

Application for Respite or Permanent Care to

Elderly Chinese Home

Normal process to apply for permanent or respite stay in a residential home is through the following steps:

To help you with the transition into an aged care home, you could obtain an overview by obtaining the [Five steps to entry in an aged care home](#) booklet which gives a good overview from assessing eligibility to living in an aged care home. You can ask for free printed versions of the booklet by calling My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 or visit MyAged Care Website <http://www.myagedcare.gov.au/>

In your application to Elderly Chinese Home, we will require the following:

- ◆ A Copy of the Application Form which can be downloaded from our website www.echinc.com.au
- ◆ An assessment conducted by the Aged Care Assessment Team and you will be provided with a letter of eligibility to enter a Residential Aged Care Home.
 - How do you find a local ACAT?
ACATs cover all of Australia and are based in hospitals or in the local community. To find your local ACAT or for more information about ACAT assessments, go to My Aged Care at www.myagedcare.gov.au or call 1800 200 422.
 - Does the assessment cost anything?
No. ACAT assessments are funded by the Australian Government to provide free assessments to determine eligibility for Australian Government Subsidised Care Services.
- ◆ You will need to fill out a form called the [Permanent Residential Aged Care – Request for a Combined Assets and Income Assessment \(SA457\)](#) to provide your income and asset information. You should return the form to Services Australia or the Department of Veterans' Affairs as per the instructions on the form. We will require a copy of the full letter received following the result of the assessment.

To apply for care, complete the [Application for Respite Care or Permanent Entry to Aged Care Homes form](#). This may be photocopied and used for applications at different care facilities.

The application form must be accompanied by a letter provided by the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) in your suburb determining that the applicant is assessed to be requiring Care needs on your eligibility. If the assessment had not been conducted then an application to the ACAT – Aged Care Assessment Team in your suburb could be made through your treating General Practitioner or through the Social Worker at you local Council or the Hospital if the applicant has been admitted and receiving medical care.

The Statement of Resident Status for Residential Aged Care Providers can be obtained through completing the Aged Care Fees Income Assessment Form or Permanent Residential Aged Care Request for a Combined Assets and Income Assessment Form that can be downloaded from My Aged Care Website , and sending it to the designated address within the Form. If you need assistance in completing this form, you can download the information booklet. If you choose not to have the Asset assessment conducted then you could discuss with Elderly Chinese Home's management on the provision of scheduled costs where you could be asked to pay the maximum daily fee applicable.

If you want to deal with the Services Australia on behalf of someone else, you will need to complete the [Appointment of Nominee form](#). This is in addition to any form you may have already completed for Centrelink.

You could call us at 03 9328 4558 email add: info.ech@echinc.com.au to make an appointment to tour the Home if you have not visited before. Tours are normally conducted at 2:30 pm on Friday Afternoons.

For more detailed information on the process, you can also go to the My Aged Care website at www.myagedcare.gov.au or can call 1800 200 422*, Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm local time (closed on national public holidays) and on Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm (local time).

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, they can help through the National Relay Service. Call 1800 555 677* and ask for 1800 200 422*.

If you need an interpreter, they can help through the Translating and Interpreting Service. Call 131 450 and ask for 1800 200 422*.

***Calls to 1800 numbers are free from fixed lines; however, calls from mobiles may be charged by your provider.**

What do you need to pay?

The Australian Government pays for the bulk of aged care in Australia. But, as with all aged care services, it is expected you will contribute to the cost of your care if you can afford to do so.

You will never be denied the care you need because you can't afford it. When moving into an aged care home you may be asked to pay towards your care, accommodation and daily living costs.

How much you pay depends on your financial situation. However, there are strong protections in place to make sure that care is affordable for everyone. The Australian Government sets the maximum fees for care and daily living expenses, and there are also rules about how much you can be asked to pay for your accommodation.

If you are required to pay an accommodation contribution or an accommodation payment, you will have 28 days from the day you entered an aged care home to decide on your payment method. You can choose to pay your accommodation costs by a lump-sum, rental-type payments (daily accommodation charge), or a combination of both.

What you will pay will be set out in a resident agreement between you and your aged care provider – in our case Elderly Chinese Home.

What types of costs are there?

You may be asked to pay one or more of the following in residential care.

- A basic daily fee. This covers living costs such as meals, power and laundry. For some people this is the only fee they are required to pay.**
- A means-tested care fee. This is an additional contribution towards the cost of care that some people may be required to pay. The Services Australia will work out if you are required to pay this fee based on an assessment of your income and assets, and will advise you of the amount.**
- An accommodation payment. This is for your accommodation in the home. Some people will have their accommodation costs met in full or part by the Australian Government, while others will need to pay the accommodation price agreed with the aged care home. The Services Australia (Centrelink) will advise you which applies to you based on an assessment of your income and assets. You**

may then be required to pay a Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) or Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)

- **Fees for extra or additional optional services.**
Additional fees may apply if you choose a higher standard of accommodation or additional services. These vary from home to home. Your aged care provider can provide you with details of these services and the fees that apply.

There are annual and lifetime caps in place to limit the amount of the means-tested care fee you will need to pay.

You can call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 to help you estimate the fees and charges you may have to pay towards your residential aged care. Before you call you should have your financial information ready, especially details of your various forms of income and assets. When you move into an aged care home, you will negotiate an agreement that will set out the fees and charges you will be asked to pay.

The information in this section covers aged care home costs from 1 July 2014. For information on the previous fees and charges effective up until 30 June 2014, please see My Aged Care website.