

Glossary of Acronyms

	Term	Meaning
ACAT/ ACAS (VIC)	Aged Care Assessment Team / Service	Teams of medical and allied health professionals who assess the needs of frail older people to determine approval for government subsidised care.
ACFI	Aged Care Funding Instrument	The mechanism used by a residential care provider to determine the maximum Government care subsidy paid for each resident based on care needs.
ASF	Additional Services Fee	Fee charged by residential care providers for additional services such as newspapers, wine, Foxtel etc. Charged as a package or for individual items. The fees may or may not be optional.
BDF	Basic Daily Fee	The basic daily fee is a flat fee payable by all aged care residents, set at 85% of the single basic rate of age pension (ie before supplements are added). It covers 'hotel services' like cleaning, linen, utilities, food, etc.
CHSP	Commonwealth Home Support Program	Entry level home help program for older people who need some assistance with daily living tasks, to enable them to continue to live independently.
DAC	Daily Accommodation Contribution	Daily amount that can be paid by low-means residents towards their cost of accommodation. It is based on an assessment of financial means.
DAP	Daily Accommodation Payment	Daily amount that can be paid by permanent residents (not low-means) towards their cost of accommodation. Based on the advertised RAD, multiplied by the MPIR and divided by number of days.
DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs	Government department responsible for delivering government programs for war veterans, members of the Australian Defence Force, Australian Federal Police and their dependants.
ESF	Extra Service Fee	Fee charged by residential care services that have been approved as "extra-service" for additional services such as newspapers, wine, Foxtel etc. You can't opt out of these fees as they are attached to the room.
MAC	My Aged Care	Government service that assists clients to find and access aged care services through a website and help line.
MTA	Means Test Amount	A resident's assessable income and assets are applied to determine an income amount and an asset amount which are added together to produce a means test amount (MTA). If this is below the MAS the resident is considered 'low-means'.
MAS	Maximum Accommodation Supplement	The maximum daily amount that an aged care service provider can receive for accommodation for a low-means resident. Payment is split between the government and the resident. The provider may receive a lower amount if they do not qualify as new/refurbished and/or the percentage of low-means residents is 40% or less.
MPIR	Maximum Permissible Interest Rate	The interest rate used to calculate the DAP. It is set by the government each quarter.
MTF	Means Tested Fee	The amount a permanent resident is required to pay towards the cost of their care (in addition to basic daily fee (BDF)), based on their financial means as determined by the MTA less the MAS.
RAC	Refundable Accommodation Contribution	The lump sum that can be paid by a low-means resident towards their cost of accommodation.
RAD	Refundable Accommodation Deposit	The lump sum amount that can be paid for accommodation in a residential care service. It is the advertised price on the My Aged Care website.
RAS	Regional Assessment Service	Home care providers that undertake the assessment for CHSP services.
SA	Services Australia	Responsible for the delivery of government payments and services through Centrelink, Medicare, and child support.