

# Enduring Powers of Guardianship

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#### An Enduring Power of Guardianship (EPG)

is a legal document which enables you (the appointor) to appoint a person of your choice to make personal, lifestyle and treatment decisions on your behalf if you lose the ability to make these decisions for yourself because of an illness or injury.

#### Treatment means

any medical, surgical or dentistry treatment or other health care, including life sustaining wishes, or palliative care.



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

- Consider the EPG 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 below) to witness the signatures of the person making the EPG ("the appointor").
- Insert the date on which the EPG is to be signed at the top of page 1 in the spaces provided.
- The person making the EPG (the appointor) 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:

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| • Accountants    | • Doctors               | • Physiotherapists     |
| • Architects     | • Engineers             | • Podiatrists          |
| • Bailiffs       | • Justices of the Peace | • Police Officers      |
| • Bank Managers  | • Lawyers               | • Post Office Managers |
| • Chemists       | • Marriage Celebrants   | • Psychologists        |
| • Chiropractors  | • Members of Parliament | • Real Estate Agents   |
| • Court Officers | • Nurses                | • Settlement Agents    |
| • Dentists       | • Optometrists          | • Veterinary Surgeons  |

### Acceptance of the EPG -

- The person who is appointed as the guardian under the document must accept the appointment by signing the document.
- The appointor and the guardian do not have to sign the document at the same time. The appointor may sign the EPG and then the guardian may sign at some later date - but note that the EPG is not complete and in force until the guardian accepts the appointment.
- To accept the appointment, the guardian must sign using their normal signature in the space provided on the last page(s) of the EPG.
- The signature of the guardian must also be witnessed by two (2) persons, one of whom is authorised. The witness must sign and then print their full name, address, occupation and the date on which they signed in the spaces provided.