

# Preparing and appointing your Powers of Attorney.



# Powers of Attorney

## (including medical treatment)



### Why prepare a Power of Attorney?

A Power of Attorney is an important legal document that can be made by anyone aged 18 and above who has decision-making capacity. We can all experience illness or injury unexpectedly, and as a result, become unable to manage our own affairs. A Power of Attorney lets you choose someone you trust, called an Attorney, to step in and make decisions on your behalf when you are unable to do so. You are able to limit the Attorney's power to specific matters and elect when the Attorney's powers commence.

### Types of documents we prepare

We have assisted thousands of Victorians to prepare Power of Attorney documents that meet their personal needs. Types include:

#### 1. Enduring Power of Attorney (Financial)

Appoint a person or professional to manage your financial affairs, including any related legal matters. You can appoint State Trustees for this type.

#### 2. Enduring Power of Attorney (Personal)

Appoint a person or professional to make non-medical decisions relating to your personal situation and lifestyle. You cannot appoint State Trustees for this type.

#### 3. Medical Treatment Decision Maker Authority

Similar to a Power of Attorney, this document allows you to appoint a person or professional to legally make medical treatment decisions in the event you cannot due to injury or illness. You cannot appoint State Trustees for this type.



It's never too early to prepare your powers of attorney documents or appoint a medical treatment decision maker.

## State Trustees as your financial attorney

You can appoint a professional with years of experience in Attorneyships, such as State Trustees, to help you manage your affairs.

If you appoint State Trustees as your financial attorney, we will:

- make payments to and for you
- make financial decisions with your input (while you retain capacity)
- maintain records about the management of your financial and legal affairs
- manage assets such as an investment property
- keep you informed about how we are managing your financial and legal affairs
- help prepare your tax return
- make sure you are getting all the payments you are entitled to

- create a budget for your income and invest any extra funds
- protect your money, assets and legal rights
- work with your support network to understand your needs and wishes.

Please read the Financial Services Guide (FSG) available at [statetrustees.com.au](https://statetrustees.com.au) before you make a decision.

You can view all fees and charges on our website [statetrustees.com.au/fees](https://statetrustees.com.au/fees)



If you want us to help you prepare these documents, or want to discuss appointing us as your financial power of attorney, call us on **1300 138 672** or book online at [statetrustees.com.au/book](https://statetrustees.com.au/book)





# Contact us

Talk to us about how we can help you feel confident that your financial and legal affairs are in good order.

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You can make an appointment or find more information on our website: **statetrustees.com.au**

## Call us



### Telephone

1300 138 672  
8.30am – 5.00pm  
Monday – Friday

## Write to us



### Mailing address

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Melbourne,  
Victoria, 3001

## Visit us (By appointment)



If you would like to visit us in our Melbourne or Bendigo offices, please make an appointment first so that we can have a consultant available to help you.

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