

# Powers of attorney, supportive attorney & Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) appointments

## Which appointment is right for me?

Role	Why appoint?
<b>General non-enduring power of attorney</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A general non-enduring power of attorney is useful if you have decision-making capacity and want someone to manage your affairs for a limited time or purpose. For example, when you are on holiday and need someone to manage your banking in your absence.</li> <li>• General non-enduring powers of attorney are also widely used in the commercial sphere, such as for lending and sale of businesses.</li> </ul>
<b>Enduring power of attorney (from 1 September 2015)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An enduring power of attorney is useful if you have decision-making capacity and want to appoint someone you trust to manage your personal matters (such as where you live) or financial matters (such as an investment) or both.</li> <li>• Your attorney's powers can start at a time you specify and will continue (endure) if you lose the capacity to make those decisions for yourself.</li> </ul>
<b>Enduring power of attorney (medical treatment)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An enduring power of attorney (medical treatment) allows you to appoint an agent to make decisions about medical treatment on your behalf if you are no longer legally competent to do so.</li> </ul>
<b>Supportive attorney appointment (from 1 September 2015)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A supportive attorney appointment allows you to appoint someone to support you in making and carrying out your decisions (excluding significant financial transactions).</li> <li>• In making the appointment, you can state the type of decisions you want support in making and what sort of support you would like.</li> </ul>
<b>Guardian</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any person can make an application to VCAT for a guardian to be appointed for you, if you:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) do not have an enduring power of attorney for personal matters; and</li> <li>b) are a person with a disability; and</li> <li>c) are at risk because you cannot make your own personal and lifestyle decisions; and</li> <li>d) such a decision needs to be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• VCAT may appoint a guardian (where necessary) to make specific types of decisions on your behalf.</li> </ul>
<b>Administrator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any person can make an application to VCAT for an administrator to be appointed for you, if you:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) do not have an enduring power of attorney for financial matters; and</li> <li>b) are a person with a disability; and</li> <li>c) are at risk because you cannot make your own financial (and / or some legal) decisions; and</li> <li>d) such a decision needs to be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• VCAT may appoint an administrator (where necessary) to make specific types of decisions on your behalf.</li> </ul>