

Instructions for completing

A financial management plan for proposed administrators – *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000*

The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal can appoint administrators to deal with all or some financial matters for an adult with impaired decision-making capacity. Before the appointment of an administrator is considered, the tribunal will require information about the suitability and competence of the person proposed and information about how they will undertake their duties.

A financial management plan is only required when you have agreed to a proposed appointment as an administrator for an adult with impaired decision-making capacity.

The *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000* (the Act) outlines how the tribunal will consider the appointment of an administrator to act for an adult with impaired decision-making capacity for financial matters.

The Act states that unless the tribunal orders otherwise, a person who agrees to a proposed appointment as an administrator must provide a financial management plan to the tribunal, or its nominee, for approval.

For further information about the role, duties and responsibilities of an administrator you should refer to the Act. Information is also available on the QCAT website: www.qcat.qld.gov.au.

How do I complete this form?

This guide has been prepared for proposed administrators. It gives information on how you can prepare a financial management plan that will help the tribunal understand how you propose to undertake the duties of an administrator, should you be appointed.

If you have a more complex arrangement or plan to present, you can decide not to use this format. Individuals, trustee companies and professionals can elect to submit a separate plan as an attachment to this form.

The form is divided into eight parts to assist you to provide information on:

- preliminary details (basic information about the adult)
- lifestyle and cultural considerations to be included in the plan
- support needs of the adult
- further considerations which need to be addressed by the plan
- legal matters to be included in the plan
- financial details of the adult
- how you propose to manage the adult's affairs
- details about you, the proposed administrator completing this form.

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What should a financial management plan include?

It should list, where known, all the adult's income and assets, and show how they will be used to maximise the benefit to the adult.

A financial management plan should also cover the following matters:

- income and source of income
- details of the assets and where they are situated
- debts and when they are due
- bank account details
- any professionals needed to help manage the financial affairs, e.g. an accountant or solicitor
- ~~As a~~ e.g. board and lodging, clothing, money for the adult's personal needs, pharmaceutical needs, optical expenses, medical expenses, hospital fees, nursing home fees, dental expenses, taxes, gas, electricity, rates, holiday, insurance premiums, repairs and private health cover
- what will happen to the adult's house
- all income and expenditure records
- investments you need to make, and investments you need to keep track of
- any proposed gifts, e.g. birthday, Christmas presents
- money to be spent for maintenance of the adult's family
- legal matters relating to the adult's financial or property matters and how you propose to address these
- any additional information relevant to the person's financial and legal affairs.

This material is a guide only and you may wish to add additional details of the adult's financial matters, life circumstances and future considerations. If there is not enough space provided, please attach information to the back of this form.

Where can I go for help with the financial management plan?

If you are uncertain about any steps in the procedure or you are doubtful about how to answer any of the questions, you should talk to staff at the tribunal. There is also more information on the QCAT website: www.qcat.qld.gov.au.

3.1 What are the adult's current support needs:

3.2 What are the adult's future support needs (if known):

6. Financial details

6.1 Income

Provide details of the adult's income

	\$ after tax per fortnight
Pension	
Mobility allowance	
Rent assistance	
Wages / salary (includes annuity)	
Investment income (includes share dividends – bank / term deposit interest)	
Rental income	
Any other income – list below	
Total income	

6.2 Expenditure

Provide details of the adult's expenses

	\$ after tax per fortnight
Accommodation	
nursing home fees / rent / board and lodging	
house and contents insurance	
home repairs and maintenance	
Utilities (includes power / gas / phone)	
Transport	
registration / insurance / maintenance	
petrol	
trains / bus fares / taxis, etc.	
other	
Personal	
meals / food	
medical (insurance / pharmacy costs, etc)	
alcohol / tobacco	
entertainment (including gambling)	
personal care (includes clothing and hairdresser costs)	

6.2 Expenditure (continued)

Provide details of the adult's expenses

	\$ after tax per fortnight
gifts birthdays & donations	
care / paid support expenses	
other	
Recreational	
holidays	
regular activities	
Other – list below	
Repayments (includes mortgage loans / credit cards)	
Total expenditure	

6.3 Budget summary

Total income per fortnight	Total expenses per fortnight	Income less expenses per fortnight
\$	\$	\$
<i>If the adult's expenses are greater than their income, what do you plan to do to make ends meet?</i>		

6.6 Assets to be kept

Are there any assets (*e.g. real estate*) which will not be sold?

- Yes – If yes, please provide details
 No

List assets which will not be sold	Reason for retention	Estimated value \$
TOTAL		

6.7 Liabilities to be maintained

Are there any liabilities (*e.g. loans*) which need to be retained?

- Yes – If yes, please provide details
 No

List liabilities which will not be paid out	Reason for retention	Estimated value \$
TOTAL		

7. How do you as proposed administrator intend to manage the affairs if appointed? *Rather than use the space provided, attach your plan to this form if necessary.*

7.1 Immediate plan:

What actions will you undertake immediately for the adult?

For example:

- notify Centrelink and other institutions of the appointment
- bank statements obtained
- all debts to be paid
- Mr Smith has entered nursing home
- admission fee to nursing home to be paid \$45,000
- insurers informed of house being vacated

7.2 Future plan:

What long term strategy will address the adult's needs?

For example:

- \$14,500 from bank account invested in fixed term deposit for six months at 4%
- \$6,000 sale of car to be invested in bank cash management fund
- upon receipt of proceeds of house sale, the proposed administrator will obtain advice about investing the surplus (following payment of the \$45,000 nursing home admission fee)
- family members will visit regularly to check and advise of any unmet needs

Warning

Section 216 of the *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009* makes it an offence for a person to knowingly give the registry documents containing false or misleading information.

Maximum penalty for such an offence – \$10,000.

SIGN AND DATE HERE

The information in this plan is true to the best of my knowledge.

Proposed administrator sign here

Date

LODGEMENT DETAILS

Deliver to:	Mail to:	Fax to:	Email to:
Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Level 9, 259 Queen Street Brisbane Qld 4000 or at any local Magistrates Court	Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal GPO Box 1639 Brisbane Qld 4001	(07) 3221 9156	enquiries@qcat.qld.gov.au

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Date

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