

Appendix 1 — Checklist for prospective resident

It is important for you to carefully read and consider the following questions before deciding to enter any retirement village. If, after reading through the list, you are uncertain as to any aspects of the village, or its suitability for you, seek further advice.

1. Have I fully discussed my decision to enter a retirement village with my family, friends or adviser?
2. Can I afford to move into the village I have chosen and meet the current and future ongoing costs of living in this village? What are the financial consequences for me if I wish to move out of the village? Have I sought independent advice from a licensed financial adviser on these matters?
3. If I am considering moving to a retirement village because the housework, gardening and general maintenance have become too much, have I fully considered other options? For example, obtaining home help or handyperson help, or moving to a smaller unit in the same neighbourhood.
4. If I am considering moving to a retirement village because my partner has died, have I given myself enough time to grieve before I make a major lifestyle change?
5. Have I received adequate information about the retirement village I have chosen? Have I shown the documents to a solicitor? Am I satisfied that I fully understand the contract that I am signing?
6. Am I comfortable that the lifestyle of the village, including communal living, social activities and ethos of the village will suit me? Have I spoken to any residents of the village?
7. Will the village and my unit be readily accessible if I become disabled and need a wheelchair or walking aid? What alternatives do I have if I am no longer able to live alone?
8. Does the village provide personal care or nursing care, an emergency call system and other amenities that are likely to meet my present or future needs?
9. Have I looked at a number of villages to compare the amenities (for example, recreational, transport, gardens etc.) and financial arrangements?
10. Is the village I have chosen accessible to my friends and family?
11. Can I take my own furniture to the village and, if so, will it be suitable?
12. Will the village allow me to keep my pet?
13. Before I sign the contract, have I received and considered all the information required to be given to me under the *Code of Practice for Retirement Villages 2022*, the *Retirement Villages Act 1992* and the *Retirement Villages Regulations 1992*?