

Regional definitions of care facilities				
Facility Type	United Kingdom (UK)	United States of America (USA)	Australia	Germany (Deutschland)
<b>Residential Home</b>	Focus on “personal care” (washing, dressing). Medical staff not constantly present.	Often called Assisted Living. 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.
<b>Nursing Home</b>	Requires 24/7 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.
<b>Care Home</b>	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.
<b>Respite Home</b>	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/ Verhinderungspflege. Strictly regulated insurance-funded temporary care.