

Regional definitions of care facilities				
Facility Type	United Kingdom (UK)	United States of America (USA)	Australia	Germany (Deutschland)
Residential home	Focus on “personal care” (washing, dressing). Medical staff not constantly present.	Often called assisted living facility (ALF). Provides housing and help with daily tasks.	Often called low-level care or Independent Living Units (ILUs).	Seniorenheim/Altenheim. Focused on housing with basic support.
Nursing home	Requires round-the-clock presence of registered nurses for clinical needs.	Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF). High-level medical care and rehabilitation.	High-level care. For residents with complex medical needs.	Pflegeheim/Stationäre Pflege. Requires professional staff; classified by Pflegegrad.
Care home	An umbrella term used for both residential and nursing homes.	Not a standard legal term; usually referred to as Long-term care.	Generally referred to as Residential Aged Care.	Pflegeeinrichtung (the general term for any professional care facility).
Respite home	Short-stay care to give the primary caregiver a break.	Respite Care. Often provided in an ALF or SNF for a few days/weeks.	Respite Care. Funded stays in aged care homes for up to 63 days/year.	Kurzzeitpflege/wVerhinderungspflege. Strictly regulated insurance-funded temporary care.

Brazil: Home care: the care performed at home (in Brazil’s Family Health Programme, healthcare teams visit patients’ homes to address care needs); Long-term care institutions: for people with chronic needs and dependency