# Asking for a review of the Public Trustee's appointment

If you have the Public Trustee appointed to look after your money and you want to make your own decisions, or want someone else to, then this information is for you.

The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) makes the decision on who manages your money.

## 1. You want to make your own decisions

#### To do this, you will need to apply to QCAT:

- Using a Form 11 Application for a Declaration about capacity.
- A report from your doctor, called a <u>Health Professional Report</u> will also need to be completed.

Once you have made an application, QCAT will arrange a date for them to hear evidence supporting your application.

To prepare for the QCAT hearing, it is important that you can show that you know about your money. This could include things like how to make a budget and paying your bills.

# 2. You want someone else, other than the Public Trustee, to look after your money

If you want someone else to look after your money, maybe a family member or friend, you will also need to apply to QCAT:

• Using a Form 10 – Application for Appointment / Review.

• A report from your doctor, called a <u>Health Professional Report</u> will also need to be completed.

Your friend or family member will have to show that they know about your money and how to budget and pay bills.

### Who can help me

If you need help to make an application to QCAT, the Public Trustee has a referral pathway with Queensland Advocacy for Inclusion (QAI).

QAI are an independent community organisation for people with disability (<u>www.qai.org.au</u>) and can help you through the QCAT process. QAI's services are free, confidential, and separate from the Public Trustee. QAI's human rights lawyers provide advice and representation to you on administration applications and reviews.

The Public Trustee also offers the <u>Steps to Financial Independence Pathway</u> to our financial management customers wanting greater control of their money. You can talk to your Trust Officer to find our more information about this pathway and if it could work for you.

For more information, you can call your Trust Officer, or you can also call QAI on 1300 130 582.

