



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR AGING  
AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

# VIRGINIA GUARDIAN TRAINING

Beginning July 1, 2025, all guardians  
in Virginia must complete the  
Virginia Guardian Training.

**TO ACCESS THE TRAINING:**

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OR VISIT [WWW.DARS.VIRGINIA.GOV/DISABILITY-PROGRAMS/VIRGINIA-GUARDIAN-TRAINING](http://WWW.DARS.VIRGINIA.GOV/DISABILITY-PROGRAMS/VIRGINIA-GUARDIAN-TRAINING)

# TRAINING DEADLINE

Guardians appointed July 1, 2025, and after must complete the training within 120 days after qualification.

Guardians appointed before July 1, 2025, must complete the training no later than January 1, 2027.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: Who is required to take the Virginia Guardian Training?**

A: Yes. While anyone may take the training, guardians and the skilled professionals retained by the guardian to perform duties on behalf of the guardian must complete the training.

### **Q: Why is training required?**

A: The Virginia General Assembly passed legislation in 2024 that requires all guardians and skilled professionals to complete training developed by DARS.

### **Q: How long is the training and how much does it cost?**

A: While users work at their own pace, the training will take approximately 60 minutes to complete. It is free for all users.

### **Q: How will guardians show they have completed the training?**

A: The “Report of Guardian for an Incapacitated Person” form, often called the annual report, was updated and released on July 1, 2025. It can be found here. The guardian will reflect their training status on the form.

### **Q: Is a certificate available upon completion?**

A: Yes. The user will receive a certificate at the end of the course. Users should print or save the certificate electronically for their personal record.



If you have questions, please contact Ellie Rest, Guardian Training Program Coordinator, by emailing [guardianship@dars.virginia.gov](mailto:guardianship@dars.virginia.gov) or calling 757-634-2918.