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#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2010 No. 1063

## MENTAL CAPACITY, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Lasting Powers of Attorney, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Public Guardian (Amendment) Regulations 2010

Made - - - - 25th March 2010
Laid before Parliament 29th March 2010
Coming into force - - 1st May 2010

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 58(3), 64(1) and 65(1)(b) and (c) of, and paragraphs 4(4) and 9(a) of Schedule 4 to, the Mental Capacity Act 2005(1), makes the following Regulations:

#### Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Lasting Powers of Attorney, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Public Guardian (Amendment) Regulations 2010 and shall come into force on 1st May 2010

# Amendments to the Lasting Powers of Attorney, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Public Guardian Regulations 2007

- **2.** The Lasting Powers of Attorney, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Public Guardian Regulations 2007(**2**) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 7.
  - **3.** In regulation 24 (application for registration)—
    - (a) after paragraph (1) insert—

"(1A) The Public Guardian must not register an instrument where only a certified copy of the instrument is sent with the application, unless the applicant verifies that he cannot produce the original instrument because it has been lost or, as the case may be, destroyed."; and

<sup>(1) 2005,</sup> c. 9. Section 64(1) was amended by the Mental Health Act 2007, section 50(7) and Schedule 9, Part 1, paragraphs 1 and 10. Section 65 was amended by the Mental Health Act 2007, section 50(7) and Schedule 9, Part 1, paragraphs 1 and 11, and by SI 2006/1016, article 2 and Schedule 1, paragraph 37.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 2007/1253, amended by SI 2007/2051, 2007/2161 and 2009/1884.

- (b) at the end of paragraph (2)(b), insert "in relation to which paragraph (1A) has been complied with".
- **4.** For regulation 37(3) (discharge of any endorsed security), substitute—
  - "(3) Otherwise the security may not be discharged—
    - (a) if the person on whose behalf S was appointed to act dies, until the end of the period of 2 years beginning on the date of his death; or
    - (b) in any other case, until the end of the period of 7 years beginning on whichever of the following dates first occurs—
      - (i) if S dies, the date of his death;
      - (ii) if the court makes an order which discharges S but which does not also discharge the security under paragraph (2), the date of the order;
      - (iii) the date when S otherwise ceases to be under a duty to discharge the functions in respect of which he was ordered to give security.".
- **5.** In regulation 48 (other functions in relation to enduring powers of attorney)—
  - (a) before "The Public Guardian" insert (1); and
  - (b) at the end, insert—
    - "(2) The functions conferred by paragraph (1) may be discharged in co-operation with any other person who has functions in relation to the care or treatment of P.".
- **6.** For the form in Schedule 7 (notice of intention to apply for registration of an enduring power of attorney), substitute the form set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.
- 7. For the form in Schedule 8 (application to register an enduring power of attorney), substitute the form set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

#### **Transitional provisions**

- **8.**—(1) These Regulations apply to—
  - (a) subject to paragraph (2), any application for the registration of an enduring power of attorney sent to the Office of the Public Guardian on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010;
  - (b) the discharge of any security given to the Public Guardian under regulation 37 (discharge of any endorsed security) in relation to which the person on whose behalf S was appointed to act dies on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010;
  - (c) any function undertaken by the Public Guardian under regulation 48 (other functions in relation to enduring powers of attorney) on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010.
- (2) Any application for the registration of an enduring power of attorney sent to the Office of the Public Guardian before 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010, and any related notice of intention to apply for registration of the power, shall be treated as valid if made or, as the case may be, given in the form prescribed before the coming into force of these Regulations.

Signed on the authority of the Lord Chancellor

Bridget Prentice
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

25th March 2010

#### SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 6

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION OF AN ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY

Form EP1PG

#### Mental Capacity Act 2005 **Enduring Power of Attorney**

Notice of intention to apply for registration of an Enduring Power of Attorney

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This form may be adapted for use by three or more attorneys. Any attorney who is appointed to act jointly and severally, but who does not join in the application, must also be named.

Give the name and address of the donor

The grounds upon object are limited and are shown at 2 TAKE NOTICE THAT I ...... of ..... of ..... The attorney(s) of ..... ...... intend to apply to the Public Guardian for registration of the enduring power of attorney appointing me (us) attorney(s) and made by the donor on the .....

1. You have the right to object to the proposed registration on one or more of the grounds set out below. If you object, you must notify the Office of the Public Guardian and state which of the grounds you are relying on within five weeks from the day this notice was given to you. You may make an application to the Court of Protection under rule 68 of the Court of Protection Rules 2007 for a decision on the matter. No fee is payable for such an application. If you do not make such an application, the Public Guardian may ask for the court's directions about registration.

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Note: The instrument means the document used to make the enduring power of attorney made by the donor, which it is sought to register

The attorney(s) does not have to be a relative. Relatives are not entitled to know of the existence of the enduring power of attorney prior to being given this notice

Our staff will be able to assist you with any general questions about the possible objections. However, they cannot provide advice about your particular objection.

Note: Part 4 is addressed only to the donor

Note: This notice should be signed by every one of the attorneys who are applying to register the enduring power of attorney

Note:
The attorney(s)
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- 2. The grounds on which you may object to the proposed registration are:
  - That the power purported to be created by the instrument is not valid as an enduring power of attorney
  - That the power created by the instrument no longer subsists
  - That the application is premature because the donor is not yet becoming mentally incapable
  - That fraud or undue pressure was used to induce the donor to make the power
  - That the attorney is unsuitable to be the donor's attorney (having regard to all the circumstances and in particular the attorney's relationship to or connection with the donor).
- 3. You can obtain the necessary forms to object by.
  - · Writing to us at the address on the foot of this form
  - Calling us on 0845 330 2900
  - Downloading the forms from our website at www.publicguardian.gov.uk
- 4. You are informed that while the enduring power of attorney remains registered, you will not be able to revoke it until the Court of Protection confirms the revocation.

Signed:	Dated:
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Please write to:
Office of the Public Guardian
PO Box 15118
Birmingham
B16 6GX

www.publicguardian.gov.uk

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### SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 7

## APPLICATION TO REGISTER AN ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY

# Office of the Public Guardian Mental Capacity Act 2005 Form EP2PG

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Lasting Powers of Attorney, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Public Guardian Regulations 2007 (SI 2007/1253) ("the principal Regulations"). The amendments are as follows.

Regulation 3 adds new paragraph (1A) to regulation 24 (application for registration) of the principal Regulations. New paragraph (1A) provides that an instrument may not be registered where only a certified copy of it is sent with the application, unless the applicant verifies that s/he cannot produce the original instrument because it has been lost or destroyed.

Regulation 4 substitutes an amended paragraph (3) into regulation 37 (discharge of any endorsed security) of the principal Regulations. The substituted paragraph (3) reduces to 2 years the 7-year period during which a security may not be discharged in cases where the person for whose benefit the security was given dies; the 2-year period begins on the date of the death. The 7-year period is retained in all other cases where discharge of the security is not provided for by an order of the court.

Regulation 5 adds to regulation 48 (other functions in relation to enduring powers of attorney) of the principal Regulations new paragraph (2) which provides that the functions conferred on the Public Guardian by the regulation may be discharged in co-operation with any other person who has functions in relation to the care or treatment of P (the subject of the enduring power of attorney).

Regulations 6 and 7 substitute revised forms in Schedules 7 (notice of intention to register an enduring power of attorney) and 8 (application to register an enduring power of attorney) respectively of the principal Regulations.

Regulation 8 sets out transitional provisions.

The Regulations come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010.