



WHAT IS AN **ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY?**

Quick Guide

Man's hand signing a legal document

In Western Australia, an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA) is a legal document.

It is where you write down who you want to make money and property decisions for you if you are not able to make your own decisions.

You can choose one, or two people, as your Enduring Attorney and you can choose one or two people to be back-up decision makers if you want to.



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Smiling older couple with their adult daughter

You should choose people you trust and who will make the best decisions for you and follow your instructions. This may be a family member, a friend or other person.

It is important to know that you do not need to choose a family member if you do not want to.

An EPA is only for decisions about money and property. It does not include decisions about medical treatment and care.

You get to choose when an EPA can start. It can start at two different times.

1. as soon as the document is signed, or
2. only after a person can no longer make their own decisions and the State Administrative Tribunal confirms this in writing.

The EPA ends when the person who has made it dies.

If you own a home or land, it is good to have two copies of your EPA made so you can give one to the Landgate office and keep one yourself.

Where can you get help?

You can get help with an Enduring Power of Attorney by contacting:

Palliative Care WA

 **1300 551 704**

 **info@palliativecarewa.asn.au**

You can also speak to a lawyer.

You can access EPA kits from

 **www.publicadvocate.wa.gov.au**

 **1300 858 455**

 **opa@justice.wa.gov.au**



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