



Voluntary Assisted Dying Survey 2020

As a member of a voluntary euthanasia or assisted dying organisation, you are ideally positioned to help us better understand people's end-of-life choices.

The survey is designed to capture a wide range of perspectives on many issues about death and dying, which some people may find confronting.

Survey participation is voluntary.

You are welcome to provide as little or as much information as you wish and to exit the survey at any time.

On average it will take about 10 minutes to complete.

All data will be aggregated to find patterns and trends across a diverse range of participants. Your individual responses will never be analysed nor reported separately.

We thank you in advance for your participation should you wish to continue. Your points of view are greatly valued.

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* 1. Do you agree that it should be legal for a doctor to assist a terminally ill adult of sound mind in ending their life, if that is the person's wish?

- Agree
- Disagree



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2. Do you agree that every adult of sound mind has the right to implement plans for the end of their life?

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure



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These questions ask about regulation of Voluntary Assisted Dying. Voluntary assisted dying means administering a medication for the purpose of causing death. The decision must be voluntary. The medication may be self-administered.

3. Do you have access to a legal form of voluntary assisted dying in your region?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

4. Which of the following would you consider NECESSARY for a person to be ELIGIBLE for voluntary assisted dying? That is, ALL the criteria you tick would have to be met in order to use voluntary assisted dying. The person must (tick all that apply)...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> decide voluntarily, and declare there has been no coercion | <input type="checkbox"/> be terminally ill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> demonstrate decision-making capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> have a limited life expectancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> be well informed about their health problems and alternative options | <input type="checkbox"/> have citizenship or permanent residency in the region where voluntary assisted dying is legal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> be an adult, i.e. 18 years or older | <input type="checkbox"/> be certified by a doctor as being of sound mind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> have symptoms of unbearable suffering that cannot be treated | <input type="checkbox"/> have approval from at least two doctors. |

Other (please specify)

5. Assuming that a person has decision making capacity and requests voluntary assisted dying, which of the following should make someone immediately eligible? That is, ANY ONE of the following makes them eligible. The person can (tick all that apply)...

- be of advanced years
- have symptoms of unbearable suffering that cannot be treated
- be in palliative care
- have an advance directive that specifies the option of voluntary assisted dying in their current condition.

Other (please specify)

6. If a person is eligible, they can (tick all that apply)...

- have the lethal drug prescribed by a doctor
- be allowed to legally obtain a single dose of a lethal drug for their own use
- be allowed to administer the drug themselves
- be allowed to have a spouse or other non-medical person assist, instead of a doctor.

7. Which of the following conditions should make a person automatically INELIGIBLE for voluntary assisted dying (tick any that apply)?

- Dementia, not specified in an advance directive
- Dementia, specified in an advance directive
- Pregnancy
- Being a child, under 18 years, even with support of guardian/doctors
- Being a newborn infant, even if decision of guardian/doctors
- Being a convicted criminal
- Being subject to police investigations
- Considering themselves a burden on their family
- Clinical depression, where treatment has not been tried
- Mental illness

Other (please specify)



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8. Which of the following would you NOT WANT as an option for yourself (tick any that apply)?

- Dying at home without intervention
- Dying at home with palliative care
- Dying in hospital with palliative care
- Leaving my region to access voluntary assisted dying elsewhere in my country
- Leaving my country to access voluntary assisted dying
- Accessing legal substances or devices to end life
- Accessing illegal substances or devices to end life
- Unsure

9. Would your quality of life be improved if you had ready access to an end-of-life substance?

- Yes, improved only if legal
- Yes, improved if legal or illegal
- It would be the same
- No, it would be worse



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* 10. Of which organisations are you a member (tick all that apply)?

- Exit International
- a Dying with Dignity organisation
- a Voluntary Euthanasia Society
- Other (please specify)

11. Why did you join your organisation(s) (tick all that apply)?

- Obtain information
- Practical advice
- Political action or clout
- Support my organisation's objectives
- Meet people of like mind
- Social support
- Avoid palliative care/nursing home
- Other (please specify)

12. What additional information could your organisation(s) provide, and what activities could they undertake, to better address your end-of-life concerns?



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13. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Other

14. What is your age group?

- 29 years or younger
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80-89
- 90 years or older

15. What is your religion?

- No religion
- Christianity - Catholic
- Christianity - Anglican
- Christianity - other Christian
- Islam
- Judaism
- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Other non-Christian

16. Did you undertake education beyond high school?

- No
- Yes, trade certificate or diploma
- Yes, university/college bachelor degree
- Yes, university/college higher degree

* 17. Do you have a disability?

- Yes, physical
- Yes, mental health
- Yes, physical and mental health
- No



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18. As a person with a disability, do you have particular needs about voluntary assisted dying?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain



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* 19. In which country do you live?

- Australia
- Canada
- Ireland
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Other European country
- Other non-European country



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* 20. What is your Australian state or territory?

- Australian Capital Territory
- New South Wales
- Northern Territory
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Western Australia

21. What is your preferred political party?

- Liberal Party of Australia
- Australian Labor Party
- National Party of Australia
- Australian Greens
- Other minor party
- Independent
- No preferred party

22. In 1997 the Australian Government banned territories from making laws for voluntary assisted dying (*Euthanasia Laws Act 1997*). Should this ban be overturned?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



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* 23. Are you a member of a First Nations people, i.e. an indigenous or Aboriginal person in your country?

Yes

No



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24. As a First Nations person, do you have any cultural needs around voluntary assisted dying?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain



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25. If you are interested in participating in related voluntary assisted dying surveys, please provide your details below.

Name (optional)

Country

Email address