



Residential aged care funding assessment pathways

There are three funding assessment pathways for assessing and classifying a resident in permanent residential aged care (excluding respite care).

New resident entering residential aged care to receive palliative care	Current resident approaching end of life	Current resident experiencing natural decline over time
<p><i>This pathway is for a new resident who enters an aged care home for the purpose of receiving planned palliative care. A resident approved for palliative care entry does not require a funding assessment.</i></p> <p>If the new resident agrees to enter an aged care home for palliative care, their palliative care status must be determined by a medical or nurse practitioner no more than 14 days from the date of the resident's permanent entry, and recorded on the palliative care status form.</p> <p>The aged care home ticks the palliative care box when submitting the resident's Aged Care Entry Record (ACER), and uploads the completed palliative care status form within 14 days of submitting the ACER into the My Aged Care Service and Support Portal.</p> <p>The Department of Health and Aged Care reviews the palliative care status form. If the criteria are met, the resident will receive an allocation of AN-ACC Class 1, and a funding assessment will not be required.</p> <p>For more information visit AN-ACC Class 1 – admit for palliative care.</p>	<p><i>This is an urgent assessment pathway for an existing resident whose care needs have changed due to approaching end of life.</i></p> <p>The aged care home submits a reclassification request for the resident through the My Aged Care Service and Support Portal, noting that the resident is approaching end of life and requires an urgent assessment.</p> <p>Note: As part of the urgent reclassification request process, the provider must acknowledge that the resident has an end of life care plan in place, and that this has been communicated with the resident, their family and/or carers.</p> <p>The resident is referred for an urgent funding assessment which will typically occur within 14 days.</p> <p>The classification determined by the assessment will apply from the date of the reclassification request.</p> <p>As end of life can happen quickly, not all requests for an urgent assessment will be able to be completed.</p>	<p><i>This assessment pathway is for an existing resident whose care needs have changed significantly since their last assessment took place, including where a resident's condition has declined over time.</i></p> <p>An approved provider can request that the Department of Health and Aged Care reassess a permanent resident if, since their existing classification took effect, any of the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• there has been a change in the resident's cognitive ability, compounding factors, function, mobility, or pressure sore risk• the resident has been a hospital inpatient at least 5 days (or 2 days if administered a general anaesthetic)• at least 6 months (for Classes 9-12) or 12 months (for Classes 2-8) have passed. <p>The aged care home submits a reclassification request for the resident through the My Aged Care Service and Support Portal.</p> <p>The resident is referred for a funding assessment within the standard timeframe of 28 days.</p> <p>The classification determined by the assessment will apply from the date of the reclassification request.</p> <p>For more information visit the AN-ACC Funding Guide.</p>

