an assessment of your income and assets. If you are not eligible for government support and will be paying for your accommodation costs personally, there are payment options available to you.

Our Apollo Bay Aged Care Nursing home is a high level care facility with long term high level care beds and one flexible respite bed, which can cater for high and low level care needs.

The home has a relaxed atmosphere with caring and motivated staff to manage each resident's requirements. We offer a range of services from activities programs, physiotherapy, podiatry, dietician, speech therapy, palliative care and a volunteer program to name a few. Being a small facility has its benefits of a family like environment, which the residents feel secure and safe in.

Our facilities are excellent with a mixture of single and shared (double) rooms. Each room has its own en-suite. The facility also has a beautiful garden area and activities room. Doctor services are provided through the on-site General Practice, ensuring prompt care if required.
All meals, including morning and afternoon tea are provided and serviced in the dining room.

Accommodation Pricing Options

Option 1 – Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)

A one-off lump sum payment that is partially refundable at the end of your stay with us.

Under the New Aged Care Act, as of 1 Nov 2025, Providers are required to regularly deduct part of each resident's RAD. The amount to be deducted is 2% per annum and is limited to 5 years.

These retention amounts do not need to be refunded on exit.

Option 2 – Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)

The lump sum price is converted into a daily payment, which is charged at the maximum permissible interest rate (MPIR) set by the Department of Health.

This daily payment (DAP) will be indexed by CPI on 20 March & 20 September each year.

Option 3 – Combination

The accommodation cost is paid by a combination of RAD and DAP. You can choose the RAD amount and this will then adjust the amount you pay via the daily charge.

Room Size	Pricing Options	Room Features
Shared room with shared en-suite *2.9 x 3.3m*	1. RAD $250,000 2. DAP $54.52/day 3. 50% RAD $125,000 50% DAP $27.26/day	Single rooms with en-suite, electric height adjustable beds, air conditioner, private telephone wire , free wi-fi and TV aerial available in room and televisions are also available
Single room with shared en-suite *2.9 x 3.3m*	1. RAD $300,000 2. DAP $65.42/day 3. 50% RAD $150,000 50% DAP $32.71/day	Single rooms with en-suite, electric height adjustable beds, air conditioner, private telephone wire , free wi-fi and TV aerial available in room and televisions are also available
Single room with en-suite *2.9 x 3.3m*	1. RAD $350,000 2. DAP $76.32/day 3. 50% RAD $175,000 50% DAP $38.16/day	Single rooms with own en-suite, electric height adjustable beds, air conditioner, private telephone wire , free wi-fi and TV aerial available in room and televisions are also available

For further information on any of the above information or pricing, please contact;

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