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# The Good Buzz

As a senior veteran, if you have a Gold or a White Card, you may be eligible for many services designed to assist you in maintaining your wellbeing.

If you do not have a Gold or a White Card, you may be eligible for one

. The Good Buzz list some services and details some ways to access them.

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# Helping you at home The Veterans Home Care Programme provides:

- domestic assistance
- personal care
- safety-related home and garden maintenance
- respite care (in-home, residential, and emergency)

To be considered for the above services you will need to have an assessment, To arrange one, call a VHC Assessment Agency on 1300 550 450



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Helping you at home by providing nursing support

The Community Nursing Programme The programme provides:

- medication management
- Wound care
- hygiene

To receive these services, you will need to see a health professional for a referral to a community nursing agency. This could be your GP, a nurse, or a VHC Assessment Agency. You can also be referred by a treating hospital doctor or a hospital discharge planner.



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- aids, equipment and modifications to help you in the home.
- see through the Rehabilitation Appliance Program (https://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-treatment/care-homeor-aged-care/equipment-and-modifications-you-and-yourhome) series.



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- medical and allied health services to support you
- See through (https://www.dva.gov.au/health-andtreatment/injury-or-health-treatments/healthservices)



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- transport to allow you to travel to medical appointments and medical treatment
- See through (https://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-treatment/localoroverseas-medical-care/travel-treatment)



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- Mental health support
- See through (https://www.dva.gov.au/healthandtreatment/injury-or-health-treatments/mentalhealthcare/mental-health-support-services) services and counselling through Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling (formerly VVCS) (https://www.openarms.gov.au/)



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## Other services that may be available to you:

- a range of information sources to help veterans and their families learn more about the services available. Resources include books (available online or in hard copy), a video, and a webinar series.
- See the DVA website (https://www.dva.gov.au/healthandtreatment/care-home-or-aged-care/aged-careresources)

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Same benefits

and entitlements



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## **AGED CARE**

One thing you need to know!

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The Federal Government introduced a new aged care in 2014.

There are two main areas in the new aged care system.

- 1. Home care specifically designed packages that assist people to stay comfortably and safely within their own home Talk to agencies that provide in-home care to develop a tailored range of packages
- 2. Residential Aged Care entry into an aged care facility.

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## The final message

Always try and get independent financial advise from a financial advisor that specialises in aged care prior to going into residential aged care.

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