

***Making a RA9 – a Representation Agreement with authorities
from section 9 of the BC Representation Agreement Act
Make if cognitively capable – most comprehensive for health & personal care.***

Do NOT send any RA paperwork to Nidus by regular mail or email – it will be shredded or deleted.

Who can make the RA9?

- You must be **at least 19 years old** to make the RA9. (19 is the age of adulthood in BC).
- You must also be **cognitively capable** to understand what the RA9 covers. We call this the **traditional approach** to capability (see graphic on next page).
 - When thinking what this means, think whether you can demonstrate understanding to others – who might be strangers to you – like a hospitalist (a doctor employed by a hospital). Are you able to understand the risks and benefits of a proposed treatment?

The BC Representation Agreement Act (RA Act) outlines the authorities a representative may have in section 7 or in section 9. Each section has different requirements about mental capability.

- An adult may be considered capable to make a Representation Agreement (RA) with authorities from section 7 (RA7) but not meet the capability requirements to make a RA9

Do you have the right package?

This material is about the RA9 and for someone who is cognitively capable to understand the RA9 they are signing and consequences of making it.

The RA9 does not include authority for finances. If you are cognitively capable to make the RA9, make a separate legal document for financial matters.

If you are helping someone who has cognitive difficulties, find RA7 types of Representation Agreements, go to <https://nidus.ca/ra-forms/> and scroll down.

NEED INFORMATION?

Click to read the [RA Overview](#) and [RA9](#) fact sheets.

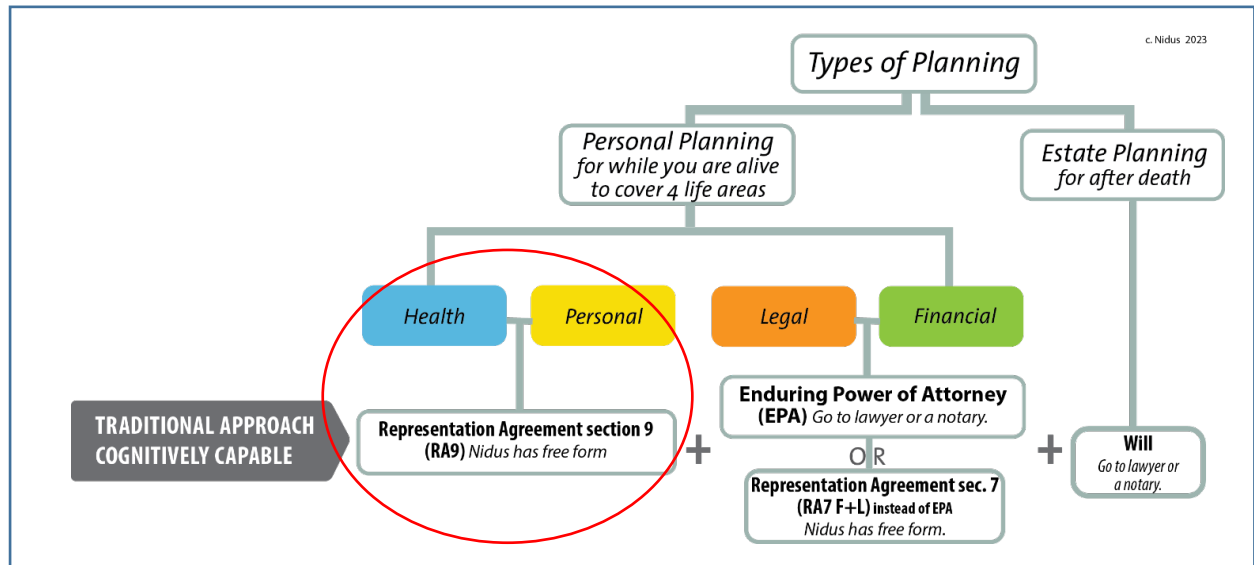
Click to read about legal duties: [Duties of Rep and Alternate.pdf](#)

WHO MAKES THE RA9?

No one has automatic authority to act on behalf of an adult (not parents or even a spouse).

- You must be **19 years or older** (an adult) to make the RA9. (19 is the age of adulthood in BC).
- The RA9 is for adults who are currently cognitive capable to understand. The RA9 can be used when the adult is having cognitive difficulties.
- It is all about CAPABILITY requirements.
 - It is common for a spouse with advanced dementia to make the RA7ALL and the other spouse to make the RA9 + Enduring Power of Attorney.
 - The same for a parent of an adult child with a developmental disability. The adult child with a disability may make the RA7ALL and the parent(s) makes the RA9 + Enduring Power of Attorney.

See previous page and below for tips and FAQ for RA9.



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

MAKING RA9

- > What are capability requirements for making RA9? - [RA9 Capability](#)
- > How to fill out form?- see [Sample RA9](#)
- > Who can be named? - [Restrictions and Tips on Who to Name in RA](#)
- > How is signing done? - [Tips for Signing](#)
- > **Communicating wishes and values? – [Tips for Adult’s Wishes](#)

NOW WHAT?

- > Who gets copies? What happens to original? - [Tips for Keeping Original and Distributing Copies](#)
- > Where to register? - [How to Register with Nidus Registry](#)

USING RA9

- > How to Use RA9? – tips on [Privacy & Access](#)
- > How to Use RA9 for health? [Snapshot of RA9 Authorities](#) and [Details on using RA9](#)

CHANGES TO RA – REVOCATION, RESIGNATION

- > What if change of address? Change of people? - [Making Changes to RA](#)
- > Only adult can revoke (cancel) - [Revoking RA](#) OR [Rep Resign](#)

The Basic RA9 form is available as a separate download. Click for [Terms of Use](#)

The [Basic RA9 form](#) is 8 pages. **Download/Save it** to your device. You can type in fields or print and handwrite. Even if you type, you must print hardcopy to get original signatures and handwrite some dates. Scan the completed hardcopy in PDF format for uploading to the Nidus Registry.

A medical assessment is not required for making any type of RA. A legal professional is not required for making any type of RA and it can be a problem if you go to a lawyer or notary public for the RA7.