

1 **10.35 Specialized Training - Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, or Related Disorders**

2 (a) A guardian of the person or of the estate of a ward must annually receive training provided on
3 the Commission's website regarding Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and related disorders, if
4 the ward is:

5 (1) 60 years of age or older; or

6 (2) is diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a related disorder.

7 (b) The Commission must provide the guardian the web address for the training or, upon request,
8 the written training materials and instruction for completing the training requirement.

9 (c) A guardian must complete the initial training no later than six months after the date of the
10 guardian's appointment. If the ward of a guardian becomes 60 years of age during the
11 guardianship, the guardian must complete the training no later than six months after the ward's
12 60th birthday. Each guardian who is subject to the training requirement must repeat the training
13 at least once per year until the termination of the guardianship.

14 (d) A guardian is not required to complete the training under this Rule if:

15 (1) the guardian is a certified guardian, attorney, or a corporate fiduciary;

16 (2) the guardian is appointed only as a temporary guardian for no longer than 60 days,
17 subject to the restrictions specified in Section 155.204(b)(2) of the Government Code;
18 or

19 (3) the court waives the training requirement in accordance with Rule 10.4.

20 (e) The training must include information regarding:

21 (1) common aspects of aging;

22 (2) warning signs of dementia and Alzheimer's disease;

23 (3) effective strategies for communicating with a person who is diagnosed with dementia
24 or Alzheimer's disease;

25 (4) effective strategies and resources available for supporting a person who is diagnosed
26 with dementia or Alzheimer's disease in exercising their rights; and

1 (5) any other subjects or matters that would be beneficial for a guardian to know in tending
2 to the health, safety, well-being and interests of a person who is diagnosed with
3 dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

4 (f) In accordance with Section 155.203(b)(2) of the Government Code, a probate court must ensure
5 guardians who are subject to this Rule timely complete the training in accordance with
6 Subsection (c).