# 2017 scheme for the viability supplement

Under this scheme, your service must score at least 50 points out of a total 100 points to be eligible for the [viability supplement](https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/aged-care/providing-aged-care-services/funding-for-aged-care-service-providers/viability-supplement-for-aged-care). To work out the number of points for your service, follow the steps below.

## Step 1: work out the MMM rating of your service

Use the [Health Workforce Locator](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator) to search for the street address of your service. Select the Modified Monash Model (MMM) and choose 2015 to get the MMM rating. Score as follows:

* MMM 1 – 0 points
* MMM 2 – 0 points
* MMM 3 – 0 points
* MMM 4 – 30 points
* MMM 5 – 40 points
* MMM 6 – 55 points
* MMM 7 – 65 points

## Step 2: add points for very remote locations with lower care needs

Add 15 points if:

* your service is in a MMM 5, MMM 6 or MMM 7 location **and**
* more than 50% of the residents have lower care needs

Residents with lower care needs are those who have an ACFI appraisal that does **not** include any of the following:

* high ADL domain category
* high CHC domain category
* high behaviour domain category
* a medium domain category in at least 2 domains

## Step 3: add points for caring for people with more complex needs

Add 60 points if your service has more than 50% of care recipients who qualify as homeless or Indigenous Australians with complex behavioural needs and social disadvantage.

See [viability supplement – expansion](https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/aged-care/providing-aged-care-services/funding-for-aged-care-service-providers/viability-supplement-expansion-for-aged-care) for information on meeting the eligibility criteria for this step.

## Step 4: adjust the total

If the total of steps 1, 2 and 3 is more than 65 points, reduce the total to 65 points.

## Step 5: work out points for number of occupied places

Work out the points for your service as follows and add to your total:

* Fewer than 20 occupied places – 30 points
* 20 to 24 occupied places – 25 points
* 25 to 29 occupied places – 20 points
* 30 to 34 occupied places – 15 points
* 35 to 39 occupied places – 10 points
* 40 to 44 occupied places – 5 points

## Step 6: add points for caring for people with special needs

Add 5 points if more than 50% of care recipients have special needs.

This does not include people who have special needs only because they live in rural or remote areas or are financially or socially disadvantaged.

**The result is your service’s points score for the 2017 scheme.**

## Contact

If you have questions about the viability supplement, email subsidiesandsupplements@health.gov.au

## More information

* [Viability supplement expansion](https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/aged-care/providing-aged-care-services/funding-for-aged-care-service-providers/viability-supplement-expansion-for-aged-care)
* [1997, 2001 and 2005 schemes for the viability supplement](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/1997-2001-and-2005-schemes-for-the-viability-supplement-residential-aged-care)
* [Viability supplement for care providers](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/aged-care-viability-supplement-care-providers) on the Department of Human Services website