

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 28-Proportion of residential aged care services that are three year re-accredited, 2018 QS

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Data quality

Data quality statement summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The data are restricted to re-accreditation site audits and review audits within the previous financial year.• Remoteness data for 2011–12 are not directly comparable to remoteness data for 2012–13 and subsequent years.
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Institutional environment:	<p>The data are from an administrative data collection designed for meeting the Accreditation Standards and a home's responsibilities under the Aged Care Act 1997.</p> <p>The tables for this indicator were prepared by the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency and quality assessed by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). The data quality statement was developed by the Department of Social Services (DSS) and includes comments from the AIHW. The AIHW did not have the relevant data sets required to independently verify the data tables for this indicator.</p>
Timeliness:	The data are restricted to re-accreditation site audits and review audits within the previous financial year.
Accessibility:	The data are collected by the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency and are readily available.
Interpretability:	<p>The data are restricted to re-accreditation site audits and review audits within the previous financial year.</p> <p>Terms used in the dataset may be ambiguous because a user may not understand that the data have limitations as a proxy measure of the industry's performance.</p> <p>The Report on government services includes footnotes and explanations on this measure.</p>

Relevance: The data are restricted to services seeking re-accreditation and those where a review audit was undertaken. Each year there are more assessment contacts (including unannounced visits) than there are audits. Review audits occur where the regulator has sufficient concerns to decide that the provider may not be meeting the Accreditation Standards or its responsibilities under the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

Assessment contacts are necessarily limited in scope and hence how a home performs at a full audit is considered a more robust indicator. This indicator is a point-in-time assessment of performance, as accreditation generally follows a 3-yearly cycle. The audit data can be up to 3 years old.

A pilot program has commenced whereby residential aged care homes in the pilot program are eligible for 5-year re-accreditation. During the period 2015–16 there were 9 homes, and during 2016–17 there were 4 homes that received 5-year re-accreditation. These homes are included in this indicator with homes that achieved 3-year re-accreditation.

A limitation in the data is that they are only for re-accreditation decisions made during the financial year.

In 2016–17 there were 2,677 accredited residential aged care homes but only 474 re-accreditation decisions were made. In the previous year (2015–16) 1,053 decisions were made.

Accuracy: The data used to calculate this indicator are from an administrative data collection designed for meeting the Accreditation Standards and a home's responsibilities under the *Aged Care Act 1997*. The data are considered to be accurate.

The intent of the indicator is to provide a proxy for overall industry performance. The indicator shows how many homes are on the maximum period of accreditation (due to being consistently good performers). It is not relevant how many homes were assessed during the year.

Coherence: The data are used to report in the *Report on government services* and are coherent.

The 'accreditation period' only shows the decision in effect at 30 June of that year. The figures will not necessarily be consistent with the accreditation decisions made in the previous year because those decisions may not yet have taken effect, or may have been superseded. The data vary across years according to how many homes were due for assessment during the year. The comparison across reference periods of the number of homes assessed is not meaningful. The comparison across reference periods of the proportions of re-accredited homes is meaningful and comparable.

'Re-accreditation' is not a decision available following a review audit under the Quality Agency Principles 2013. The possible decisions available following a review audit of this kind are:

- to revoke the service's accreditation
- not revoke and not vary the period of accreditation
- not revoke and to vary the period of accreditation.

In 2011, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) updated the standard geography used in Australia for most data collections from the Australian Standard Geographical Classification to the Australian Statistical Geography Standard. Also updated at this time were remoteness areas, based on the 2011 ABS Census of Population and Housing. The new remoteness areas will be referred to as RA 2011, and the previous remoteness areas as RA 2006. Data for 2011–12 (reported in the previous cycle) were reported for RA 2006. Data for 2012–13 and subsequent cycles are reported for RA 2011. The AIHW considers the change from RA 2006 to RA 2011 to be a series break when applied to data supplied for this indicator; therefore remoteness data for 2011–12 are not directly comparable to remoteness data for 2012–13 and subsequent years.

Relational attributes

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