

HOW TO MAKE AN LPA?

- 1** Consider who you wish to appoint as your donee(s) and the powers to be given to your donee(s).


- 2** Fill out the appropriate LPA Form.


- 3** See a certificate issuer to sign as your witness and to certify that you know the implications of making an LPA.

CERTIFICATE ISSUER

EITHER:

 - A PRACTISING LAWYER. OR
 - A PSYCHIATRIST, OR
 - AN ACCREDITED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER
- 4** Apply to register your completed LPA Form with the Office of the Public Guardian.

APPLY TO REGISTER YOUR LPA


- 5** After 3 weeks, your LPA will be registered if there are no valid objections raised.

3 WEEKS

REGISTERED





For more information, visit www.msf.gov.sg/opg, call 1800-226-6222, or email enquiry@publicguardian.gov.sg.

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CHOOSE WHILE YOU CAN

Protect your interests with a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) today

An accident, a stroke or dementia could cause loss of mental capacity. Appoint someone you trust to decide and act on your behalf if you should lose the capacity to make your own decisions. Do this through the LPA.

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WHAT IS THE LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY (LPA)?

The LPA is a legal document that a person who is at least 21 years of age (donor) can make to voluntarily appoint one or more persons (donee(s)) to make decisions and act on his/her behalf should he/she lose the capacity to make his/her own decisions. Donee(s) may be appointed to act in two broad areas – **personal welfare** and/or **property & affairs** matters.

BENEFITS OF MAKING AN LPA

Registering an LPA with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) allows you to indicate your personal choice of a trusted person(s) who can automatically step forward to act on your behalf if you should lose mental capacity.

Making an LPA provides certainty and peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

HOW TO USE THE LPA?

You may view your registered LPA on the OPG e-services portal at go.gov.sg/opgeservices. Your donees may also refer to your softcopy LPA to make transactions on your behalf.

TRUE OR FALSE?

If I lose my mental capacity, my next-of-kin will automatically be able to manage my finances.

False. Your next-of-kin will not automatically have the legal authority to manage your affairs, including your finances such as your bank accounts and insurance payouts if you should lose your mental capacity. If you have not made an LPA, they will need to apply to court to be authorised to manage your affairs.

If I have made my Will, I do not need to make an LPA.

False. A Will only comes into effect after death. But there could be a situation in which you are still living, yet without capacity to make your own decisions. In this scenario, an LPA will allow your appointed donee(s) to step forward to act on your behalf. After death, the LPA will be revoked and then the Will, if one has been made, will come into effect.

PROFESSIONAL DEPUTIES AND DONEES (PDD) SCHEME

If you do not have any family members or close friends to appoint as your decision maker for an LPA, you can consider appointing a professional to make these decisions for you.

These professionals will have to meet strict criteria and pass a certification course. They include lawyers, healthcare and social service professionals.

A professional deputy may also apply to the Court to act for individuals who:

- had not made an LPA previously; and
- have since lost mental capacity (i.e. the ability to make decisions).

Fees for engaging a professional deputy/donee apply and may vary according to each case.