

Aged care assessment—approved program, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Type of formal aged care approved
METEOR identifier:	775234
Registration status:	Aged Care , Superseded 31/10/2025
Definition:	The type of aged care program(s) a person has been approved to receive on the basis of an assessment for aged care, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Aged care assessment—approved program
Value Domain:	Type of aged care program code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Residential aged care (Permanent)
	2	Residential aged care (Respite)
	3	Home Care Packages Programme
	4	Transition Care Program
	5	Short-Term Restorative Care
	10	Other
Supplementary values:	11	None
	97	Not applicable
	98	Unknown/unable to be determined
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 Residential aged care (Permanent)**

This code is used where the program type is residential aged care, consisting of aged care delivered to people in residential aged care facilities (commonly known as nursing homes or aged care homes) for people with complex care needs. This code applies where residential aged care is provided on a permanent or ongoing basis. Where residential aged care is provided as respite (time-limited) use code 2.

CODE 2 Residential aged care (Respite)

This code is used where the program type is residential aged care, consisting of aged care delivered to people in residential aged care facilities (commonly known as nursing homes or aged care homes) for people with complex care needs. This code applies where residential aged care is provided as respite basis, that is, time-limited. Where residential aged care is provided on a permanent (ongoing) basis use code 1.

CODE 3 Home Care Packages Programme

This code is used where the program type is Home Care Packages Programme, consisting of Australian Government funded aged care packages that supports people with complex care needs to live independently in their own homes through 4 levels of packages.

CODE 4 Transition Care Program

This code is used where the program type is Transition Care Program, consisting of time-limited care to help eligible people recover after a stay in hospital. Care may be provided in the home, an aged care home or in the community for up to 12 weeks.

CODE 5 Short-Term Restorative Care

This code is used where the program type is Short-Term Restorative Care, consisting of time-limited care that is delivered to help eligible people improve their wellbeing and independence. Care may be provided in the home, an aged care home or in the community. Support may be provided for up to 8 weeks.

CODE 10 Other

This code is used where the program type is Innovative Pool or other legacy aged care programs.

CODE 11 None

This code is used when no program type is applicable.

CODE 97 Not Applicable

This code is used where the assessment does not provide approval for programs.

CODE 98 Unknown/Unable to be determined

This code is used where the assessor or delegate could not determine program approval.

CODE 99 Not stated/Inadequately described

This code is not to be used on primary collection forms.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The type(s) of aged care programs a person is approved to receive are recorded in My Aged Care. Not all care programs require approval, some can be recommended.

Multiple codes are permitted as more than one type of care may be approved for each person. This information may change over time.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Origin: [Types of aged care | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#), Australia, viewed 15 February 2023.

[My Aged Care – National Screening and Assessment Form User Guide | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#), viewed 16 February 2023. <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/my-aged-care-national-screening-and-assessment-form-user-guide?language=en>.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Aged care assessment—approved program, code N\[N\] Aged Care](#), Standard 31/10/2025

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Aged care assessment cluster Aged Care](#), Superseded 31/10/2025

Conditional obligation:

For the Aged Care NMDS, this data element is conditional on codes 1, 2 or 3 being selected for [Aged care assessment—assessment type, code N\[N\]](#).

DSS specific information:

In the Aged care assessment cluster, this data element collects information on the type of aged care program formally approved for a person as the result of an aged care assessment.