What is an adult guardianship system?

An adult guardianship system is a system that legally supports individuals whose capacity for judgment is limited due to dementia, impaired intelligence, and/or mental disorder.

There are following types of guardianships:

Category	Individual's capacity for judgment	Supporter	
Assistance	Not sufficient	Assistant	A supervisor may be appointed.
Curatorship	Significantly lacking	Curator	
Guardianship	Lacking in normal state	Guardian of adult	
Voluntary guardianship	In this system, when an individual's capacity for judgment becomes insufficient, the voluntary guardian supports the individual based on the voluntary guardianship contract entered into by the individual and the voluntary guardian beforehand. The agreement takes effect when the family court appoints the supervisor for the voluntary guardian.		

* As supporter, multiple people or a corporation may be appointed as necessary.

Contacts for inquiries regarding the adult guardianship system

Consultations about the adult guardianship system	**Regional General Support Center** or **Social Welfare Council** of the municipality * The consultation contacts for people with disabilities are the municipality and the designated consultation and support operator commissioned by the municipality. * If a core institution is established in the municipality, that institution can also be used. * For contact information about consultation, please inquire with the municipality.
Inquiries about legal problems	**Japan Legal Support Center ("Hou Terrace")** https://www.houterasu.or.jp / 0570-078374 **Weekdays 9:00 – 21:00 Saturdays 9:00 – 17:00** * You can call at a rate of 8.5 yen (tax excluded) for 3 minutes from anywhere in Japan from a landline phone. * From an IP phone, dial 03-6745-5600.
About voluntary guardianship contract	**Japan National Notaries Association** TEL 03-3502-8050 https://www.koshonin.gr.j p/ Or **notary public office nationwide**
Information on the processes, documents, expenses, etc. necessary for filing a petition for adult guardianship	**Court Web Site (Guardianship Portal Site)** 後見ポータルサイト Search https://www.courts.go.jp/saiban/koukenp00/ The portal site provides information about the processes for filing a petition for adult guardianship, as well as a standard petition form along with an example of how to fill in the form. The locations and phone numbers of family courts are also published.

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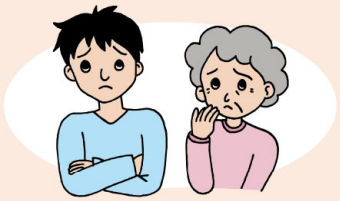
Family Court

Flow of Process

If someone who does not have sufficient capacity for judgment wants to

- Sell a house,
- Receive welfare services, or
- Divide an estate, etc.

he or she may be concerned about doing it by themselves or cannot do it by themselves.



Voluntary guardianship contract

Contract is made by notarial deed.

Notary public office



When capacity for judgment becomes insufficient

Petition

● **Petition for starting assistance, curatorship, and guardianship**



[Documents to be submitted when filing the petition]

- Petition form
- Medical certificate (for adult guardianship)
- Petition service charge (revenue stamps worth 800 yen for each case)
- Registration fee (revenue stamps worth 2,600 yen)
- Postage stamps
- Copy of family register of individual, etc.

For more information, please check the list provided at the family court.

● **Petition for appointment of supervisor for voluntary guardian**

* Once a petition is filed, the petition cannot be withdrawn without the permission of the court.

Investigation, etc.

★ The court may ask about the circumstances.

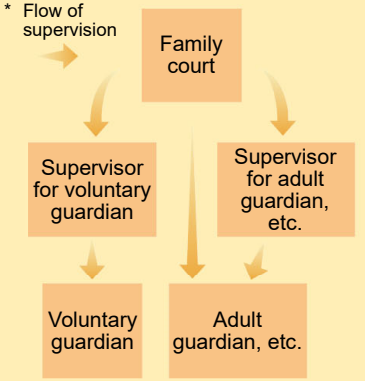


★ The court may seek expert opinion on the individual's capacity for judgment.
(This requires separate expenses.)

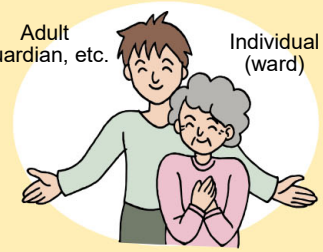
Decision

Supervision

* Flow of supervision



Support



◎ The guardian manages the ward's properties considering the ward's belongings and circumstances.

Registration of adult guardianship

The details of the decision are not described in the family register.

