



HEALTH CONSUMERS'
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Words you should know

Here's some words you may hear at meetings about your situation.

Subject

You. The Subject is the person who the Guardianship or Administration application is for.

SAT

State Administrative Tribunal (SAT)

Applicant

The person who makes the application for Guardianship and or Administration to SAT.

Guardian

Someone given the job of making important decisions for you (the Subject), like where you live, who looks after you, and other personal or legal decisions for you.

Administrator

Someone given the job of making decisions about your money and property.

Member

The person from SAT who decides if you need help from a guardian or administrator. The Member knows a lot about the law, they will listen to what everyone says, then decide what's best for you.

Who is the Health Consumers' Council WA?

We want everyone in WA to get fair and equitable healthcare. If you need more help, we're here for you.

On our website, you can find information and fact sheets to help you understand your health rights and speak up for yourself.

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Guardianship and Administration Information Sheet

Applications for Guardianship or Administration

Sometimes, if the people who care about you feel you're not able to make good decisions about your money or how you live, they can ask a group called the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) for help.

This is done by applying to SAT to place you under guardianship or administration.

SAT will then hold a hearing to understand your situation. During this hearing, they'll consider whether you need support in making certain decisions.

If SAT decides that support is needed, they may appoint a trusted person—called a Guardian or an Administrator—to make some decisions on your behalf.

What can I do about the application?

You can request to view the application and your medical reports given to SAT by the Applicant. You can make this request by contacting the SAT on (08) 9219 3111.

If your request is accepted by the SAT, you can arrange time to view the application. You won't be able to take the application with you, so bring a pen and paper to take notes.

If you read the application and don't agree, you can organise a second medical opinion from a different medical team.

Send the second opinion along with a letter which lists the reasons you don't agree with the application. Make sure you show examples to support your reasons.

Submit this to be considered by the Member of the SAT at least three (3) working days before you are due at the Guardianship/Administration hearing.

What is the Guardianship/Administration hearing?

This is the meeting when the SAT Member will decide if you need a Guardian or Administrator to be given the job of looking after some of your personal circumstances.

At this hearing will be you, the Applicant, the Member and the SAT Clerk.

What else do I need to know about the hearing?

If you need more time to prepare, you can apply for the hearing to be postponed, this is called 'asking for an adjournment to be considered'.

You can contact SAT to ask for more time.

You can take a friend, lawyer or support person with you to the hearing.

