

# Compulsory treatment plans

## Do you need help from a lawyer?

### Easy English fact sheet

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This fact sheet is for people living at the Disability Forensic Assessment and Treatment Service.

This fact sheet can help you get ready for going to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) about a compulsory treatment plan.

### What does a lawyer do?

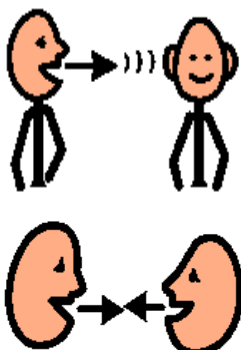


A lawyer is a qualified person who knows the law.

A lawyer can help people:

- understand the law
- look after their rights.

### What can a lawyer do for me?



A lawyer can:

- tell you more about compulsory treatment plans
- explain what happens at VCAT
- help you get ready to go to VCAT
- help with other questions you might have.

## Can a lawyer go to VCAT with me?

Yes. The lawyer can tell VCAT:



- what you think about the compulsory treatment plan
- what you want to happen with it.

A lawyer can stand up for your rights.

## Am I allowed to ask a lawyer for help?



Yes. You have the right to talk with a lawyer.

## Does it cost money to talk with a lawyer?



It is free to talk on the phone with lawyers from:

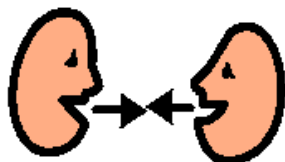
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- Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.

It might cost money if:

- you need to meet a lot with the lawyer and
- you can afford to pay.



## When should I talk with a lawyer?



Talk to a lawyer as soon as someone tells you:

- you have to go to VCAT about a compulsory treatment plan
- they want to change your compulsory treatment plan.

Also, talk to a lawyer if you want to change your compulsory treatment plan.



Make sure you talk to a lawyer before you go to VCAT.

## How do I get in contact with a lawyer?



Do you already have a lawyer from:

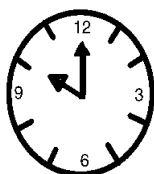
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You can call them.



If you do not have a lawyer call:

- Victoria Legal Aid on **1300 792 387** or
- Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc on **1800 014 111**.



Call Monday to Friday between 9 am and 5 pm.

## Will the lawyer talk to me straight away?



The lawyer might be busy.

Do not worry. They will call you back soon.

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