# Enduring Powers of Attorney

#### INFORMATION FACT SHEET

#### An Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA)

is a legal agreement that enables a person to appoint a trusted person - or people - to make financial and/or property decisions on their behalf.

#### To sign your Enduring Power of Attorney:

- Consider the EPA carefully to ensure that its contents are correct and reflect your wishes accurately.
- Organise two (2) persons, at least one of whom is authorised (see over the page) to witness the signatures of the person making the EPA ("the donor").
- Insert the date on which the EPA is to be signed at the top of page 1 in the spaces provided.

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# To sign your Enduring Power of Attorney (Cont'd):

- The person making the EPA (the donor) must sign at the bottom of each page and then on the final page where indicated.
- The two (2) witnesses must sign at the bottom of each page and then again on the final page below the donor's signature.
- Each witness must sign and then print their full name, address, occupation and the date on which they signed in the spaces provided.

### Authorised Witness -

Schedule 2 of the Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005 provides for more than 40 occupational groups who are authorised witnesses.

These groups include:

- Accountants
- Architects
- Bailiffs
- Bank Managers
- Chemists
- Chiropractors
- Court Officers
- Dentists
- Doctors
- Engineers
- Justices of the Peace

- Marriage Celebrants
- Members of Parliament
- Nurses
- Optometrists
- Physiotherapists
- Podiatrists
- Police Officers
- Post Office Managers
- Psychologists
- Real Estate Agents
- Settlement Agents

Lawyers

Veterinary Surgeons

## Acceptance of the EPA -

- The person who is appointed as the attorney under the document must accept the appointment by signing the document.
- The donor and the attorney do not have to sign the document at the same time. The donor may sign the EPA and then the attorney may sign at some later date but note that the EPA is not complete and in force until the attorney accepts the appointment.
- To accept the appointment, the attorney must sign using their normal signature and then print the date on which they signed in the spaces provided on the last page of the EPA.
- The signature of the attorney is not required to be witnessed.