

Australian Adult Guardianship Orders 2021/22

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

1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

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 2021 and 30 June 2022. 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 2021 and 30 June 2022

| Applications | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------|
| | Guardianship | Administration/ Financial Management | Total |
| ACT | 190 | 180 | 370 |
| NSW | 4590 | 3394 | 7984 |
| NT^t | - | - | 236 |
| QLD | 2495 | 2535 | 5030 |
| SA^t | - | - | 2625 |
| TAS | 282 | 242 | 524 |
| VIC[#] | 2910 | 2857 | 5767 |
| WA^t | - | - | 2716 |
| Total | | | 25252 |

| Orders | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|--------------|---|---------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Guardianship | | | Administration/ Financial Management | | | Total Orders |
| Public | Private | Total | Public | Private | Total | |
| 31 | 163 | 194 | 36 | 148 | 184 | 378 |
| 1310 | 1711 | 3021 | 1095 | 1351 | 2446 | 5467 |
| 78 | 100 | 178 | 87 | 91 | 178 | 356 |
| 673 | 696 | 1369 | 720 | 1110 | 1830 | 3199 |
| 480 | 1118 | 1598 | 376 | 692 | 1068 | 2666 |
| 88 | 67 | 155 | 78 | 106 | 184 | 339 |
| 653 | 872 | 1525 | 530 | 1630 | 2160 | 3685 |
| 710 | 1294 | 2004 | 712 | 1073 | 1785 | 3789 |
| 4023 | 6021 | 10044 | 3634 | 6201 | 9835 | 19879 |

Notes:

[†] SA, WA and NT 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 two orders.

[#]As with previous years the Victorian data draws 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 (or its predecessor, the Guardianship and Administration Board), Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 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 2021/2022. 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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