

What is a Power of Attorney?

Powers of Attorney are legal documents that allow you to choose people that are able to make decisions on your behalf. It allows you to have control over your life if you are not able to make decisions for yourself.

What are the types of Powers of Attorney are there?

- Enduring Power of Attorney (Financial)
- Enduring Power of Attorney (Medical Treatment)
- Enduring Power of Guardianship
- General Power of Attorney

Who can apply?

In order to appoint someone as an attorney or as a guardian:

- You must be 18 years of age or;
- Have sufficient capacity to make the appointment

Capacity, or legal capacity, means you have the ability to reason things out. You can understand, retain, believe, evaluate (that is, process) and weigh up relevant information.

When should I apply?

It is recommended that everyone over the age of 18 should consider making powers of attorney. It is important that you are able to appoint someone to manage decisions making and your affairs, if for some reason you are unable to do so for yourself.

Where can I find more information?

All these questions and more are available to be read in greater detail on the Office of the Public Advocate website at the following link:

<http://www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au/>



Application forms are also available to download from this site.

If you are unable to gain access to the internet to research powers of attorney. Please ask for assistance from our friendly staff, or contact your solicitor.

