ENTRY INTO BARRABILL HOUSE RESIDENCE

Before entering Barrabill House aged care residence, all of the following three steps must be undertaken by the incoming resident (or their representative).

1. ACAS /ACAT ASSESSMENT

This assessment lets us know what type of care the prospective resident may require, and allows us to claim government funding to reduce their fees. Aged Care Assessments are conducted by mobile ACAS / ACAT teams. Your local GP can assist with arranging an assessment, or you can arrange directly by calling 1800 200 422 or at www.myagedcare.gov.au. There is often a wait of a few weeks for assessments, so it is best to organise this as early as possible.

2. SERVICES AUSTRALIA / DEPARTMENT VETERANS AFFAIR MEANS 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 asset and income assessment. This assessment will determine if a resident qualifies for a government supported place or will pay additional contributions towards daily living costs. Forms can be obtained from Services Australia or by calling 1800 227 475.

3. AGED CARE APPLICATION FORM

Application for respite care or permanent entry to an aged care home form needs to be completed for prospective resident. Application forms are available directly from Barrabill House, our website or by calling us on 5793 6170

AGED CARE FINANCES

If you move into an aged care home for permanent care, you will pay fees under one of 2 arrangements:

- 1 July 2014 fee arrangements
- 1 November 2025 fee arrangements.

The below fee information is applicable to the 1 November 2025 fee arrangements.

These may apply to you if you first enter residential care on or after 1 November 2025. However, if you were approved for or accessing a Home Care Package on 12 September 2024, you are protected by the 'no worse off principle' and will pay fees under the 1 July 2014 arrangements.

Residential aged care fees are made up of the following components.

1. Basic daily fee

All residents pay this fee for daily living services, including meals, cleaning, laundry and utilities.

The maximum fee is set at 85% of the single basic age pension. This fee increases in March and September each year in line with the age pension

The current **Basic Daily Fee** for full pensioners, part pensioners and self-funded retirees is **$65.55** per day.

2. Hotelling contribution

People who can afford to contribute more towards their daily living costs through a hotelling contribution.

Services Australia will tell you if you need to pay a hotelling contribution and if so, how much you need to pay. This is based on your means assessment. The maximum amount changes with indexation in March and September.

Maximum daily amount is currently **$22.15**

3. Non-clinical care contribution

People who need to pay the maximum hotelling contribution may also need to pay a non-clinical care contribution. This fee contributes to personal care costs such as bathing and mobility assistance.

Services Australia will tell you if you need to pay a non-clinical care contribution and if so, how much you need to pay. This is based on your means assessment.

The maximum amount changes with indexation in March and September.

Daily and lifetime caps apply. A four-year cap also applies to the non-clinical care contribution. The fee ceases after a person pays it for four years, even if they have not reached the lifetime cap amount.

Currently daily cap is **$105.30**

Lifetime cap **$135,318.69**

4. Accommodation costs

The Accommodation Payment is an amount you pay towards your accommodation costs. Some residents will have their accommodation costs paid in full or in part by the Government, others will need to pay the accommodation payment requested by the aged care home. The resident determines payment method, they can choose between paying a RAD, a DAP or a combination of both.

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

A. REFUNDABLE ACCOMMODATIN DEPOSIT (RAD)

A Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) is a one-off lump sum payment made to the aged care provider. The RAD for Barrabill House is currently set at **$400,000**

RAD Retentions

If you pay a lump sum, aged care provider keeps 2% of your lump sum per year. This amount is not refunded when you leave care. After 5 years in care, no further retention amounts will be deducted.

Upon payment of the RAD, the resident must be left a minimum of **$63,000** in cash / assets. The Aged Care Act, 1997 (Commonwealth) stipulates that you have 6 months to pay the RAD. Interest will be calculated on unpaid RAD's at the current government legislated interest rate of **7.61%** per annum from the entry date and is payable until the RAD is received. The RAD is protected by the Aged Care Act, 1997 (Commonwealth).

The deposit is refunded when you leave the aged care residence, less retentions and any amounts you have agreed to have deducted. Those residents transferring to another aged care residence or returning home will have their RAD refunded within 14 days from discharge. In the case of a deceased resident, the RAD will be refunded within 14 days of receipt of a certified copy of the Grant of Probate.

B. DAILY ACCOMMODATION PAYMENT (DAP)

A Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) is a rental-type payment. Instead of paying for your accommodation in full as a RAD an ongoing daily payment can be selected. The DAP is calculated by multiplying the RAD amount by the government legislated interest rate (currently **7.61%** p.a.) The current DAP amount is **$83.40** per day.

DAP Indexation

If you pay by DAP, this amount will increase due to indexation on 20 March and 20 September each year. Indexation does not apply to daily accommodation contributions (DAC) paid by residents eligible for government assistance with their accommodation costs.

Like rent, no funds are returned when the resident leaves the residence if they choose to pay via DAP.

C. COMBINATION PAYMENT (RAD + DAP)

You can opt to pay part of the accommodation payment as a lump sum RAD and then the balance via DAP

payments. DAP payments will be calculated based on the outstanding RAD amount.

If you choose a combination of RAD and DAP and you elect to have the DAP taken from the RAD, your DAP payment will increase over time as the RAD amount is reduced.

D. FULLY OR PARTIALLY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION

Barrabill House offers fully supported accommodation where no accommodation contribution is required, or partially supported accommodation where only a partial accommodation contribution is required. Eligibility and payment amount are determined by the Government from the asset and income assessment.

Fees and charges effective from 25 November 2025, MPIR interest rate effective from 1 October 2025

USEFUL RESOURCES

MY AGED CARE
1800 200 422
www.myagedcare.gov.au

DEPARTMENT OF VERTERAN AFFAIRS
133 254
www.dva.gov.au

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
1800 227 475
www.humanservices.gov.au

SERVICES AUSTRALIA (CENTRELINK)
132 300
www.dss.gov.au