

PUBLIC TRUSTEE

The Public Trustee offers independent, professional trustee and asset management services to the Western Australian community. These include Will and Enduring Power of Attorney drafting, estate administration and personal trustee and administration services.

The Public Trustee of Western Australia

The Public Trustee is the go-to body for anyone who does not have family or friends who will act in their best interest when they die or who prefers not to appoint family or friends to manage their affairs.

The Public Trustee will administer your estate if you die without a Will or have not appointed an Executor or a Power of Attorney.

What services are provided by the Public Trustee in Australia?

The Public Trustee offers Independent Trustee and Asset Management Services.

Independent Trustee and Asset Management Services provided by the Public Trustee

- The drafting of a Will and an Enduring Power of Attorney
- Deceased Estate Administration
- Personal Trustee and Administration Services

The Public Trustee offers a range of free and fee-based services, including:

- Preparing and giving advice to make a Will
- Preparing an Enduring Power of Attorney and acting as the Attorney under an Enduring Power of Attorney
- Administering Deceased Estates
- Managing the financial affairs of people who have been deemed legally incapable of doing so themselves
- Acting as Trustee for people under the age of 18
- Acting as Trustee when appointed to manage personal injuries or criminal injuries compensation
- Acting as Trustee when appointed by Deed

- Providing support and examining the accounts of private personal financial administrators
- These services are accessible to all Western Australians

The Public Trustee is impartial and is required to act in the best interests of both the trust they are administering and the beneficiaries.

For Further Information

Fees

The Public Trustee charges a variety of fees to administer a deceased estate. These fees are set by the WA Government under the *Public Trustee Act 1941* and are regularly reviewed. As an indication, the Public Trustee may deduct a fee of up to 6.6% on the total interest or income earned by investments as well as a charge on the value of assets such as a house or land.

Contact Details

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State Administrative Tribunal

The State Administrative Tribunal (the Tribunal falls under the portfolio of the State Attorney General within the Department of Justice) can be contacted for information and advice on applications for Guardianship, Administration, Enduring Powers of Guardianship, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Advance Health Directives.

Address: Level 6, State Administrative Tribunal Building, 565 Hay Street, Perth WA 6000

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