

## **PROVINCE: NOVA SCOTIA**

**Gatekeeper:** In Nova Scotia the Department of Health & Wellness is responsible for Home Care and Continuing Care (Nursing Homes and Residential Care Facilities)

**Access:** To apply for residency in a nursing home or a residential care facility, contact Continuing Care, toll-free at 1-800-225-7225 to find out about the application process, to arrange for a Care Coordinator to assess your care needs, and to identify the best method of having your needs met.

**Eligibility:** No specific criteria are listed. Eligibility is determined through the assessment process by contacting Continuing Care as above.

### **Services Available:**

**Home care:** (Nursing, Home Support, Respite and Palliative)

**Costs:** Various programs and subsidies exist to help with costs. The attached link provides more information on what is available.

<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/live-well-at-home.asp>

**Long-Term Care:** Long-term care facilities are licensed and funded by the Department of Health and Wellness. There are two types of facilities available, nursing homes and residential care.

<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/FactSheets/Long-term-Care-Facilities.pdf>

<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/FactSheets/Entering-Long-Term-Care.pdf>

**Costs:** Long-term care costs are shared by the resident and the provincial government. The Department of Health and Wellness pays for the health care costs, and residents pay accommodation costs and personal expenses.

The Department of Health and Wellness sets standard accommodation charges annually. Those who are able to pay the full standard accommodation charge are not required to complete a financial assessment. Those who cannot pay the standard accommodation charge can apply to have their rate reduced through an income based financial assessment

<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/FactSheets/Paying-for-Long-Term-Care.pdf>

[https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/FactSheets/Long\\_Term\\_Care\\_Rate\\_Schedule.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/FactSheets/Long_Term_Care_Rate_Schedule.pdf)