

Residential Aged Care at Dhelkaya Health – Fees and Charges

Pricing as at 1st October 2025

There are up to three types of fees payable in relation to Residential Aged Care at Dhelkaya Health. Your Centrelink Income and Asset Assessment (Assessment) will determine the final fees applicable to your residency.

We recommend you obtain independent financial advice to select the right accommodation payment option for your circumstances.



1. Basic Daily Care Fee - \$65.55/day

This fee is payable by all residents, regardless of means. It is representative of 85% of the single aged care pension, and increases slightly each time pension rates increase.

****The Basic Daily Care Fee is also the Daily fee for a Respite admission.***

- 2. Accommodation Payment** – up to \$450,000, or, \$93.82/day, or a combination (applying Maximum Permissible Interest Rate of 7.61%)
This fee may be variable, depending on the Assessment outcome. This fee also depends on which room you are in. You can opt to pay a Residential Accommodation Deposit (RAD), or a Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP), or a combination of the two.

Accommodation Payment Options (Only one will apply)			
A. Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)	B. Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)	C. Combination Payment (RAD + DAP)	D. Fully or partially Government supported accommodation

3. **Means Tested Care Fee (MTCF)** – Variable, depending on Assessment outcome

Should the Assessment not be provided prior to admission, the MTCF may be deferred for up to 60 days post-admission to allow sufficient time to submit and receive the outcome of the Assessment. At cessation of the deferral, the fee will be backdated to admission date. The fee (and its applicability) is reliant on the outcome of the Assessment. In the absence of a returned Assessment, the maximum fee will be charged (\$264.81 per day).

The maximum MTCF a residential care facility can charge you is:

- \$35,238.11 per year, or
- \$84,571.66 in a lifetime.

Accommodation Payment – further information

Dhelkaya Health has five residential facilities across two campuses:

Castlemaine Campus			Maldon Campus	
Ellery House	Thompson House	Penhall Hostel	Jessie Bowe House	Mountview Home

Maximum room rates for these facilities are detailed on the following page.

Please note that the complexity of your care requirements will determine which facilities can best accommodate you. This may mean that not all facilities will be offered to you.

Your Assessment will determine if you can be asked to pay accommodation costs, this is called an ‘accommodation payment’.

You have **28 days** after entering a residential facility to decide how you want to pay your accommodation payment. You can choose:

- A refundable accommodation deposit (RAD) which is a lump sum payment, the balance of which is refunded when you leave. *Please note there is no provision to refund, or partially refund RAD deposits unless the resident exits the facility.*
- A daily accommodation payment (DAP) which is a rental style payment that is paid on a regular basis, payable up to a month in advance, and is not

refundable. To calculate the equivalent daily payment of a refundable accommodation deposit, the refundable deposit is multiplied by the maximum permissible interest rate (MPIR), currently 7.61% as at 1st October 2025

- C. A combination of the two. Options to draw-down the DAP from a partial RAD are also available, as per the Accommodation payment options listed above.

Dhelkaya Health prefers payments made via direct debit. Direct debits are processed on the 21st of each month.

Further information regarding the **Income and Means Assessment** is available here: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/residential-aged-care-means-assessment?context=23391>

Further information regarding **financial advice** is available here: <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/financial-support-and-advice>

Further information regarding **financial hardship assessments** is available here: <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/financial-hardship-assistance>

Rates:

Facility	Campus	Room Type	Maximum Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)	Maximum Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)
Ellery House	Castlemaine	Shared room	\$420,000	\$87.57
Ellery House	Castlemaine	Single room with ensuite	\$450,000	\$93.82
Ellery House	Castlemaine	Single room with shared ensuite	\$450,000	\$93.82
Thompson House	Castlemaine	Single room with shared ensuite	\$380,000	\$79.23

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Thompson House	Castlemaine	Shared room	\$350,000	\$72.97
Penhall Hostel	Castlemaine	Single room with ensuite	\$450,000	\$93.82
Jessie Bowe House	Maldon	Single room with ensuite	\$400,000	\$83.40
Mountview Home	Maldon	Single room with ensuite	\$400,000	\$83.40
Mountview Home	Maldon	Single room with shared ensuite	\$400,000	\$83.40

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

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