



# Australian Adult Guardianship Orders 2019/20

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

1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020

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 2019 and 30 June 2020. 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 Orders between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020

	Applications			Orders						
	Guardianship	Administration/ Financial management	Total	Guardianship			Administration/ Financial management			Total Orders
				Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total	
ACT	175	164	<b>339</b>	47	155	<b>202</b>	61	136	<b>197</b>	399
NSW	4014	3335	<b>7349</b>	1319	1111	<b>2430</b>	1129	1239	<b>2368</b>	4798
NT			<b>228</b>	58	142	<b>200</b>	80	96	<b>176</b>	376
QLD	2568	2671	<b>5239</b>	630	961	<b>1591</b>	793	1293	<b>2086</b>	3677
SA*†			<b>2083</b>	437	851	<b>1288</b>	421	490	<b>911</b>	2199
TAS	312	340	<b>652</b>	110	66	<b>176</b>	150	117	<b>267</b>	443
VIC‡	2905	3035	<b>5940</b>	633	846	<b>1479</b>	814	1714	<b>2528</b>	4007
WA†			<b>3005</b>	664	863	<b>1527</b>	678	785	<b>1463</b>	2990
<b>Total</b>			<b>24835</b>	<b>3898</b>	<b>4995</b>	<b>8893</b>	<b>4126</b>	<b>5870</b>	<b>9996</b>	<b>18889</b>

Notes: Joint Public and Private orders are included in Public columns.

† SA and WA case management systems do not enable separate totals of different application types to be provided.

\*SA could not separate urgent and limited orders to public and private, so all were included in public column.

‡ As with previous years the Victorian data draws on information provided by the Office of the Public Advocate and State Trustees Limited.

The data in this report details applications made to, and 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, Guardianship and Administration Board (Tas), Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, State Administrative Tribunal (WA).

The aim of this report is to capture the number of people subject to guardianship and administration/financial management orders during 2019/2020. 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.

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