



Wills & Probate

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WILL QUESTIONNAIRE

- If you are interested in preparing a new Will, or amending an existing Will, please complete this form to the best of your ability and return it to us.
- Please note that completion and return of this form does not impose any obligation on you to instruct this firm to prepare your Will.
- Please do attach additional sheets to the form if you do not have enough space to state all your wishes.
- Once we receive the completed form we will be able to provide you with a quote for our fees for preparing your Will. You can then decide whether you wish to proceed.

- Single Will
- Wills for a married couple/civil partners
- Wills for a co-habiting couple

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DETAILS

PERSON 1

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other title	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name, if known by another:	
Full Postal Address:	
Date of Birth:	
Town & Country of Birth:	
Occupation:	
Home Telephone No:	
Work Telephone No:	
Mobile No:	
Email address:	
Are you a permanent resident in England or Wales?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Are you a permanent resident in Scotland?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Are you a permanent resident in Northern Ireland?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
If you are a permanent resident elsewhere, please state country:	
Do you have a current Will?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Are you married?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Are you entering into or already in a Registered Civil Partnership?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DETAILS

PERSON 2

(COUPLES ONLY)

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other title	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name, if known by another:	
Full Postal Address:	
Date of Birth:	
Town & Country of Birth:	
Occupation:	
Home Telephone No:	
Work Telephone No:	
Mobile No:	
Email address:	
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Are you entering into or already in a Registered Civil Partnership?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

SECTION 2: FUTURE MARRIAGE OR REGISTERED CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

Are you considering marriage or entering into a Registered Civil Partnership?
If so please complete this section.

Please give the full name of your future spouse/civil partner/partner:

Do you intend to marry or enter into a Registered Civil Partnership in the near future?

 Y N

If you do intend to marry or enter into a Registered Civil Partnership in the near future, is the Will to be effective only after the marriage/civil partnership takes place?

 Y N

If the Will is to take effect prior to and continue to be effective after the marriage/civil partnership, must the marriage/civil partnership occur within a particular time?

 Y N

If 'Yes' by what date?

Please complete this section if relevant

Are you Divorced?

 Y N

Are you Intending to be divorced or intending to dissolve the civil partnership in the near future?

 Y N

Are you Separated, legally or otherwise from your husband/wife/civil partner, or are you intending to become separated in the near future?

 Y N

SECTION 3: DEPENDANTS

PERSON 1

If you maintain or contribute to the maintenance of any person, certain rights are given to your spouse/common law spouse or civil partner, on your death. Please answer the following section.

Partner's full name:			
Residence for tax purposes:			
Date of Birth:			
Town & Country of birth:			
Domicile:			
Children in your relationship:	Full Name(s)	Date(s) of birth	
Children of former relationship Any other dependants and/or former spouse or civil partner			
<p>Do you have a spouse/common law spouse/civil partner/child who you are excluding from your Will? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p> <p>If the answer to the above is 'Yes', please give details and reasons below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>			
<p>Do you pay towards the maintenance or support of any person financially who you have not included in your Will? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>			
<p>Are any close family members being excluded? If so, please can you specify the reasons for the exclusion so as to assist in deflecting any future potential claims. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>			

SECTION 3: DEPENDANTS

PERSON 2
(COUPLES ONLY)

If you maintain or contribute to the maintenance of any person, certain rights are given to your spouse/common law spouse or civil partner, on your death. Please answer the following section.

Partner's full name:		
Residence for tax purposes:		
Date of Birth:		
Town & Country of birth:		
Domicile:		
Children in your relationship:	Full Name(s)	Date(s) of birth
Children of former relationship Any other dependants and/or former spouse or civil partner		
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SECTION 4: FUNERAL WISHES

PERSON 1

Do you have any cremation / burial wishes? Y N

If the answer is 'Yes', please give details below:

SECTION 4: FUNERAL WISHES

PERSON 2
(COUPLES ONLY)

Do you have any cremation / burial wishes? Y N

If the answer is 'Yes', please give details below:

SECTION 5: APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS

PERSON 1

Your Executors will be responsible for collecting and securing your assets, paying your debts, funeral expenses and any tax and, for distributing your estate in accordance with the terms of your Will.

A spouse/common law spouse or civil partner will usually appoint each other and on the death of the survivor of them appoint two other persons. Your children who are adults may act. You will need to have a minimum of two Executors if there are minor beneficiaries.

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name if known by another name:	
Date of Birth:	
Relationship:	
Full Postal Address:	
Home Telephone No:	

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name if known by another name:	
Date of Birth:	
Relationship:	
Full Postal Address:	
Home Telephone No:	

Are the above two appointees acting jointly	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
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Are the above two appointees acting jointly	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
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SECTION 6: SUBSTITUTE EXECUTORS -

PERSON 1

If the Executors appointed in section 5 are unable or unwilling to act (at the time of your death) it is advisable to appoint substitutes.

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name if known by another name:	
Date of Birth:	
Relationship:	
Full Postal Address:	
Home Telephone No:	

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Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name if known by another name:	
Date of Birth:	
Relationship:	
Full Postal Address:	
Home Telephone No:	

**SECTION 7: APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS -
for children under 18 years**

PERSON 1

Your Guardians will be responsible for bringing up your children. Please specify at least one Guardian and their relationship to you (if any).

You may not wish to appoint the same people as both Guardians and Executors.

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name if known by another name:	
Date of Birth:	
Relationship:	
Occupation:	
Full Postal Address:	
Home Telephone No:	

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name if known by another name:	
Date of Birth:	
Relationship:	
Occupation:	
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**SECTION 7: APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS -
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(COUPLES ONLY)

Your Guardians will be responsible for bringing up your children. Please specify at least one Guardian and their relationship to you (if any).

You may not wish to appoint the same people as both Guardians and Executors.

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name if known by another name:	
Date of Birth:	
Relationship:	
Occupation:	
Full Postal Address:	
Home Telephone No:	

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name if known by another name:	
Date of Birth:	
Relationship:	
Occupation:	
Full Postal Address:	
Home Telephone No:	

SECTION 8: APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

PERSON 1

Your Trustees are responsible for looking after and managing any trusts/assets held for a minor.
If any part of your estate is likely to pass to a minor, Trustees must be appointed.

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	
Full Forenames:	
Surname:	
Name if known by another name:	
Date of Birth:	
Relationship:	
Full Postal Address:	
Home Telephone No:	

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Surname:	
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Date of Birth:	
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SECTION 9: YOUR ASSETS/ LIABILITIES

The following should be used as a guide to determine the Gross and Net Values of your estates. This will allow us to determine whether an estate will be subject to Inheritance Tax. Please can you enter below the current value of your assets and your spouse's/civil partner's/partner's assets. Please also list any outstanding liabilities such as loans or mortgages. These figures need to be approximate values only:

Assets	Person 1	Person 2 (couples only)	In Joint Names
House (Occupied as a main home)	£	£	£
Other property or land	£	£	£
Business Assets	£	£	£
Agricultural Assets	£	£	£
Bank/Building Society Accounts	£	£	£
Shares/ISA's Investments/ Investment Bonds	£	£	£
National Savings	£	£	£
Life Assurance/Insurance Policies	£	£	£
Foreign Property	£	£	£
Pension Policies			
Other (Please specify)	£	£	£
	£	£	£
	£	£	£
	£	£	£
Total gross estate	£	£	£
Liabilities	£	£	£
Mortgage/Foreign Mortgages	£	£	£
Others (e.g. loans, credit cards etc)	£	£	£
Total net estate assets minus liabilities (as above)	£	£	£

DIGITAL ASSETS

As so much of our everyday life requires us to retain a large amount of information about financial institutions and on-line media, it is often extremely difficult for executors of a Will to access information or close accounts without user names, logins, passwords, passcodes etc.

It is therefore advisable to make a list of logins and passwords for all online accounts and store this list as a hard copy securely and keep it up to date (consider reviewing it every six months). Some commercial third parties offer secure online storage of this kind of information.

You should tell your Executor(s) of the existence of the list but do not provide them with a copy.

Forms can be provided on request to assist you in completing your own digital asset records.

SECTION 10: SPECIFIC GIFTS

PERSON 1

Please give full name and address of person and details of Specific Gifts

e.g. "My stamp collection to my son John Smith, 15 Smythson Close, Hammersmith, London SW23 1ET"

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2.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
3.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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6.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

If a gift is to a child, at what age should he or she receive it? 18 21 25 Other _____

SECTION 10: SPECIFIC GIFTS

PERSON 2
(COUPLES ONLY)

Please give full name and address of person and details of Specific Gifts
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SECTION 11: PECUNIARY / CASH GIFTS

PERSON 1

Please give full name and address of person and details of Pecuniary/Cash gifts
e.g. "I give the sum of £500.00 to my grandson, John Smith, 15 Smythson Close, Hammersmith,
London SW23 1ET/Charity"

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If a gift is to a child, at what age should he or she receive it? 18 21 25 Other _____

SECTION 12: SPECIFIC GIFT OF PROPERTY

PERSON 1

Please give full name and address of person and details of Gift of Property
e.g. "I give 15 Smythson Close, Hammersmith, London SW23 1ET to my Daughter Jenny Smith,
15 Smithfield Gardens, Manchester MC2 6OP"

1.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
2.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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5.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

If a gift is to a child, at what age should he or she receive it? 18 21 25 Other _____

SECTION 13: RESIDUE GIFTS

PERSON 1

All assets not dealt with, in sections 10-12 inclusive. Please give full name and address of person(s) and details of amount/% you wish to gift.

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If a gift is to a child, at what age should he or she receive it? 18 21 25 Other _____

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If a gift is to a child, at what age should he or she receive it? 18 21 25 Other _____

SECTION 14: SUBSTITUTE BENEFICIARIES

PERSON 1

Substitute Beneficiaries to inherit in place of those listed in section 10-13.

1.	_____

2.	_____

3.	_____

If a gift is to a child, at what age should he or she receive it? 18 21 25 Other _____

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(COUPLES ONLY)

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1.	_____

2.	_____

3.	_____

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SECTION 16: SOURCE OF INTRODUCTION

Please indicate for database purposes:

Internet Existing Client Recommendation Estate Agent

Other (please specify)

SECTION 17: DECLARATION

Please ensure this Declaration is completed and signed and then return the completed form to Glazer Delmar, 27-31 North Cross Road, East Dulwich, London SE22 9ET.

Please prepare a Will for me based on the instructions contained in this form.

This was completed by myself /us or

I understand that:

- The information requested in this form is required for the purpose of preparing my Will and to ensure that my Will reflects my wishes.
- The information is being used by Glazer Delmar Solicitors who are responsible for preparing my Will.
- Glazer Delmar may contact me to confirm my instructions.
- Information about me will be put on the database of Glazer Delmar and used by Glazer Delmar in servicing my relationship with them, monitoring service levels and used by our professional partners.
- Glazer Delmar can be Executors on my death and a charge clause can be inserted for fees for administration.

I certify that the information given in this form is true and complete and correctly represents my wishes.

Please note:

- An additional charge will arise after your Will has been prepared, should you make any alterations to your wishes that necessitate Glazer Delmar re-drafting your Will. Please therefore carefully check that this form does reflect your wishes and nothing has been left out.
- Glazer Delmar reserve the right to make an additional charge if the nature of the instructions are such that time over and above what they would consider to be a reasonable time for preparing a Will is expanded in completing your Will. You will be advised of the estimated additional charge before any work is undertaken.
- Your details are held by Glazer Delmar who is the data controller.
- You have the right of access to your personal records held on our files by written request to Glazer Delmar, 27-31 North Cross Road, East Dulwich, London SE22 9ET.

SECTION 18: KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Glazer Delmar would like to use the information in this form to provide you with details of selected products and services by post, email and telephone. If you would be happy to receive these please tick the box(es) for your preferred method.

Email Post Telephone

Email Address:
Mobile/Telephone No:

Signature of Person 1

Signed:
Date:

Signature of Person 2 (couples only)

Signed:
Date:

USEFUL INFORMATION

INHERITANCE TAX LIABILITY

Now you have thought about how much your own Estate may be worth, consider whether you need to take advice on Inheritance Tax Planning.

If you are single and die with an estate worth more than £325,000 (including money, property and investments, but after deducting debts and expenses such as funeral costs, mortgages), 40% tax will become due on anything above the allowance (Nil Rate Band)

Please be advised that the Inheritance Tax allowance has been frozen until the 5th April 2021.

Married couples and civil partners are allowed to pass their assets to each other tax-free and the surviving partner is able to use both tax-free allowances on their death (provided one wasn't used at the first death). Therefore, there is a potential for the inheritance tax allowance on the second death to total £650,000.

It is likely that an additional nil rate band will be introduced shortly. The introduction of the nil rate band will apply to a residence that has passed on death to a direct descendant. The amount will be £100,000 in 2017-2018 and will then increase by £25,000 per year until 2020 when the maximum additional nil rate band will be £175,000. Any unused nil rate band will be able to be transferred to a surviving spouse or civil partner. It will also be available when a person down-sizes or ceases to own a home on or after 8 July 2015 and assets of an equivalent value, up to the value of the additional nil rate band, are passed on death to direct descendants.

There will be a tapered withdrawal of the additional nil rate band with a net value of more than £2 million. The withdrawal rate will be £1 for every £2 over this threshold.

DIVORCE after a Will

On divorce, gifts to your husband/wife in an existing Will are cancelled and so are the appointment of your spouse as Executor, but the rest of your Will still stands. This can create problems and it is better to make a new Will.

MARRIAGE after a Will

A Will is usually completely cancelled if you marry after making it. You will need to make another Will immediately or make sure your new Will takes into account any forthcoming marriage.

CLAIMS AGAINST YOUR ESTATE

If you are not making any provision for a husband/wife/partner or an ex- husband/wife/partner it is possible that s/he could make a claim against your Estate. If this does apply to you, then please seek further advice from us at your appointment.

Similarly, if you are paying or have been ordered to pay maintenance for any minor or dependant children you will need to ensure that suitable provision for them is made in your Will or they too may have a claim against your Estate.

USEFUL INFORMATION

SECOND MARRIAGES and children of previous relationships

If you are married for a second time and have children from a previous relationship then you need to consider whether you wish your own children to benefit from your Estate on your death even though your spouse survives you. You could for example give your spouse the right to live in your house until s/he dies but on their death your share goes to your own children.

EXECUTORS

The role of an Executor is to act on behalf of the Estate, and therefore fulfil all the obligations of an Executor in making an application for a Grant of Probate. The Executor will be responsible for administration of the Estate. The role of the Executor is a voluntary role and Executor(s) can be a beneficiary to the Estate. In some cases it may be best to consider the appointment of more than one Executor.

This is by no means an exhaustive list. We shall advise you fully when we meet and shall also be pleased to deal with any queries you may have.

LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal document appointing someone you trust to act as your 'attorney' and make decisions on your behalf if for any reason you become unable to manage your own affairs.

PROPERTY AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Why make an LPA?

- If you care about what happens to your assets after you die, you should care more about keeping them safe whilst you are alive.
- Protects your assets by authorising somebody chosen by you to deal with your affairs should you be unable to deal with them yourself whilst you are alive.
- Increasingly important as risk of supervening mental incapacity grows through longevity, illness or accident.
- You can direct your chosen attorney on how to deal with your affairs including buying/selling your house and other assets, dealing with your tax affairs, operating your bank accounts, claiming benefits and paying for your maintenance and care.
- If you become unable to manage your own affairs because
 - you suffer from an accident and are confined to bed or hospital
 - you suffer a more serious accident that permanently incapacitates you
 - you become mentally incapacitated as a result of old age or some other reason
- If you become mentally incapacitated then without a Lasting Power of Attorney the only way your financial affairs can be managed is by making an application to the Court of Protection. The process can take up to 10 – 18 months and cost thousands of pounds. During the application your finances could be seriously damaged and the person appointed by the Court to be your attorney is unlikely to be who you would have chosen and may even be a court official who can (and will) charge every time he/she acts for you.

HEALTH & WELFARE

Why make an LPA?

- If you care about what happens to your assets after you die and keeping them safe whilst you are alive it is natural that you should want to protect your personal welfare and healthcare by being looked after by somebody you have appointed if you are unable to look after things yourself.
- Increasingly important as risk of supervening mental incapacity grows through longevity, illness or accident.
- Decisions on your health and welfare can only be taken on your behalf when you lack capacity to make them yourself, i.e. if you are ill, unconscious or because of mental incapacity.
- If you become mentally incapacitated then the only way your health and welfare can be managed is by making an application to the Court of Protection. The process can take up to 10 – 18 months and cost thousands of pounds. In this time NO decisions can be made other than by your doctor.
- If you have an LPA (registered) your attorney can act for you straight away if you become unable to manage your own affairs.

NOTE – you must have the necessary mental capacity to create a LPA. So just like a Will, if you don't have an LPA by the time you really need one it will be too late!

If you would like further information about Lasting Powers of Attorney please do not hesitate to contact us at willsandprobate@glazerdelmar.com or telephone us on **020 8299 0021**