Have your say on residential aged care pricing



You are invited to give feedback on the development of the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority's (IHACPA's) residential aged care pricing and costing advice.

In our Consultation Paper on the Pricing Framework for Australian Residential Aged Care Services 2026–27, you can have your say across a range of topics.

Your input will help inform the pricing advice we provide to the Australian Government.



About this year's consultation paper

The purpose of this year's consultation paper is to update you on:



IHACPA's role in residential aged care and residential respite care



why IHACPA engages with stakeholders



what IHACPA's advice does and does not cover



principles for developing residential aged care pricing and costing advice



the Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) funding model



how we develop our pricing advice to government



funding model reviews and future priorities.

Have your say on a range of topics

This year's consultation covers many key areas, including:

- · IHACPA's cost collections
- the assessment of the Multi-Purpose Services Program (MPSP) funding model
- the assessment of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program (NATSIFACP) funding model
- · residential aged care supplements
- · required hotel services.

By sharing your views, we can develop residential aged care pricing and costing advice that is fair and transparent, now and into the future.



Who can provide feedback

Everyone with an interest in aged care is encouraged to have their say. To reflect the diversity in residential aged care, we encourage responses from a wide range of individuals and organisations, including:

- · Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- · providers in regional, rural and remote areas
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- MPSP providers
- NATSIFACP providers
- residents and their families, carers and people representing those utilising residential aged care.



Key dates

- Release of the consultation paper 10 July 2025
- Submissions close 5pm AEST Friday 22 August 2025
- Release of the consultation report consolidating stakeholder feedback 2026
- Release of the Pricing Framework for Australian Residential Aged Care Services 2026

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Tips for making a submission

We encourage you to share your experience and advice on aged care pricing. When making a submission, please:

Focus on your area of expertise or specific area of interest.

> You do not need to answer all of the consultation questions. Effective submissions often focus on a single area and all submissions are valuable to us.

Complete and attach the consultation survey to your submission.

> If responding by email or mail, attach a copy of the survey.

If possible, provide evidence to support your recommendations.

> Responses that are well-reasoned and supported by references or data are the most effective.

How to make a submission

Submissions are open until 5pm AEST Friday 22 August 2025



Online





⊠ Mail

Visit IHACPA Engagement Hub

submissions.ihacpa@ihacpa.gov.au

PO Box 483, Darlinghurst NSW 1300

We will publish all submissions to the consultation paper unless you ask us not to. Information will not be published if it contains information that is commercially sensitive, is factually contentious, raises individual confidentiality concerns, or contains assumptions about likely legal or industrial determinations.

Additional resources

Visit our engagement hub to read the consultation paper, make a submission and access other resources, such as FAQs and fact sheets.

Go to IHACPA Engagement Hub

If you have any questions about making a submission, please contact us at submissions.ihacpa@ihacpa.gov.au.

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About IHACPA

IHACPA is an independent government agency that develops evidence-based pricing and costing advice to the Australian Government. We help to inform government decisions on the pricing of residential aged care and residential respite care services.

Informed by IHACPA's advice, the government is responsible for determining and announcing the AN-ACC price.

Learn more at ihacpa.gov.au

More information

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