

Fees for Low Care

Basic Daily Care Fee:

This is a **per day fee**, government confirms applicable fee. The government increases this fee automatically on 20 March & 20 September each year.

- **Standard Contribution: \$39.50 per day (20/9/2010)**
Full pensioner and part-pensioners with little non pension income
- **Non-Standard Contribution: \$44.90 per day (20/9/2010)**
Self-funded retirees – non-pensioners
- **Phased Contribution: \$37.15 per day (20/9/2010)**
For those who did not receive the extra pension increase on 20 September 2009, and new residents from 30/3/2010.

Accommodation Bond:

Works as an interest-free loan to the aged care facility fully guaranteed by St Andrew's and the federal government.

Based on assets:

- Assets less than \$37,500.00 No bond – 'Fully Supported'
- Total assets less \$37,500.00 Equals Bond Value

St Andrew's maximum bond is currently \$360,000 (increases each financial year)

Retentions:

Maximum - \$18,540.00 (maximum the aged care facility can retain).

Calculated over 5 years (\$299.00 per month) minimum 3 retentions if stay less than three months.

Income Tested Fee:

As per attached Government handout

Telephones:

These run through St Andrew's phone system:

- \$100.00 connection fee
- \$ 18.70 line rental per month
- \$ 0.22 for local calls
- STD calls in line with Telstra rates
- You get a new number – calls from relatives/friends go direct to you.

Other Items:

- Wireless/cable internet available for monthly fee of \$15.00
- Clothes labelling \$35.00
- Electrical Tagging \$5.00 per item (testing of electrical leads annually is a government requirement)

Subject to change, correct to best knowledge.

The above information should be checked with the Department of Health & Ageing.