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## Entering a Nursing Home

### Overview

Nursing homes provide accommodation, supervisory care, personal care and nursing and medical services on a 24/7 basis. Nursing homes refer to manors and licensed nursing care beds in private nursing homes.

### Eligibility for Admission

Admission to a nursing home is available to residents of Prince Edward Island who have been assessed as needing a nursing home level of care and who meet the residency, age and assessment criteria as outlined by the Department of Health.

Prince Edward Island has nine manors and nine private nursing homes. A screening process is required to determine eligibility for admission. For information on eligibility for nursing home admission, you can contact the **Home Care Office** in your area:

<b>O’Leary</b>	<b>Community Hospital</b>	<b>(902) 859-8730</b>
<b>Summerside</b>	<b>Wedgewood Manor</b>	<b>(902) 888-8440</b>
<b>Charlottetown</b>	<b>Hillsborough Hospital</b>	<b>(902) 368-4790</b>
<b>Montague</b>	<b>Riverview Manor</b>	<b>(902) 838-0786</b>
<b>Souris</b>	<b>Souris Hospital</b>	<b>(902) 687-7096</b>

## Criteria for Nursing Home Admission

### Residency:

An application for admission may be made by a resident of PEI who:

1. Holds Canadian citizenship or is a landed immigrant (a non-Canadian who has established residence in Canada and who holds a visa entitling permanent residence in Canada);
2. Is ordinarily present for six months or more in Prince Edward Island; and

3. Holds a valid Provincial Health Card for Prince Edward Island.

\* An individual who does not meet the eligibility criteria as outlined above may make application for admission to a nursing home and request consideration for admission on an *exceptional status* basis by the Director of Community Hospitals and Continuing Care.

**Age:**

Admission to a nursing home is normally limited to an individual who is sixty years of age and older.

A person under sixty years of age may be considered for admission if they require the level of care which can only be provided in a nursing home environment and no other appropriate alternative exists.

**Assessment:**

An individual's care needs will be assessed through a standard assessment process to determine if the individual requires a nursing home level of care. The individual must be medically stable and have specifically identified needs which can be met with the resources available in a nursing home setting.

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