

Australian Adult Guardianship Orders 2024/25

Report on adult guardianship and administration/financial management applications and new orders

1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

The table below contains statistics on the number of adult guardianship and administration/financial management applications made to, and new orders made by, state and territory administrative tribunals during the period 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025. Where the appropriate data is available, orders are categorised as public orders where the Public Advocate or Public Guardian is appointed as guardian, and where the Public Trustee (or State Trustees in Victoria) is appointed as administrator or financial manager. Other appointments are categorised as private orders.

Guardianship and Administration/Financial Management Applications and new Orders between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025

	Applications			Orders						
	Guardianship	Administration/ Financial Management	Total	Guardianship			Administration/ Financial Management			Total Orders
				Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total	
ACT	209	192	401	140	48	188	13	29	42	230
NSW	6017	4199	10216	1402	1825	3227	1344	1375	2719	5946
NT*	211	215	426	80	102	182	96	87	183	365
QLD	3115	3062	6177	885	1086	1971	972	1271	2243	4214
SA†	-	-	3410	606	1125	1731	547	782	1329	3060
TAS	308	285	593	84	57	141	110	114	224	365
VIC#	3094	3080	6174	469	856	1325	599	1392	1991	3316
WA†	-	-	3379	867	1461	2328	1020	1297	2317	4645
Total			30776	4533	6560	11093	4701	6347	11048	22141

Notes:

* NT data draws on information provided by the Northern Territory Public Guardian and Trustee.

† SA and WA case management systems do not enable separate totals of different application types to be provided. In these jurisdictions, the total number of new orders made may exceed the number of applications listed, as one combined application may result in more than one order.

The Victorian data draws on information from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. In previous years, data for Victoria was based on information provided by the Office of the Public Advocate.

The data in this report details applications made to, and new orders made by, the following bodies: ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal, South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Tasmanian Civil

and Administrative Tribunal, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and the State Administrative Tribunal (WA).

The aim of this report is to capture the number of people subject to new guardianship and administration/financial management orders during 2024/2025. We have sought to exclude from these figures temporary, emergency or interim orders in situations where these short-term orders translate into longer-term orders (so as to count the people subject to orders, rather than the simple number of orders). However, case management systems in some jurisdictions do not easily enable identification of situations when a temporary, emergency or interim order translates into a longer-term order, therefore a small amount of double counting exists.

Where a private appointment is changed during the year to become a public appointment, this will ordinarily be recorded in the table on the initial basis and will not be counted a second time when the change occurs. Therefore, public guardianship agencies themselves may record higher numbers of appointments during the year in question than appear in the table.

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