

Making an RA7F+L instead of an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA)
by cognitive choice of adult – RA7F+L is 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

Nidus does not provide EPA forms (visit a lawyer/notary). We do provide free information about EPAs [here](#).

You will need a printer and access to the Internet to make this RA. See next page for some tips.

Do you have the right package?

This material is for **adults (19+)** who are **cognitively capable**, and **all of the following apply**:

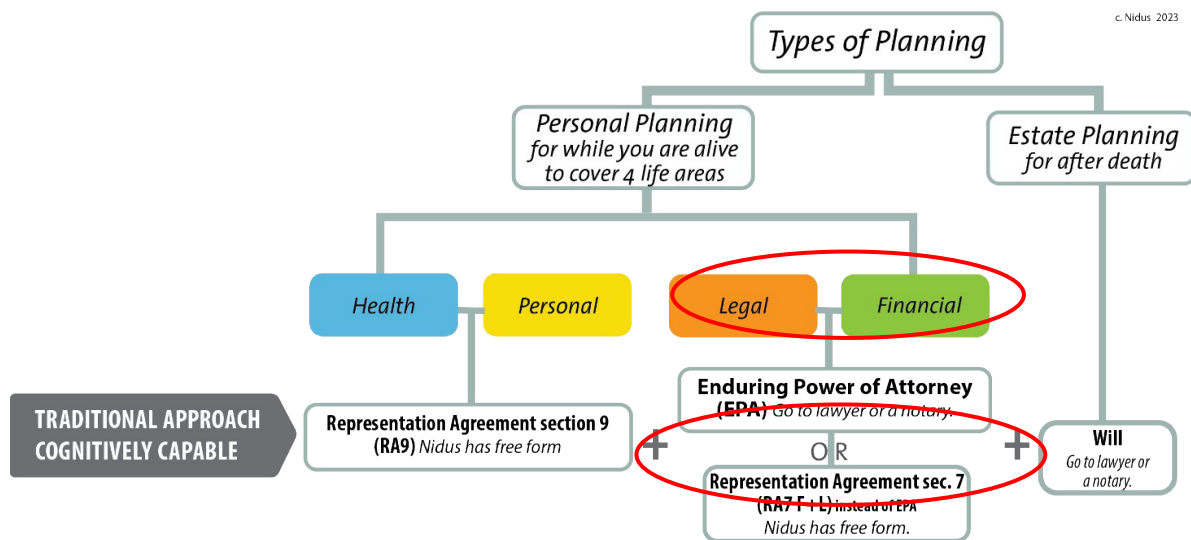
- R they have **NO** existing Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA), and
- R they meet the cognitive capability requirements to make an EPA (see information [here](#)), **and**
- R they cognitively choose to make the RA7F+L instead, even though the RA7F+L does not cover as much as an EPA and has some additional requirements.

NOTE: If you are helping someone who has cognitive difficulties, go to our [RA7 Forms](#) instead

The RA7F+L has only **2** authorities as 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 does not cover as many things under the two areas as an EPA. The RA7F+L was designed for adults who do not meet cognitive capability requirements to make an EPA. Read this important [comparison chart](#) first.



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

There are **six items an adult must understand** to be considered cognitively capable of making an EPA. Read more about Enduring Power of Attorney at [our site](#) (Scroll to: 'Who can make an EPA?') and/or read [section 12 of the Power of Attorney Act](#).

What to consider when choosing between EPA and RA7F+L – assuming you are cognitively capable to make an EPA:

- Which one is easier to use? The EPA has been around longer and is more familiar to banks and other financial institutions and organizations like the CRA.
- If you might later need the greater coverage of the EPA (e.g. could you inherit real estate in the future?) make it now while you are cognitively capable. It is impossible to predict the future, but what is certain is that it is more costly and complex if an EPA is needed and not in place at a time that you are no longer capable to make the EPA.
- Are you prepared for the other requirements of the RA7F+L? – RA7s require extra safeguards (like limits on authority), extra paperwork (certificates) and potentially extra people (monitors).

R GET INFORMED

- > Click to read fact sheets on the [EPA](#), [EPA Authorities](#), and [RA Overview](#). You can also check out the broader Nidus website at nidus.ca
- > Click to read about legal duties: [Role of Attorney](#) (in an EPA) and the [Role of Representatives and Alternates](#) (in an RA&F+L)

R FAQs / TIPS

Making an RA7F+L instead of EPA

- > How to fill out Form & Certificates? - see our [Sample RA7F+L instead of EPA](#)
- > 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](#)
- > 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](#)

Using the RA7F+L

- > [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](#)

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.