

**Making a RA7ALL – a Representation Agreement with all four authorities
from section 7 of the BC Representation Agreement Act**

The BC Representation Agreement Act (RA Act) is world renowned!

Do NOT send any RA paperwork to Nidus by regular mail or email – it will be shredded or deleted.
Click links on next page for more information and tips on making, registering and using RA7ALL.

The age of adulthood in BC is **19 years**. Parental rights end when a child turns 19. No one has automatic authority to act on behalf of an adult (not parents or even a spouse). **Adults can:**

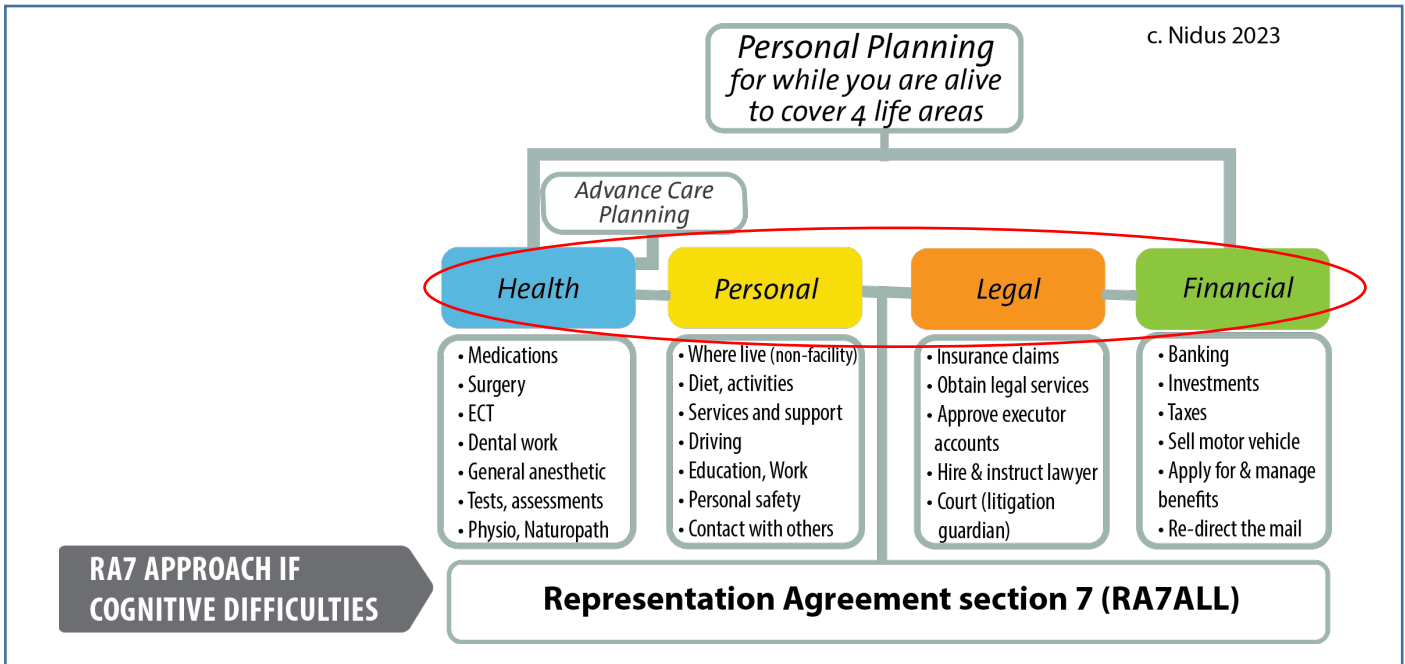
- 1) Be pro-active and make a legal document to give authority to someone; OR,
- 2) Do nothing, and authority will be IMPOSED.

Traditionally, the capability requirements for legal planning documents left out adults who have cognitive difficulties (maybe from a disability at birth, advanced dementia, brain injury, stroke, etc.). These adults could not be pro-active.

Thanks to a grass-roots law reform, BC has a new definition of capability in law.

- We call this the **RA7 approach**.
- Adults may make a Representation Agreement with authorities from section 7 of the RA Act, even if they have cognitive difficulties. Even if a doctor says the adult is incapable.
- The RA7 is law in BC and accommodates people with cognitive or intellectual impairment/disability.

RA7ALL form is in separate PDF – but please read these 2 pages!



RECOMMENDATION: Save this document and the [Basic RA7ALL form](#) to your device. To avoid compatibility problems, open the PDF files using the universal software program called [Adobe Reader](#).

TIP: You will need a **printer** and you need to be able to access information online. Get help if you are not familiar with technology. You complete the RA form in **hardcopy**, so signatures are originals.

BEFORE YOU START – Click to read the [RA Overview](#) and [RA7](#) fact sheets.

Do you have the right package?

Following is a list of **the four authorities** from section 7 of the RA Act (RA7ALL) as in the graphic on page 1.

1. Minor and major **Health care** matters,
2. **Personal care** matters,
3. Obtain **Legal** services and instruct counsel..., and
4. Routine management of **Financial** affairs.

RA7 is sometimes used as a generic term. Nidus uses more specific terms (and has different RA7 forms).

- RA7ALL has **all 4** authorities (as outlined above);
- RA7H+P has two authorities (minor and major health care matters and personal care matters);
- RA7F+L has two authorities (legal matters and routine management of financial affairs).

The [Basic RA7ALL](#) is for naming 1 representative, 1 alternate representative (optional) and a monitor.

TIP: Making a new RA does not automatically cancel a previous one. See link below about Revoking.

This package is for self-help. Click links below for answers to frequently asked questions.

Different Internet Browsers open links differently – you can change the settings.

A Windows-based computer will handle some things differently than a Mac computer.

- > How to fill out form?- click [Sample RA7ALL](#)
- > The Certificates refer to sections of RA Act? - [References in Certificates](#)
- > Can a paid person be named in the RA7ALL? - [Restrictions and Tips on Who to Name in RA](#)
- > How is someone with cognitive difficulties capable to make RA7ALL? - [RA7 Approach](#)
- > How is signing done? How can adult sign-see p.2? - [Tips for Signing](#)
- > How to document adult's style of communication & wishes? – [Tips for Adult's Wishes](#)
- > Who gets copies? What happens to original? - [Tips for Keeping Original and Distributing Copies](#)
- > Where to register the RA7ALL? - [How to Register Completed RA](#)
- > How to Use RA7All? – click for [General Guidelines on privacy duty & right to access info](#)
- > [Snapshot of H+P Authorities](#) and [Details on using RA7 for health and personal care](#)
- > [Snapshot of Financial Authorities](#) and [Details on using RA7 for financial and legal matters](#)

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- > What if change of address? Change of people? - [Making Changes to RA](#)
 - > What if need to revoke (cancel) RA? - [Revoking \(cancelling\) RA](#)
 - > Where find more resources? - click [nidus.ca](#)
 - > Find the various Representation Agreement forms at <https://nidus.ca/ra-forms/>

The Basic RA7ALL form is available as a separate file in PDF format. Click for [Terms of Use](#).

The [Basic RA7ALL](#) is 13 pages. **Download/Save it** to your device and open with [Adobe Reader](#) then:

- Type in the fillable fields and print a hardcopy, then complete it with dates and signatures.
- OR
- Print a hardcopy and handwrite neatly in fields, then complete it with dates and signatures.

Make a digital copy of the completed RA7ALL for your records – this involves getting it scanned in PDF format (all pages in one file). Then you can upload the scan to the Nidus Registry.

A medical assessment is NOT required for making any type of RA. A legal professional is NOT required.