

What is OPA?



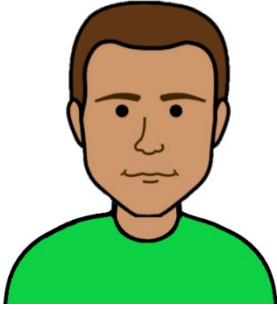
You may have a disability. It may be hard to

- think
- learn new things
- make big choices.



You need help with big choices. Like

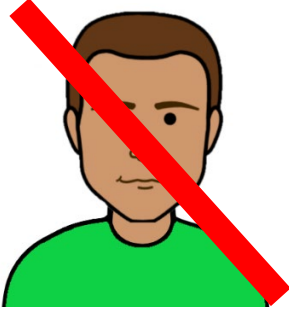
- where you live
- your health
- what help you get.



It may be a person you know. Like

- your dad
- your wife
- a friend.

Or



You may not have a person to help.



OPA may help. They make your big choices.

We call them your guardian.



VCAT tells OPA what to do.

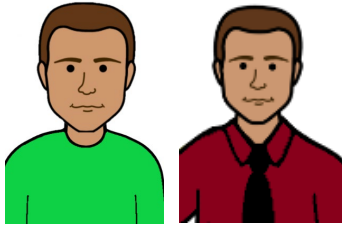


VCAT is like a court. Their long name is Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.



VCAT thinks about

- do you need a guardian?
- who will be your guardian?



VCAT may say it is

- a person you know. Like your dad

or

- OPA.



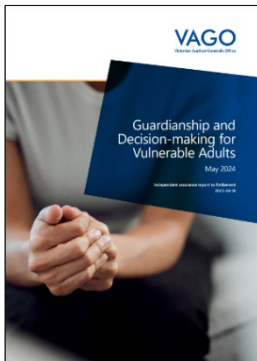
Each person must do what VCAT say.

Images

We can use these images. They are from



- CHANGE changepeople.org
- The Noun Project
- Picto Selector
- Tobii-Dynavox.¹



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¹ We have included this because some images in this report need to be acknowledged when used.