

State Guardian Certification

State	Cite	Coverage	Eligibility	Examination	License/Registration
Center for Guardianship Certification	www.guardianshipcert.org	Nationwide	At least 21 years of age; high school graduate or GED with 30 hours of CGC approved course work; licensure in guardianship field and 20 hours of CGC approved course work, 2-year degree in guardianship field and 10 hours approved course work; 4-year degree in guardianship field and 10 hours approved course work; experience related to 3 NCG core competencies; verification of educational requirements; not convicted or pled guilty or no contest to felony; pass criminal background check; comply with NGA Ethical Principles and Standards of Practice; not civilly liable involving fraud, misrepresentation, material omission, misappropriation, moral turpitude, theft, exploitation, abuse, or conversion; not relieved of responsibilities as guardian by court, employer, or client for actions involving fraud, misrepresentation, material omission, misappropriation, theft, exploitation, abuse, or conversion; bonded; no bond subrogation action; not disciplined by state or national certification or licensing organization in any profession.	Examination at proctored testing sites	Voluntary
Alaska	Alaska Stat. § 8.26.010	Private professional guardians and conservators; not financial institutions	Associates Degree in applicable area; or 2 years of relevant experience; Maintain CGC certification	CGC examination	License through Alaska Dep't of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Div. of Corporations, Business and

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					Professional Licensing
Arizona	ACJA § 7-202	All persons, public and business entities for court appointment as a guardian, conservator or personal representative; not financial institutions	H.S. Diploma (or G.E.D.) + 3 years relevant exp.; or H.S. Diploma (or G.E.D.) + CGC certification or certification as a fiduciary; or paralegal or legal assistant certificate with at least 24 semester units of fiduciary related courses + 2 years relevant experience.; or 4 year B.S. or B.A. degree with one year relevant experience.; or J.D. degree	State examination	Certification through Arizona Supreme Court, Certification and Licensing Division
California	Cal. Business & Professional Code §§ 6501(f); 6510-6511	Professional fiduciary: a person who acts as a conservator of the person, the estate, or person and estate, or guardian of the estate, or person and estate, for two or more individuals at the same time who are not related to the professional fiduciary or to each other; and a person who acts as a trustee, agent under a durable power of attorney for health care, or agent under a durable power of attorney for finances, for more than three individuals, at the same time. Excludes trust company, public agency, registered broker-dealer, investment adviser.	30 hours pre-licensing education	CGC national and state-specific examination	Licensing through the Dep't Consumer Affairs, Professional Fiduciaries Bureau
Florida	Fla. Stat. § 744.1085	Professional guardian: any guardian who has at any time rendered services to three or more wards as their guardian; public guardian; not person serving as a	40 hours pre-licensing education	State examination	Registration through Statewide Public Guardianship Office, Dep't Elder Affairs

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		guardian for two or more relatives. Includes public guardians			
Illinois	755 ILCS 5/13-1.2	A person appointed by the governor as public guardian	Appointment by Governor; pass CGC examination within 6 months	CGC examination	
Nevada	Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 159.0595 and 628B.010-.940	Private professional guardian: a person who receives compensation for services as a guardian to three or more wards who are not related to the guardian by blood or marriage; not governmental agencies or public guardian.	Must be CGC certified	CGC examination	Licensing through Dep't Business & Industry, Financial Institutions Division
New Hampshire	Administrative Order 16	Professional guardian: a competent person who provides guardianship services for a fee to a ward and who is not related to the ward by blood, adoption, marriage, or civil union.	Must maintain CGC certification	CGC examination	Registration through Probate Court Administrative Judge
North Dakota	N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 59 (c)(1)	An entity proposed to serve as a professional guardian must be accredited through the Council on Accreditation or its employed guardians must possess certification through the Center for Guardianship Certification; An individual proposed to serve as a professional guardian, whether or not employed by a professional guardian entity, must possess certification through the Center for Guardianship Certification	Must maintain CGC certification	CGC examination	

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Oregon	Or. Rev. Stat. § 125.240	Professional guardians and conservators	Proof is CGC certified	CGC examination	
Pennsylvania	Administrative order by Northampton Orphans' Court	All guardians under contract with the Northampton Orphans' Court	Must maintain CGC certification	CGC examination	
Texas	Tex. Probate Code §§ 155.001-105	An individual who is a private professional guardian; an individual who will provide those services to a ward of a private professional guardian or the Department of Aging and Disability Services; an individual, other than a volunteer, who provides services on behalf of guardianship program.		State examination	Certification through Office of Court Administration, Guardianship Certification Board
Utah	Utah Rev. Stat. § 75-5-311	Specialized care professionals have priority in appointment over other competent individuals and suitable institutions and include person certified by a nationally recognized guardianship accrediting organization;		CGC examination	
Washington	Sup. Court Gen. Rule 23	Professional guardians	At least 18 years of age; of sound mind; no felony convictions; no misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude; resident or have resident agent; be authorized to act as a fiduciary, guardian, or limited guardian in WA, if a corporation; found suitable by the court; associate's degree + least 4 full years' experience working in discipline pertinent to guardianship services; or baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and at least 2 full years' experience working in discipline pertinent to guardianship; or	None	Certified through Administrative Office of the Courts, Certified Professional Guardian Board

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			Masters, J.D., Ph.D., or equivalent advanced degree + at least `years' experience working in discipline pertinent to guardianship. Experience must include decision-making or the use of independent judgment for the benefit of others in the area of legal, financial, social services or healthcare or other; mandatory 90 hours of University of Washington hosted classroom sessions and online distance learning		

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