

Making an RA7F+L on RA7 Path – a Representation Agreement (RA) with two authorities from section 7 of the BC Representation Agreement Act (RA Act).

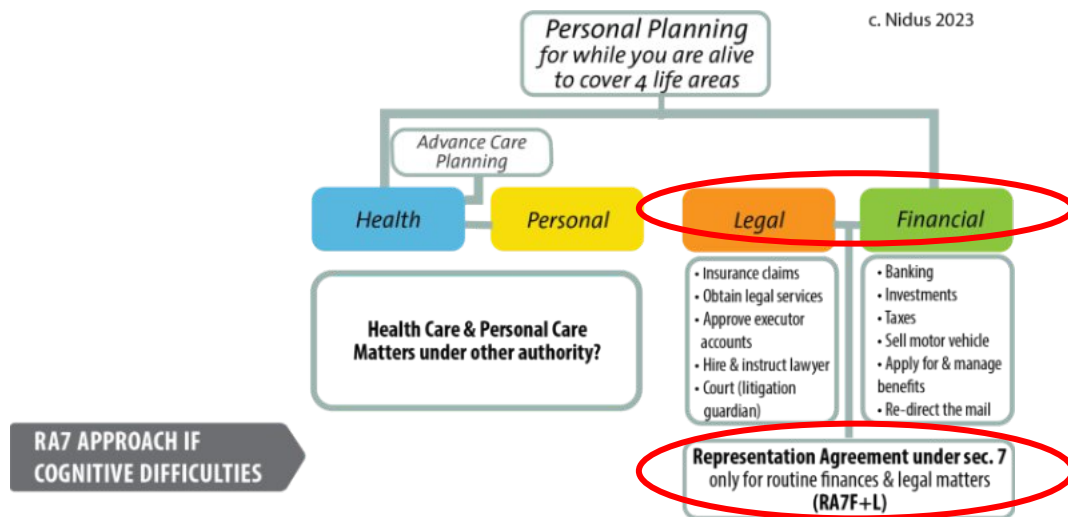
Do not send any paperwork to Nidus by mail or email unless directly requested by us - it will be shredded or deleted. If you want to register your completed legal document, go to nidusregistry.ca
You will need a printer and you need access to the Internet. See next page for some tips.

Do you have the right package?

The RA7F+L has **only 2 authorities** outlined in [section 7 of the RA Act](#):

1. Obtain **legal** services and instruct counsel, and
2. Routine management of **financial** affairs.

The RA7F+L discussed here is based on the RA7 approach to mental capability designed for adults (19+) with cognitive difficulties (see graphic below).



RA7 is sometimes used as a generic term. Nidus uses more specific terms and has different forms. For other types of Representation Agreements like RA7ALL (for health, personal care, routine finances and legal) or RA7H+P (health care and personal care only), go to <https://nidus.ca/ra-forms/>.

I'm not good with technology, how do I manage?

Ask relatives, friends, or personal supporters. Your local seniors' centre or library could also help, or they might provide some digital literacy workshops.
Unfortunately, Nidus does not have sufficient resources or staff to provide hands-on assistance for everyone creating an RA with our free forms.

Where do I get the RA7F+L form?

See link and information on the last page.

Can I get personal help?

This material is for self-help. Depending on funding, Nidus may be able to provide some personal help. Email info@nidus.ca

How do I get started?

R GET ON TRACK

In the past it was common to ignore adults with cognitive difficulties or treat them like children. Today, we know better, and view all adults as capable of self-determination regardless of disability. The RA7 is a legal tool to enable that self-determination – it provides a legal appointee to support and help the adult access their rights.

R GET INFORMED

Read more about Representation Agreements [HERE on the Nidus website](#).

R FAQs / TIPS

Making an RA7F+L

- > How is someone with cognitive difficulties considered capable to make an RA7?
See the [RA7 Inclusive Approach to Capability](#)
- > How to fill out Form & Certificates? - see our [Sample RA7F+L](#)
- > Who can be named? The law has some restrictions on who may be named as a representative - See the [Restrictions and Tips on Who to Name in an RA](#)
- > What are the steps for signing? How can the adult sign/make a mark? - [Tips for Signing](#)
The adult should try to sign their own Representation Agreement – signing is a physical action. Sometimes you need to modify the pen, so it is easier to grasp, or place the pen in their mouth and hold the paper up for them on a firm board/book. In law, a signature is a mark – the adult can make a line, squiggle, or other type of mark they make.
- > Help! Someone is asking about info on the Certificates? - [Certificate References](#)

I made the RA7F+L, now what?

Storing, distributing, registering the RA

- > [Tips for Keeping Original and Distributing Copies](#)
- > [How to Register with Nidus Registry](#)
- > The adult I support doesn't communicate in a traditional way, what should I do? How to document adult's style of communication & wishes? – See [Tips for Documenting Adult's Wishes and Communication Style](#). Here is a link to an idea that one family used to understand and demonstrate the adult's wishes and preferences: [Expressing My Preferences](#)

Using the RA7

- > [Privacy & Access to Information](#)
- > How to Use the RA7F+L for routine finances and legal affairs? [Snapshot for Finances](#) and [Details for financial and legal](#) and [Definition of Routine Finances](#)

Changes, Revocation, Resignation

- > What if there is a change of address? Change of people? - [Making Changes to an RA](#)
- > Only the adult can revoke (cancel) their RA - [Revoking \(Cancelling\) an RA](#)
- > I'm a Representative or Monitor and I want to resign (quit): See [Representative Resignation](#) and/or [Monitor Resignation](#)

Where do I get the RA7F+L form?

R [CLICK HERE TO GET THE BASIC RA7F+L FORM FOR THE RA7 PATH](#)

The Basic RA7F+L is 12 pages, including required Certificates. Click the link above and Download/Save it to your device.

- > Click here for: [Terms of Use](#).
- > On the RA7F+L form, you can type in the fields or print and handwrite in the fields. Even if you type, you must print out a hardcopy of the form to get original signatures and handwrite some dates.
- > Scan the completed hardcopy in PDF format for your records and for optional [uploading to the Nidus Registry](#).

Nidus is not the only source of RA forms, but the wording used by other sources may not be as accessible. Nidus consulted with legal experts and others when preparing the RA7F+L form.

A medical assessment is NOT required to make any type of RA.

A legal professional is also NOT required.