

Self Management

Section 71



If it is your goal to eventually regain management of your finances, NSW Trustee & Guardian has the authority to allow you to deal with a specific portion of your financial affairs, such as their pension, under Section 71 of the *NSW Trustee and Guardian Act 2009*. A Section 71 authority can only be considered where a client has demonstrated skill and ability to deal with aspects of their financial affairs successfully. Advice in writing from case managers or another clinical person involved is required to support the request.

Starting the process

You must be able to demonstrate you are able to deal with an aspect of your financial affairs independently. If you wish to self manage a portion of your estate independently, you need to contact their financial administration team.

What happens next?

It is important you discuss your Section 71 request with your financial administration team and important people in your life, such as a case manager, family, and service providers. In some cases, the financial administration team may suggest a trial period to allow you the experience to deal with an area of your financial affairs again. If you are successful, the self management Section 71 approval is granted for 12 months. In some cases, clients are able to go back to the court or tribunal to have the financial management order revoked after a successful period working under a Section 71 authority.

When a client has problems self managing

If you have difficulties managing your financial affairs, as approved under Section 71 of the *NSW Trustee and Guardian Act 2009*, the financial administration team may need to review your circumstances and revoke the authority to manage under Section 71.