

Choosing care at home

Ageing at home



Many older Australians prefer to age at home rather than move into residential care. Home care can help maintain your independence for longer.



The support needed to stay at home can be provided by your spouse or family and friends.



Alternatively support can be provided through a home care service (privately funded or government subsidised), to reduce the burden on your spouse or family.

Home care packages

As at 31 March 2018

84,971 

people receive home care packages

869 

approved home care providers

The 2018 Federal Budget announced

14,000

additional packages over the next 4 years

Four levels of approved packages

	Maximum daily government subsidy	Total annual budget (including client contributions)
Level 1	\$22.66	\$12,077.85
Level 2	\$41.22	\$18,852.25
Level 3	\$90.62	\$ 36,883.25
Level 4	\$137.77	\$54,093.00

Current to 19 March 2019

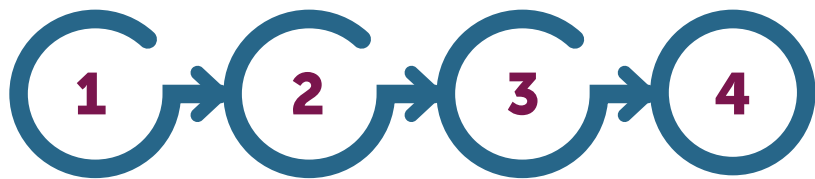
The national queue



As at 30 June 2018 there were 121,418 people in the national queue*. The wait could be more than 12 months, but 75% of those waiting received lower levels of care in the interim.

*Dept of Health HOME CARE PACKAGES PROGRAM Data Report 4th Quarter 2017-18

How to access



Assessment

Arrange for an Aged Care Assessment Team/Service (ACAT/ACAS) to assess your eligibility.

Research

Start to research approved home care providers in your area while waiting for your package.

Develop plan

Once a package is allocated to you, contact your selected provider and develop a budget and care plan.

Start care

Sign a home care agreement and commence care.

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