

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

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**Senator:** Senator Smith

**Question:**

What are the criteria for the assessment of applications as part of the Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR)?

**Answer:**

The allocation of all new aged care places are made by the Department of Health and Ageing in accordance with the provisions of section 14-1 (Allocation of places) and section 14-2 (Competitive assessment of applications for allocations) of the *Aged Care Act 1997* (the Act) and Part 5 of the *Allocation Principles 1997* (the Principles).

Places are allocated to those applicants that can demonstrate they best meet the needs of the aged care community in a region. The Department undertakes a rigorous assessment of each application, based on a nationally consistent assessment framework.

The following matters are assessed through the Aged Care Approval Rounds process to determine which allocation best meets the needs of the community:

- management expertise and experience;
- planning and location of the premises;
- ability to provide the appropriate level of care, including the provision of residential; respite care and the provision of care for people with dementia;
- past conduct as a provider including compliance with its responsibilities;
- measures to protect the rights of care recipients;
- provision of care for people with special needs;
- diversity of choice for care recipients;
- continuity of care for current and future care recipients; and
- the Department may also consider any other relevant matters