Your LPA: next steps

Thank you for making a lasting power of attorney (LPA) for property and financial affairs.

Your reference number is

The LPA document follows this cover sheet and is ready to sign. It was designed for 2-sided printing: if you've printed it single-sided there will be blank pages between the main document and any continuation sheets. Also, this cover sheet will appear over 2 pages.

The donor, certificate provider(s) and attorneys, including replacement attorneys, must sign the LPA **in the correct order**. If you sign in the wrong order, you must print out the LPA again, and everyone must sign it again.

A	DONOR SIGNS Checklist for
	Read page 2 of the LPA document Read, sign and date page 8 of part A Sign and date any part A continuation sheets The signature on page 8 must be witnessed
B	CERTIFICATE PROVIDERS SIGN Checklist for
	Read page 2 of the LPA document and the declaration in part B You must say how you know the donor or explain your professional skills on page 9 if this section has not been filled in Sign and date part B on page 10. If there is a second certificate provider, they complete and sign continuation sheet B instead.
C	ATTORNEYS AND REPLACEMENT ATTORNEYS SIGN Checklist for
_ _	Each attorney and replacement attorney should read page 2 of the LPA document and the declaration in part C Sign and date part C Each signature must be witnessed
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Don't send us this LPA yet! You'll need a completed registration form to go with it. Please read on for more about signing, witnessing and how to register.

The LPA document

The printed document looks different from the digital tool, but all the information you entered online is included.

Don't make any changes to the LPA now it's been printed – if changes are needed the donor should go back to the digital tool, edit it there and print it out again.

Order of signing

Everyone can sign the document on the same day. You can also all sign the document on different days, as long as you do it in the correct order.

If there are 2 certificate providers, they can sign in any order, as long as they do so **on the same day as or later than the donor.** If there's more than 1 attorney or replacement attorney they can sign in any order as long as they do so **on the same day as or later than the certificate provider**.

Witnesses

You must have a witness who is 18 or over for the donor's and attorneys' signatures. You don't have to use the same witness for all signatures. Each witness must also sign the LPA document.

An attorney or replacement attorney can't be witness for the donor

The donor can't be a witness for the attorneys.

The certificate providers and 'people to be told' can be witnesses. Attorneys can also witness each other's signature.

Please register this LPA

Your attorneys can only use your LPA to make decisions on your behalf after the Office of the Public Guardian have **registered it and returned it officially stamped.**

You don't have to register an LPA as soon as it's signed, but it's best to do so.

- If there are any errors, you may have to make all or part of the LPA again. You can only do that if you still have mental capacity.
- If your attorneys apply to register the form after you've lost mental capacity, they won't be allowed to correct any errors.

To register this LPA, **follow the link** in the email we sent when you finished this LPA online or **sign in to your account** at **lastingpowerofattorney.service.gov.uk**. You'll complete a registration form (the LPA002) there. **Please don't send us this LPA without that registration form**.

If you don't have access to the digital tool account that created this LPA and you want to register it, you'll have to download the 'application to register' forms from OPG's website. Visit justice.gov.uk/forms/opg/lasting-power-of-attorney or call 0300 456 0300 for help.



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Lasting power of attorney – **property and financial affairs**

About this lasting power of attorney

This lasting power of attorney allows you to choose people to act on your behalf (as an attorney) and make decisions about your **property and financial affairs**, when you are unable to make decisions for yourself.

If you also want someone to make decisions about your **health and welfare**, you will need a separate form (downloadable from our website or call 0300 456 0300).

Who can fill it in?

Anyone aged 18 or over, who has the mental capacity to do so.

Before you fill in the lasting power of attorney:

- Please read the guidance available at direct.gov.uk/mentalcapacity or by calling 0300 456 0300. See, for example, the Guidance for people who want to make a lasting power of attorney for property and financial affairs or other relevant guidance booklets which are all available online or by post.
- 2. Make sure you understand the purpose of this lasting power of attorney and the extent of the authority you are giving your attorneys.
- 3. Read the separate **Information sheet** to understand all the people involved, and how the three parts of the form should be filled in.
- Make sure you, your certificate provider(s), and your attorney(s) have read the section on page 2 called **Information you must read** before filling in their relevant part.



This lasting power of attorney could be rejected at registration if it contains any errors.

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Checklist			
See the information sheet for			
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How many people to be tolo you choosing? Write in words 'None' to 'five'. If 'None' you must two certificate providers in part B.	from		
Part B: about your certifica providers	ite		
How many certificate provided to you have? (Tick one box) One OR Two	ders		
If you have used any continues heets each one must be sign and dated. Attached to the back of the lasting power of attorney (Write the number of each) continuation sheet A1	ned nis		
continuation sheet A2	0		
continuation sheet A3:PFA	0		
continuation sheet B	0		
continuation sheet C	0		
Total number of continuation sheets	0		

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Information you must read



This lasting power of attorney is a legal document. Each person who signs parts A, B and C must read this information before signing.

Purpose of this lasting power of attorney

This lasting power of attorney gives your attorneys authority to make decisions about your property and financial affairs when you cannot make your own decisions. This can include running your bank accounts and savings accounts, decisions about making or selling investments and selling property, and spending your money.

When your attorneys can act for you

Your attorneys can use this lasting power of attorney only after it has been registered and stamped on every page by the Office of the Public Guardian. Your attorneys can make decisions for you as soon as this lasting power of attorney is registered – both when you have mental capacity and when you lack mental capacity, unless you put a restriction in this lasting power of attorney.

The Mental Capacity Act

Your attorneys cannot do whatever they like. They **must** follow the principles of the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

Guidance about these principles is in the Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice. Your attorneys must have regard to the Code of Practice. They can get a copy from The Stationery Office at tso.co.uk or read it online at direct.gov.uk/mentalcapacity

Principles of the Act that your attorneys must follow

- 1 Your attorneys must assume that you can make your own decisions unless they establish that you cannot do so.
- 2 Your attorneys must help you to make as many of your own decisions as you can. They cannot treat you as unable to make the decision in question unless all practicable steps to help you to do so have been made without success.
- 3 Your attorneys must not treat you as unable to make the decision in question simply because you make an unwise decision.
- 4 Your attorneys must make decisions and act in your best interests when you are unable to make the decision in question.
- 5 Before your attorneys make the decision in question or act for you, they must consider whether they can make the decision or act in a way that is less restrictive of your rights and freedom but still achieves the purpose.

Your best interests

Your attorneys must act in your best interests in making decisions for you when you are unable to make the decision yourself. They must take into account all the relevant circumstances. This includes, if appropriate, consulting you and others who are interested in your welfare. Any guidance you add may assist your attorneys in identifying your views.

Cancelling this lasting power of attorney

You can cancel this lasting power of attorney at any time before or after it is registered as long as you have mental capacity to cancel it. Please read the guidance available at direct.gov.uk/mentalcapacity

How to fill in this form

· Tick the boxes that apply like this



- · Use black or blue ink and write clearly
- Cross through any boxes or sections that don't apply to you, like this:

Any other names you are known by in financial documents or accounts

 Don't use correction fluid – please cross out any mistakes and rewrite nearby. All corrections must be initialled by the person completing that section of the form (and their witness) like this:

Any other names you are known by in financial documents or accounts



 Your application could be rejected if your intentions are not clear and explicit. If you are in any doubt, please start again on a new copy of the form.

What happens after you've filled it in?

The next step is to **register** it. You or your attorneys can do this at any time. The person applying will need to fill in a registration form and may need to pay a fee at that time. They will also need to send notices to the 'people to be told' named at part A when the application to register this lasting power of attorney is made. You can find out more and download the registration form at **direct.gov.uk/lparegistration**

The 'people to be told' are given time to raise any concerns or objections. This means the earliest the Office of Public Guardian can register this lasting power of attorney is 4 weeks after they notify the donor or attorneys that an application to register has been received.

Your lasting power of attorney will **end** if it can no longer be used. For example, if a sole attorney dies or can no longer act for you and no replacement attorney has been named in this lasting power of attorney. Please read the guidance available at **direct.gov.uk/mentalcapacity**

Part A Declaration by the person who is giving this lasting power of attorney

Please write clearly using black or blue ink.

1 About the person who is giving this lasting power	r of attorney
Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other title	Address and postcode
	1 Streety Street
First names	
First	
Last name	Postcode S W 1
Last	
Date of birth	Any other names you are known by in financial documents or accounts
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2 About the attorneys you are appointing	
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Thinking about your attorneysYou can appoint more than one attorney if you want to. You	u do not have to appoint more than one attorney
Each attorney must be aged 18 or over. Choose people your content of the con	
You are recommended to read the separate guidance for p	
for property and financial affairs.	
Your attorney must not be bankrupt.	
Your first or only attorney	Your second attorney
Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other title	Please cross through this section if it does not apply. Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other title
First names of your first or only attorney	First names of your second attorney
Last name of your first or only attorney	Last name of your second attorney
Date of birth of your first or only attorney	Date of birth of your second attorney
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Address and postcode of your first or only attorney	Address and postcode of your second attorney
Address and posicode of your first of only attorney	Address and posicode or your second attorney
Postcode	Postcode
If you are appointing more than two attorneys,	Other attorneys you are appointing
use continuation sheet A1 to tell us about your other attorneys.	Number of attorneys named in continuation
other attorneys.	sheet A1 attached to this lasting power of attorney
	Cross through this box if this does not apply
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Company name	Address			
Are you appointing this trust corporation to act as an				
attorney, or				
replacement attorney?	Postcode			
3 About appointing replacements if an attorney can i	no longer act			
If you are appointing a trust corporation as replacement Your trust corporation should then fill in continuation	ent attorney, cross through this section. sheet C \rightarrow			
Thinking about replacement attorneys				
Replacement attorneys will only act once your attorney can	no longer act for you.			
 You can appoint replacements to replace an attorney who does not want to act for you or who is permanently no longer able to act because they are dead, bankrupt, have disclaimed, lack mental capacity or if they were married to you or were your civil partner, and have now had the marriage or civil partnership annulled or dissolved. You do not have to appoint any replacements. 				
 If you appoint only one attorney and no replacements, this is can no longer act. 	asting power of attorney will end when your attorney			
Your first or only replacement attorney Please cross three	ough this section if it does not apply.			
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First names of your first or only replacement	Address and postcode of your first or only replacement			
Last name of your first or only replacement				
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	Poster II			
	Postcode			
If you are appointing more than one	Other replacement attorneys you are appointing			
replacement, use continuation sheet A1 to tell us about your other replacement attorneys.	Number of replacement attorneys named in continuation sheet A1 attached to this lasting			
,	power of attorney			
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4 How you want your attorneys to make decisions

Thinking about how you want your attorneys to make decisions



If you leave this section blank, your attorneys will be appointed to make all decisions jointly.

- Jointly: this means that the attorneys must make all decisions together. → For further information on appointing your attorneys jointly, see the separate guidance.
- Jointly and severally: this means that attorneys can make decisions together and separately. This might be useful, for example, if one attorney is not available to make a decision at a certain time. If one attorney cannot act the remaining attorney is able to continue to make decisions.
- Jointly for some decisions, and jointly and severally for other decisions: this means that your attorneys must make certain decisions together and may make certain decisions separately. You will need to set out below how you want this to work in practice.

Choosing which decisions must be made together and which decisions may be made separately – how this will work in practice

- Please make your intentions clear about how your attorneys are to make decisions about running bank accounts and savings accounts, making or selling investments and selling property, and spending your money.
- Please check that your intentions will work in practice – it may not be possible to register or use this lasting power of attorney if, for example, a bank or building society account cannot be operated as you wish.

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How you want your attorneys to make decisions					
If you are appointing only one attorney and no replacement attorneys, now go to section 5 $ ightarrow$					
Jointly	→ Go to section 5 and cross through the box below				
Jointly and severally	→ Go to section 5 and cross through the box below				
Jointly for some decisions, and jointly and severally for other decisions					
Only if you have ticked the last box above, now tell us in the space be attorneys must make jointly and which decisions may be made joint	pelow which decisions your ly and severally				
If you need mo.	re space, use continuation sheet A2				



5 About restrictions and conditions

Putting restrictions and conditions into words

- · You should read the separate guidance for examples of conditions and restrictions that will not work in practice.
- · Your attorneys must follow any restrictions or conditions you put in place. But it may not be possible to register or use this lasting power of attorney if a condition is not workable.
- · Either: give any restrictions and conditions about property and financial affairs here
- Or: if you would like your attorneys to make decisions with no restrictions or conditions, you should cross through this box.

Restrictions and conditions about property and financial affairs

If you need more space, use continuation sheet A2

6 About guidance to your attorneys

Putting guidance into words

- Any guidance you add may help your attorneys to identify your views. You do not have to add any.
- · Your attorneys do not have to follow your guidance but it will help them to understand your wishes when they make decisions for you.
- Either: Give any guidance about property and financial affairs here
- Or: if you have no guidance to add, please cross through this box.

Guidance to your attorneys about property and financial affairs

If you need more space, use continuation sheet A2

About paying your attorneys

Professional charges

- · Professional attorneys, such as solicitors and accountants, charge for their services. You can also choose to pay a non-professional person for their services. You should discuss payment with your attorneys and record any agreement made here to avoid any confusion later.
- · You can choose to pay nonprofessional attorneys for their services, but if you do not record any agreement here they will only be able to recover reasonable out-of-pocket expenses

Charges for services

If you need more space, use continuation sheet A2

→ For further information on paying attorneys, please see the separate guidance.



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8 About people to be told when the application to register this lasting power of attorney is made

Thinking about people to be told

• For your protection you can choose up to **five people to be told** when your lasting power of attorney is being registered. This gives people who know you well an opportunity to raise any concerns or objections **before** this lasting power of attorney is registered and can be used.



- You do not have to choose anyone. But if you leave this section blank, you must choose two people to sign the certificate to confirm understanding at part B.
- The people to be told cannot be your attorney or replacement named at part A or in continuation sheets to part A.

The first or only person to be told Please cross through this section if it does not apply.	The second person to be told Please cross through this section if it does not apply.
Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other title	Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other title
First names of first or only person to be told	First names of second person to be told
Last name of first or only person to be told	Last name of second person to be told
Address and postcode of first or only person to be told	Address and postcode of second person to be told
Postcode	Postcode
Other people to be told Please cross through this section if it does not apply Tell us about other people to be told on continuation Number of other people to be told named in continuation sheet A1 attached to this lasting power of attorney	

9 Declaration by the person who is giving this lasting power of attorney

Before signing please check that you have:

- · filled in every answer that applies to you
- · crossed through blank boxes that do not apply to you
- · filled in any continuation sheets
- · crossed through any mistakes you have made
- · initialled any changes you have made.

No changes may be made to this lasting power of attorney and no continuation sheets may be added after part A has been filled in and signed. If any change appears to have been made, this lasting power of attorney will not be valid and will be rejected when an application is made to register it.

By signing (or marking) on this page, or by directing someone to sign continuation sheet A3:PFA, I confirm all of the following:

Statement of understanding

I have read or had read to me:

- the section called 'Information you must read' on page 2
- all information contained in part A and any continuation sheets to part A of this lasting power of attorney.

I appoint and give my attorneys authority to make decisions about my property and financial affairs, including when I cannot act for myself because I lack mental capacity, subject to the terms of this lasting power of attorney and to the provisions of the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

People to be told when the application to register this lasting power of attorney is made

I have chosen the people to be told, and have chosen **one** person to sign the certificate of understanding at part B.

OR

I do not want anyone to be told, and have chosen **two** people to sign certificates of understanding at part B.

If you cannot sign this lasting power of attorney you can make a mark instead.



Signed (or marked) by the person giving this lasting power of attorney and delivered as a deed

Sign with usual signature

Date signed or marked

N/I	N/I	V	V	V	V
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Sign (or mark) and date each continuation sheet at the same time as you sign (or mark) part A.

You must sign (or mark) and date part A here before parts B and C are signed and dated.

The witness should be independent of you and:

- Must be 18 or over.
- Cannot be an attorney or replacement attorney named at part A or any continuation sheets to this lasting power of attorney or the employee of any trust corporation named as an attorney or replacement attorney.
- · Can be a certificate provider at part B.
- Can be a person to be told when the application to register this lasting power of attorney is made.
- Must initial any changes made in Part A.

Witnessed by				
Signature of witness				
Full names of witness				
Address and postcode of witness				
Postcode				



Part B Declaration by your first or only certificate provider: certificate to confirm understanding

Your certificate provider fills in, signs and dates this part.

Declaration by the person who is signing this certificate

Please refer to separate guidance for certificate providers. If the guidance is not followed, this lasting power of attorney may not be valid and could be rejected when an application is made to register it.

In part A (section 8) has the person giving this lasting power of attorney chosen at least one person to be told when the application to register this lasting power of attorney is made?

If yes = **one** certificate provider fills in this part

If no = the **first** certificate provider fills in this part and the **second** certificate provider must fill in continuation sheet **B**.

The **donor** is the person who is giving this lasting power of attorney.

By signing below, I confirm:

My understanding of the role and responsibilities

I have read part A of this lasting power of attorney, including any continuation sheets.

I have read the section called 'Information you must read' on page 2 of this lasting power of attorney.

I understand my role and responsibilities as a certificate provider.

Statement of acting independently

I confirm that I act independently of the attorneys and of the donor and I am aged 18 or over.

I am not:

- an attorney or replacement attorney named in this lasting power of attorney or any other lasting power of attorney or enduring power of attorney for the donor
- a family member related to the donor or any of their attorneys or replacements
- a business partner or paid employee of the donor or any of their attorneys or replacements
- the owner, director, manager or employee of a care home that the donor lives in, or a member of their family
- a director or employee of a trust corporation appointed as an attorney or replacement attorney in this lasting power of attorney.

How you formed your opinion

Before signing this certificate you must establish that the donor understands what it is, the authority they are giving their attorneys, and is not being pressurised into making it.

If someone challenges this lasting power of attorney, you may need to explain how you formed your opinion.

Statement of personal knowledge or relevant professional skills

Please cross through the box that does not apply.

EITHER

I have **known** the donor for at least **two years** and as more than an acquaintance. My personal knowledge of the donor is:

OR				
I have relevant professional skills . (Please state				
your profession – for example, a GP or solicitor –				
and then the particular skills that are relevant to				

you forming your opinion - for example, a

consultant specialising in geriatric care.)

My profession and particular skills are:

my profession and particular skills are.				

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rage 10 or 11	
Part B – Declaration by the person who is signing this	certificate (continued)
Things you certify I certify that, in my opinion, at the time of signing part A: • the donor understands the purpose of this lasting power of attorney and the scope of the authority conferred under it • no fraud or undue pressure is being used to induce the donor to create this lasting power of attorney • there is nothing else which would prevent this lasting power of attorney from being created by the completion of this form. Your signature Do not sign until part A of this lasting power of attorney has been filled in and signed. Sign as soon as possible after part A is signed. If this part is signed before part A is signed, this lasting power of attorney will not be valid and will be rejected when an application is made to register it. Signature of certificate provider Date signed Date signed	Name and address of the person who is signing this certificate Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other title First names of certificate provider Last name of certificate provider Address and postcode of certificate provider Postcode

Part C

Declaration by each attorney or replacement attorney

Your attorney(s) and replacement attorney(s) sign and date this part.



If you are appointing more than one attorney, including replacement attorneys: photocopy this sheet before it is filled in so that each attorney has a copy to fill in and sign.

Statement by the attorney or replacement attorney who is signing this declaration

- The attorney or replacement attorney must not be bankrupt.
- Before a replacement can act for you, they must get in touch with the Office of the Public Guardian and return the
 original lasting power of attorney form. They will get guidance at that time about what needs to happen next.

By signing below, I confirm all of the following:

Understanding of role and responsibilities

I have read the section called 'Information you must read' on page 2 of this lasting power of attorney.

I understand my role and responsibilities under this lasting power of attorney, in particular:

- I have a duty to act based on the principles of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and have regard to the Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice
- I can make decisions and act only when this lasting power of attorney has been registered
- I must make decisions and act in the best interests of the person who is giving this lasting power of attorney
- I can spend money to make gifts but only to charities or on customary occasions and for reasonable amounts
- I have a duty to keep accounts and financial records and produce them to the Office of the Public Guardian and/or to the Court of Protection on request.

Further statement of replacement attorney

If an original attorney's appointment is terminated, I will replace the original attorney if I am still eligible to act as an attorney.

I have the authority to act under this lasting power of attorney only after an original attorney's appointment is terminated and I have notified the Public Guardian of the event.

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For this lasting power of attorney to be valid and registered this part should not be signed before Part A or part B have been completed, signed and dated. Sign part C as soon as possible after part B is signed.

Signed or marked by the attorney or replacement
attorney as a deed and delivered (or if to be signed
at their direction refer to separate guidance)

Full name of [attorney] or [replacement attorney	y]
delete as appropriate	

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The witness must be over 18 and can be:

- another attorney or replacement attorney named at part A or in continuation sheet A to this lasting power of attorney.
- a certificate provider at part B of this lasting power of attorney.
- a person to be told when the application to register this lasting power of attorney is made.

The donor cannot be a witness.

The witness must see the attorney or replacement attorney sign or make a mark.

Signature of witness						
Full name of witness						
Tull hame of withess						
Address and postcode of witness						
Postcode						



