

# Review of decisions by SACAT

The [South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal \(SACAT\)](#) is an independent legal entity that helps people in South Australia resolve issues within specific areas of law. It has power to review decisions made by a Coordinating or Consulting Medical Practitioner that impacts a patient's eligibility to access voluntary assisted dying.

A person can apply to SACAT for review of the decision within 28 calendar days after the date the decision was made. SACAT may extend this timeframe under special circumstances, provided the patient will not be unreasonably disadvantaged because of the extension.

## During SACAT review

An application for a SACAT review of a decision will result in each of the following processes being suspended until the review is complete:

- The request and assessment process.
- Any application for an administration permit.
- The prescription and supply of the medication to the patient.

SACAT must give notice of the application to all the below:

- The Coordinating Medical Practitioner.
- The Chief Executive, SA Health.
- The South Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board.

## Following SACAT review

A Coordinating or Consulting Medical Practitioner may refuse to continue to perform that role if both the below apply:

- They determined the patient had impaired decision-making capacity.
- SACAT determines the patient had decision making capacity.

In this situation:

- the Coordinating Medical Practitioner must transfer their role
- the Consulting Medical Practitioner may refer the patient to another registered medical practitioner for a further consulting assessment.

A review is taken to be withdrawn if the patient who is the subject of the decision dies.

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For more information

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