# *Aged Care Rules 2025*: Summary of key changes

## The *Aged Care Rules 2025* (Rules) provide further detail and explanation of how the *Aged Care Act 2024* (Act) will work. The Rules are published on the [Federal Register of Legislation](https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2025L01173/latest/text). The Rules take effect from 1 November 2025.

## Overview

This document provides a summary of changes to the Rules since the release of an Exposure Draft of the consolidated Rules on 31 July 2025.

The changes improve the logic and flow of the Rules and address numbering, typographic and grammatical errors.

The major changes are listed below for each chapter of the Rules. A detailed comparative table of the changes is provided at the end of this fact sheet.

## Chapter 1 – Introduction

* Refinements to definitions for further clarity and cross references to provisions in the Act and Rules where applicable.
* Small adjustments to the Aged Care Service List regarding capital depreciation and the Transition Care Program, with no policy implications.
* Inclusion of provisions regarding supporters and registration of supporters.

## Chapter 2 – Entry to the Commonwealth Aged Care System

* Reordering of provisions to improve logical flow and alignment with departmental systems.
* Additional detail about circumstances which should be considered in relation to aged care needs re-assessments.
* Additional detail about circumstances and information required to assess and re-assess individuals’ classification types and levels.
* New provisions related to the classification type ‘ongoing’, for the service group Assistive Technology–assistance dog.
* New provisions setting out arrangements for transfer of places for the Multi-Purpose Service Program.

## Chapter 3 – Provider registration

* The inclusion of the full range of application and audit fees, which had not been finalised in time for inclusion in the Exposure Draft, however were available on the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission’s website.

## Chapter 4 – Conditions on provider registration

* Refinements to address technical drafting matters regarding service delivery provisions.
* Reordering of provisions to improve logical flow and readability.

## Chapter 5 – Registered provider, responsible person and aged care worker obligations

* Reordering of provisions to improve logical flow and readability.

## Chapter 7 – Funding of aged care services—Commonwealth contributions

* Refinements to address inconsistencies between the Rules and departmental systems, as well as adjustments to align the Rules with the intended policy outcomes.
* Amendments in relation to various subsidies and supplements, as well as updating figures, to align with indexation ahead of commencement from 1 November 2025.

## Chapter 8 – Funding of aged care services—individual fees and contributions

* Refinements to restructure the residential care provisions dealing with pre and post‑contribution classes, to assist with readability and co-locate funding provisions for both transitional and new world classes.

## Chapter 9 – Funding of aged care services—accommodation payments and accommodation contributions etc.

* New provisions about amounts that must be deducted from refundable deposit balances and circumstances in which a retention amount may be refunded.
* Refinements to ensure alignment between the Rules and the Act relating to the indexation of the higher maximum accommodation payment amounts.

## Chapter 10 – Funding of aged care services—means testing

* Amendments to specify the information required to make determinations and to ensure relevant provisions are amenable to automation, and
* Refinements to make it easier for older people to see all means testing Rules in one place.

## Chapter 14 – Miscellaneous

* New provisions about application fees and fees for services provided by the System Governor, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner and Aged Care Complaints Commissioner.
* These were not included in the Exposure Draft of the Rules as the fees had not been finalised at that time.

## Aged Care Rules 2025 – Key Numbering and Title Changes from Exposure Draft

The purpose of this table is to show changes to the order and naming of Subdivisions and Sections of the final Aged Care Rules from the earlier Exposure Draft of the Rules.

| Aged Care Rules 2025 | Exposure Draft (31 July 2025) |
| --- | --- |
| Chapter 1 – Introduction | |
| Section 7-21 – Price Charged | Not in ED |
| Part 8 – Supporters | Not in ED |
| Chapter 2 – Entry to the Commonwealth aged care system | |
| Section 98-5 – Transfer of places | Not in ED |
| Chapter 3 – Provider registration | |
| Section 110-45 – Audit Fee—audit in connection with registration | Section 110-45 – Audit Fee—application for registration |
| Section 110-47 – Audit fee—audit in connection with registration renewal | Section 110-47 – Audit fee—application for renewal of registration |
| Section 110-49 – Audit fee—audit in connection with variation of registration | Section 110-49 – Audit fee—application for variation of registration |
| Section 110-5 – Audit fee—refunds | Not in ED |
| Chapter 4 – Conditions on provider registration | |
| Section 148-33 – Providers delivering services under provider registration category residential care—services that must be delivered | Not in ED |
| Subdivision B – Information provided to an individual | Subdivision R – Information provided to an individual |
| Section 154-2 – Requirement to keep and retain information provided to an individual | Section 154-3300 – Requirement to keep and retain information provided to an individual |
| Section 154-3 – Requirement to correct personal information | Section 154-3500 – Requirement to correct personal information |
| Subdivision C – Vaccination | Subdivision B – Vaccination |
| Subdivision D – Quality Indicators | Subdivision C – Quality Indicators |
| Subdivision E – Incidents | Subdivision N – Incidents |
| Section 154-150 – Records about details of incidents | Section 154-3000 – Records about details of incidents |
| Subdivision F – Complaints and feedback | Subdivision D – Complaints and feedback |
| Subdivision G – Prudential and financial | Subdivision E – Prudential and financial |
| Section 154-300 – Requirement to keep and retain financial and prudential reports | Section 154-315 – Requirement to keep and retain financial and prudential reports |
| Subdivision H – CHSP | Subdivision F – CHSP |
| Section 154-400 – Application of Subdivision | Section 154-600 – Application of Subdivision |
| Section 154-405 – Requirements for records | Section 154-605 – Requirements for records |
| Subdivision J – NATSIFACP | Subdivision G – NATSIFACP |
| Section 154-500 – Application of Subdivision | Section 154-600 – Application of Subdivision |
| Section 154-505 – Requirements for records | Section 154-615 – Requirements for records |
| Subdivision K – Multi Purpose Service Program | Subdivision L – Multi Purpose Service Program |
| Section 154-605 – Application of Subdivision to certain registered providers | Section 154-1205 – Application of Subdivision to certain registered providers |
| Section 154-610 – Requirements for records | Section 154-1210 – Requirements for records |
| Subdivision L – Transition Care Program | Subdivision M – Transition Care Program |
| Section 154-650 – Application of Subdivision to certain registered providers | Section 154-1215 – Application of Subdivision to certain registered providers |
| Section 154-665 – Requirements for records | Section 154-1220 – Requirements for records |
| Subdivision M – Governing Bodies | Subdivision H – Governing Bodies |
| Subdivision N – Advisory Bodies | Subdivision J – Advisory Bodies |
| Subdivision P – Worker Screening | Subdivision K – Worker Screening |
| Section 154-900 – Records of responsible persons | Section 154-1110 – Records of responsible persons |
| Section 154-905 – Records of aged care workers | Section 154-1120 – Records of aged care workers |
| Section 154-910 – How long records required by sections 154-900 and 154-905 to be kept | Section 154-1125 – How long records required by sections 154-1110 and 154-1120 to be kept |
| Section 154-915 – Copies of records relating to allegations of misconduct | Section 154-1135 – Copies of records relating to allegations of misconduct |
| Subdivision Q – Delivery and continuity of funded aged care services | Subdivision P – Delivery and continuity of funded aged care services |
| Section 154-1000 – Requirement to keep and retain records relating to continuity of funded aged care services | Section 154-3100 – Requirement to keep and retain records relating to continuity of funded aged care services |
| Subdivision R – Status of service delivery branches | Subdivision Q – Status of service delivery branches |
| Section 154-1100 – Requirement to keep and retain records about service delivery branches | Section 154-3200 – Requirement to keep and retain records about service delivery branches |
| Section 154-1200 – Application of this Subdivision | Section 154-3400 – Application of this Subdivision |
| Section 154-1205 – Requirement to keep and retain records which enable claims for payment of subsidy to be verified | Section 154-3410 – Requirement to keep and retain records which enable claims for payment of subsidy to be verified |
| Section 154-1300 – Requirement to keep and retain records relating to compliance | Section 154-3415 – Requirement to keep and retain records relating to compliance |
| Chapter 5 – Registered provider, responsible person and aged care worker obligations | |
| Removed – now exists in new section 166-205 | Subdivision A – Application of Division to feedback received |
| Subdivision A – Vaccination | Subdivision B – Vaccination |
| Subdivision B – Quality indicators | Subdivision C – Quality indicators |
| Subdivision C – Complaints and feedback management report | Subdivision D – Complaints and feedback management report |
| Section 166-205 – Application of subdivision | Section 166-205 – Application of subdivision to certain registered providers |
| Subdivision D – Complaints and feedback information on request | Subdivision E – Complaints and feedback information on request |
| Subdivision E – Prudential and financial | Subdivision F – Prudential and financial |
| Subdivision F – CHSP | Subdivision G – CHSP |
| Subdivision G – NATSIFACP | Subdivision H – NATSIFACP |
| Subdivision H – Multi-Purpose Service Program | Subdivision K – Multi-Purpose Service Program |
| Subdivision J – Transition Care Program | Subdivision L – Transition Care Program |
| Subdivision K – Governing bodies | Subdivision J – Governing bodies |
| Section 166-800 – Application of this Subdivision | Section 166-700 – Application of this Subdivision |
| Section 166-805 – Governing bodies must prepare and provide statements | Section 166-705 – Governing bodies must prepare and provide statements |
| Section 166-810 – Requirements for certain registered providers to give information relating to reporting periods | Section 166-710 – Requirements for certain registered providers to give information relating to reporting periods |
| Section 166-815 – Service provided during part only of reporting period | Section 166-715 – Service provided during part only of reporting period |
| Subdivision L – Registered nurses | Subdivision M – Registered nurses |
| Section 166-850 – Application of this Subdivision | Section 166-800 – Application of this Subdivision |
| Section 166-855 – Reporting requirements relating to registered nurses | Section 166-805 – Reporting requirements relating to registered nurses |
| Subdivision M – Status of service delivery branches | Subdivision N – Status of service delivery branches |
| Subdivision N – Pricing information | Subdivision P – Pricing information |
| Section 166-1000 – Application of this Subdivision | Section 166-1500 – Application of this Subdivision |
| Section 166-1005 – Pricing information | Section 166-1505 – Pricing information |
| Section 176-15 – Care minutes that must be delivered | Section 176-15 – Amounts of direct care that must be provided |
| Section 176-20 – Average numbers of care minutes | Section 176-20 – Average amounts of direct care |
| Section 176-35 – Care minutes that must be delivered—NATSIFACP providers | Section 176-35 – Amounts of direct care that must be provided—NATSIFACP providers |
| Chapter 7 – Funding of aged care services—Commonwealth contributions | |
| Section 211-25 – Day and amount for credit to account for classification type short term—credit due to change in classification coming into effect | Not in ED |
| Section 239-30 – Care minutes supplement—applicability | Not in ED |
| Section 239-35 – Care minutes supplement—amount | Not in ED |
| Chapter 8 – Funding of aged care services—individual fees and contributions | |
| Subdivision A – Classes of individuals to which Division 2 of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the Act does not apply | Subdivision AA – Classes of individuals to which Division 2 of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the Act does not apply |
| Removed – to be included in transitional rules | Subdivision A – Contributions for delivery of funded aged care services—ongoing residential care |
| Removed – now exists in new section 280-10 | Section 278-5 – Classes of individuals to which hotelling contribution does not apply |
| Removed – now exists in new section 280-10 | Section 279-20 – Classes of individuals to which non-clinical care contribution does not apply |
| Section 280-10 – Hotelling contribution and non-clinical care contribution taken to be zero in some circumstances—matters to which System Governor must have regard | Not in ED |
| Removed – to be included in transitional rules | Section 283-10 – Resident respite fee—amounts for working out maximum |
| Section 284-2 – Kinds of higher everyday living agreement | Not in ED |
| Subdivision A – Prescribed amounts | Title not in ED |
| Section 285A-3 – Purposes of this Subdivision | Section 285-3 – Purposes of this Division |
| Removed – to be included in transitional rules | Section 285A-23 – Extra service fees |
| Removed – to be included in transitional rules | Section 285A-24 – Additional service fees |
| Subdivision B – Other matters | Not in ED |
| Section 286-17 – Refund of amounts paid in advance if individual dies or stops accessing services | Section 285-17 – Refund of amounts paid in advance if individual dies or stops accessing services |
| Chapter 9 – Funding of aged care services—accommodation payments and accommodation contributions etc. | |
| Section 308-11 – Amounts that must be deducted from refundable deposit balances—retention amounts—circumstances in which a retention amount may be refunded | Not in ED |
| Chapter 10 – Funding of aged care services—means testing | |
| Removed – duplicative of the arrangements in subsection 318A(5) of the Act. | Section 318A-15 – New individual contribution rate determination following revocation of incorrect determination to take effect on specified day in specified circumstances |
| Chapter 11 – Governance of the aged care system | |
| Part 2 – System Governor | Part 1A – System Governor |
| Part 3 – Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission | Part 2 – Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission |
| Division 1 – Other functions of the Commissioner | Division 1A – Other functions of the Commissioner |
| Division 2 – Safeguarding functions of the Commissioner | Division 1 – Safeguarding functions of the Commissioner |
| Division 3 – Establishment and functions of the Complaints Commissioner | Division 2 – Establishment and functions of the Complaints Commissioner |
| Division 4 – Complaints Commissioner—complaints and feedback | Division 3 – Complaints Commissioner—complaints and feedback |
| Division 5 – Reporting and planning | Division 4 – Reporting and planning |
| Chapter 14 – Miscellaneous | |
| Part 3 – Application fees and fees for services provided by the System Governor, Commissioner and Complaints Commissioner | Not in ED |