

BECOME A PERSONAL CARER IN AUSTRALIA

What is a Personal Carer Australia?

Personal carers care for the elderly. This job needs workers to have strong communication ability, empathy and customer service skills of helping with patient's daily routines. Personal Carers may need to work on weekends and holidays, on any day of the year, depending on their client's needs.

Tasks and duties

- Providing support with eating, drinking, bathing and dressing.
- Administering medication
- Completing household tasks
- Supporting clients to continue hobbies and activities
- Transporting and accompanying clients to appointments
- Filling out paperwork and acting as an advocate for the client's wishes and best interests
- Doing grocery shopping and preparing meals.
- Working with doctors and therapists to ensure adequate support is in place

Job Requirements

- You can become a Personal Carer without formal qualifications, however, holding a Certificate III in Individual Support (CHC33015) may be helpful. You may also consider completing a vocational qualification in disability or community services such as a Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home & Community) (CHC33015) or a Certificate IV in Disability (CHC43115). you will also need to have a current police check for your state and a current First Aid Certificate and an unrestricted drivers' licence.

How to apply for a personal carer job

To enter the industry you may consider first volunteering with Seniors and Aged Care or Disability community groups, events or organisations. To apply for work as a personal carer you should have a strong level of emotional intelligence, teamwork and the ability to support others. You should have a strong ability of tolerating unhygienic situations and mess because you will spend a lot of time dealing with patients' waste and vomitus. Becoming a PC is often a starting point for many nurse's careers. It is a great entry point to becoming a future AIN, enrolled nurse or registered nurse in future.

Challenges

Being a personal carer is rewarding but also a challenging career. There is the satisfaction of knowing you have helped someone who needs you and that you have done the best you could to improve their quality of life. However carers are often left to bear too much responsibility for the person they care for. Caring can also be emotionally taxing and physically draining.

Salary

Salary is low for personal carers, therefore embrace the opportunity to work as a contractor in order to achieve greatest income.