

Supported decision-making

Free eLearning program for the aged care workforce

Who is OPAN?

The Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) is the national peak body for individual aged care advocacy support. The network is made up of 9 state and territory organisations that have been successfully delivering advocacy, information and education services to older people, their families and other representatives for more than 30 years.

OPAN offers education to providers on aged care advocacy, aged care rights, and abuse prevention.

Supported decision-making overview

The Aged Care Act 2024 enshrines the right to supported decision-making within its Statement of Rights. A key change under the Act is that every older person is presumed to have the ability to make decisions. Some older people may want or need support to make those decisions. This is called supported decision-making.

It is now a requirement that aged care providers, responsible persons and aged care workers must support older people to make their own decisions, regardless of any diagnosis the older person may have, including dementia.

About the eLearning program

OPAN's **free online learning program** outlines what supported decision-making is in an aged care context, how it is applied in practice, provider obligations, the role of registered supporters and how independent aged care advocates can assist with supported decision-making.

The program was developed with the assistance of OPAN's supported decision-making working group, which consists of subject matter experts in supported decision-making, legal advisors, government representatives, and older persons.

Who should complete the training?

All aged care workers, professionals and providers.

Outcomes

This eLearning program will assist you in understanding:

- what is supported decision-making in an aged care context
- how is supported decision-making applied in practice
- what your obligations are as an aged care provider, under the Aged Care Act 2024, the Statement of Rights, the Statement of Principles and the strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards
- the difference between the new supporter roles registered with My Aged Care, and how to raise concerns about registered supporters
- the role of independent aged care advocates in supported decision-making.

By completing the program, **participants will gain a certificate of completion** which will demonstrate they are working towards *Aged Care Quality Standard 1 The individual: 1.3: Choice, independence and quality of life*. This requires aged care providers to implement a system that ensures individuals who require support with decision-making are identified and provided access to the support necessary to make, communicate and participate in decisions that affect their lives.

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