

## Procedures to Revoke (Cancel) an Enduring Power of Attorney

*Sample form on last page.*

### Who can revoke the Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA)?

The Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA) can only be revoked by the person who made it (it belongs to). This person is referred to as the 'adult' on the sample Notice of Revocation form.

On the EPA document, the person who made it might be referred to as the 'donor,' adult,' or 'maker.'

The BC Power of Attorney Act (PoA Act) says that if the adult meets the capability requirements to make a new EPA, they are considered capable to revoke their existing EPA. Information on the capability requirements are discussed in the basic information on the EPA. Go to [nidus.ca](http://nidus.ca)

### What is the difference between revocation and resignation?

Usually the entire EPA, including the authority of all those appointed, is ended when the EPA is revoked. Then a new EPA is made — it is like starting with a 'clean slate.'

Sometimes the intent is only to end the authority of a specific person. This is most commonly done when that person resigns, leaving other attorneys and/or alternate attorneys to continue under the EPA. For information and sample form for resigning from EPA, scroll down at [Related Forms](#)

### How do I revoke my EPA?

Making a new EPA does NOT automatically revoke a previous one.

Legal professionals often put a statement in a new EPA that says "I revoke all previous EPAs..."

Such a statement is usually not sufficient on its own for a legal revocation. This might be sufficient if it meets the requirements of the legislation. For example, if you are naming the same people in the new EPA as in the one being revoked; or if one of the people you appointed in the previous EPA has died and you appoint everyone else, except the deceased, in the new EPA.

The BC PoA Act was amended as of September 1, 2011 and sets out the requirements in [section 28](#) for validly revoking your EPA. This information and sample form included at end are based on the requirements in the legislation.

Check if your EPA lists other steps required for revoking your EPA. If you do not follow the procedures outlined in the legislation (and any additional ones outlined in the EPA), your revocation may not be valid.

To revoke the EPA, according to BC legislation, it must be communicated in writing (not as a verbal statement). This is called giving '**Notice.**'

### Do I have to go to a legal professional to revoke my EPA?

No, the BC PoA Act does not require that you go to a lawyer or notary public to do the revocation, however it can be a good idea. Sometimes conflict among family members or others may lead to questions about your mental capability to revoke. If this might be the case, sometimes the involvement of a legal professional will guard against this.

### Is a witness required?

Although not required by the law, it may be helpful to ask someone to witness (watch) you sign and date the Notice of Revocation. After you sign, the witness can sign the Notice and print their name and contact information.

If you use a witness, ask someone who is not appointed in the EPA you are revoking and who will not be appointed in a new EPA. This can make the witness be perceived as independent.

### What does a Notice of Revocation look like?

The sample included shows what a Notice of Revocation might look like. You may use or adapt the sample. See the next heading on who you must notify (give a copy of the Notice of Revocation).

### What if I don't know the date the EPA being revoked was made?

If you don't have the EPA being revoked and don't remember when you signed it, use general wording for the revocation notice. For example, on the sample form: *I hereby revoke an Enduring Power of Attorney I made on "before [current date]."*

### Who gets a copy of the Notice of Revocation?

In order for your revocation to be valid, you must give a signed and dated copy of the written Notice of Revocation to **each attorney appointed in your EPA**. It may also be wise to give a copy to each alternate attorney(s) appointed.

It is a good idea to keep proof (how and when) your Notice of Revocation was given to those required.

### How do I deliver the Notice of Revocation?

The BC PoA Act does not state how to deliver your Notice of Revocation to those required.

You may wish to give the Notice of Revocation by following the procedures outlined in section 6 of the Representation Agreement Regulation; but this is not binding for the EPA:

- By registered mail to the person's last known address; or
- By leaving it:
  - with the person, or
  - at the person's address, or
  - with an adult who appears to reside with the person; or
- If the person operates a business, at the business, with an employee of the person; or
- By transmitting it by fax to the person with the number they provided for notification purposes.

### When does the Revocation take effect?

The revocation takes effect on the date when Notice is given to everyone required. Or, you can list a future date in the Notice for when the revocation takes effect.

### Who else do I need to inform that my EPA is revoked?

If you gave the original EPA to someone else, ask for it back. Ask for copies back. If you gave copies to the bank or other financial service, send them a copy of the Notice of Revocation. If you filed your EPA with the Land Title Office, file your revocation notice with them.

### Where can I register my Revocation?

It is a good idea to register a copy of the Notice of Revocation with the [Nidus Registry](#). One of the challenges when revoking a legal document is notifying third parties (for example, banks, financial services, hospitals and government agencies) about it. Registration helps you communicate this important information to others.

If the existing or previous EPA was registered, it is especially important to register the Notice of Revocation so it will replace (cover up) the previous (old) registered EPA. This requires special procedures. Log into the Nidus Registry Account, scroll down to Registration Options, click Notice of Revocation, see toppage 7 at [How to Register](#).

The Nidus Registry provides a centralized place to keep a record of your most current plans and wishes and have them available when needed. Many people are using the Nidus Registry for emergency preparedness in case of evacuation and to protect important information and documents in the event of a wildfire or flood.

### Where to find more resources?

Go to [nidus.ca](#) > for lots of free information on EPA. The Nidus Resource Centre does not provide forms for making an EPA but provides help with other procedures like making changes and resignation - see EPA [Related Forms](#).

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To use this sample, type in fields and print this page for signing, or print this page and handwrite in fields, then sign.

**NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
***In accordance with Section 28 of***  
***the Power of Attorney Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 370 as amended,***

**I hereby revoke an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA)**

that I made on \_\_\_\_\_

*(TYPE or PRINT the date the EPA was signed by adult - e.g. March 20, 2023)*

*(If don't know date EPA was signed, put 'a date before [current date or other date]')*

that appointed the following people in the role of attorney or alternate attorney:

\_\_\_\_\_ as attorney  
*(TYPE/PRINT name as it appears on the EPA)* *(ROLE)*

\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_  
*(TYPE or HANDWRITE name as it appears on the EPA)* *(TYPE or HANDWRITE role)*

\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_  
*(TYPE or HANDWRITE name as it appears on the EPA)* *(TYPE or HANDWRITE role)*

\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_  
*(TYPE or HANDWRITE name as it appears on the EPA)* *(TYPE or HANDWRITE role)*

**This revocation takes effect on:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(TYPE or HANDWRITE current or future date - Month[spell out], Day, Year)*

**This revocation is signed by me:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Adult's signature/mark)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(TYPE or HANDWRITE name of adult as it appears on the EPA)*

*To be valid, the BC Power of Attorney Act section 28 says to give written notice of revocation to the persons appointed in the Enduring Power of Attorney as attorney (and if any alternates).*