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VIRGINIA GUARDIAN TRAINING

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

TO ACCESS THE TRAINING:
SCAN HERE
OR VISIT
WWW.DARS.VIRGINIA.GOV/DCL/GUARDIANTRAINING.HTM

TRAINING DEADLINE

Guardians appointed July 1, 2025 and after must complete the training within 120 days of qualification.	Guardians appointed before July 1, 2025 must complete the training no later than January 1, 2027.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is anyone else 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? 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: An updated version of the "Report of Guardian for an Incapacitated Person" form will be available on July 1, 2025. 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.

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