



Government
of South Australia

Office of the Public Advocate

Enduring Power of Attorney

Easy Read fact sheet



How to use this fact sheet



The Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) wrote this fact sheet.

When you see the word 'we', it means OPA.



We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Not bold
Bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 11.



This Easy Read fact sheet is a summary of another fact sheet.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other fact sheet on our website.

www.opa.sa.gov.au/information-service/fact-sheets



You can ask for help to read this fact sheet.

A friend, family member or support person
may be able to help you.

What is an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA)?



When you give someone **Power of Attorney**, they have the power to act and make decisions for you.



Your **attorney** is the person you give your Power of Attorney to.



An **Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA)** is a legal document.

An EPA covers decisions about your:



- money



- things you own that have a lot of value



- legal matters.

You can make an EPA if you:



- are over 18 years old



- can make your own decisions.

An EPA does not cover decisions about:



- your health



- where you live or who you live with



- personal matters.

How do you make an Enduring Power of Attorney?



You can use an EPA form.



You can visit the Services SA website to get an EPA form.

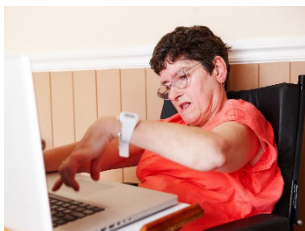


service.sa.gov.au



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You can visit the Legal Services Commission of South Australia website to get an EPA form.



lsc.sa.gov.au



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You might have:



- 1 attorney



- more than 1 attorney.



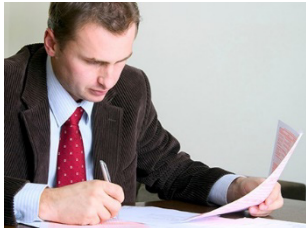
You can tell your attorneys how you want them to look after your money.



An **authorised witness** must sign your EPA.



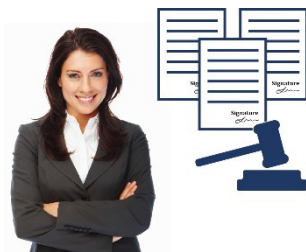
An authorised witness is a person given the power to sign legal documents.



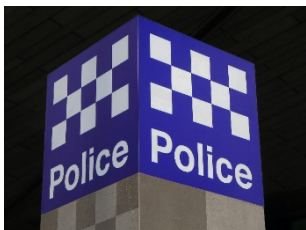
Your authorised witness can be a lawyer.



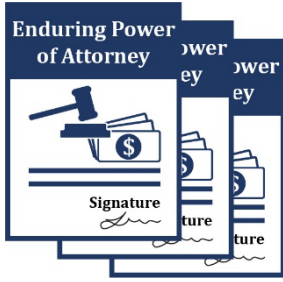
Your authorised witness can be a **Justice of the Peace**.



A Justice of the Peace is someone with the power to sign different types of legal documents.



Your authorised witness can also be a police officer.



You should also make copies of your EPA.

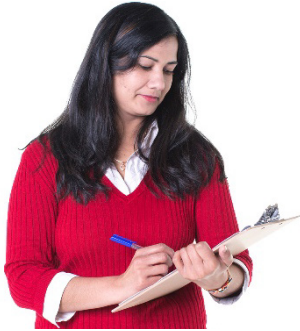


You should get these copies signed by an authorised witness too.

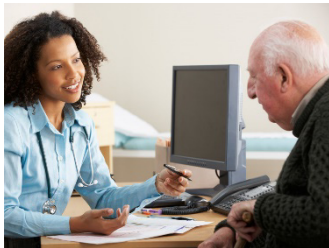


You should give these copies to your attorneys.

When does an Enduring Power of Attorney start?



Your EPA can start as soon as your authorised witness signs it.



Or it can start if a doctor says you can't make decisions on your own about your money.

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



Attorney

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