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AN-ACC Shadow Assessments - Information for Residents

What is happening?

The Australian Government is replacing the current Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) with the Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) from 1 October 2022.

Everyone living in an Australian Government funded residential aged care facility will have an AN-ACC assessment by 30 September 2022. These assessments will run alongside the current ACFI funding arrangements. This period is being referred to as the 'shadow assessment period'.

During the shadow assessment period, AN-ACC assessments will not affect your current residential aged care accommodation, care or funding arrangements.

What does an AN-ACC assessment involve?

An AN-ACC assessment is simple and doesn't take long. It involves an assessor having a chat with you about the things you can do independently, and the things you need help with.

Who will conduct the assessments?

Assessments will be conducted by specially trained assessors who are skilled and experienced clinicians (either Registered Nurses, Occupational Therapists or Physiotherapists) with at least five years' experience working in aged care.

AN-ACC assessors have completed comprehensive training on how to use the purpose-built AN-ACC assessment tool.

AN-ACC assessors are employed by independent organisations that have been contracted by the Department of Health to undertake AN-ACC assessments across Australia during the shadow assessment period

Will the assessment affect my current care or aged care costs?

During the shadow assessment period, the AN-ACC assessment will not affect the care you receive, your current living arrangements or the funding your aged care facility receives.

I am a respite resident - will I have an AN-ACC assessment?

If you are accessing residential respite services at the same time an AN-ACC assessor is conducting assessments at your aged care facility, the assessor may ask you a few questions.



Respite assessments conducted during the shadow assessment period are voluntary. The respite assessment will not impact your current respite arrangements or the funding your aged care facility receives.

Will my assessment be confidential?

Any information you share with the AN-ACC assessor will be protected by the Privacy Act 1988 and the Australian Privacy Principles.

Where can I find more information?

You can find out more information on the AN-ACC shadow assessment period on our [Residential Aged Care Funding Reform](https://www.health.gov.au) webpage at <https://www.health.gov.au>.

Any questions, complaints, or concerns can be referred to the Australian Government Department of Health:

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