



Federal Budget Report 2020 - 2021

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Additional home care packages and aged care funding

The Government will provide an additional 23,000 home care packages over four years from 2020-21 across all package levels.

The Government will also provide additional funding from 2020-21 to improve transparency and regulatory standards in aged care, including:

- continuing to reform residential aged care funding under the new Australian National Aged Care Classification system;
- maintaining the capacity of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission in its ongoing regulation and compliance of the aged care sector; and
- supporting the Department of Health and the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission to respond to requests from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

Aged care COVID-19 Response Package

The Government will provide the following support for older Australians throughout the COVID-19 pandemic:

- continuing the COVID supplement in 2020-21 to assist all Commonwealth-funded residential aged care providers and home care providers with the cost of operating during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- extending the Workforce Retention Bonus Payment for two years from 2020-21 to support the direct care workforce;
- providing additional funding in 2020-21 to support residents of aged care facilities who temporarily leave care to live with their families (Emergency Leave); and
- providing additional funding in 2020-21 to support the operation of the Victorian Aged Care Response Centre.

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