

Further information on continuing powers of attorney

The Digital and Population Data Services Agency website contains an extensive range of information on continuing powers of attorney: dvv.fi/edunvalvontavaltuutus.

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The purpose of the agency is to promote the digitalisation of society, to secure the availability of data, and to offer services for life events of its customers. The Digital and Population Data Services Agency also acts as the guardianship authority. dvv.fi

Continuing power of attorney

Today is a good day to grant continuing power of attorney



Authorise another person to act on your behalf in the event you are unable to manage your own affairs.



Maintain your ability to choose, even if you lose functional capacity

A continuing power of attorney mandate is a more flexible option for organising the management of affairs than guardianship. The mandate will allow you to organise the management of your affairs in advance if you become incapable of managing your own affairs, for example due to an illness, accident, stroke or heart attack.

You can personally appoint an assignee to act on your behalf. The power of attorney will enter into force after the Digital and Population Data Services Agency has verified it.

It's never too early

A continuing power of attorney can be drawn up by an adult who understands the content and importance of the document.

Benefits of continued powers of attorney

- A flexible, fast and simple option.
- You can determine who acts on your behalf.
- You can decide how you want your affairs to be managed.
- You can determine how the management of your affairs is supervised.
- The assignee will have the right to act on behalf of the assignor immediately.

This is what to do

- Draw up a continuing power of attorney for the future well in advance. It is advisable to seek the help of an expert in drafting the document.
- Store the original document carefully.
- Also make sure that the assignee has access to the power of attorney document, if it becomes necessary to validate it.

The assignee may apply for the validation of the power of attorney from the Digital and Population Data Services Agency when the assignor is no longer able to manage their own affairs.