

A photograph of a rolled-up document with the words 'Last Will and Testament' written in cursive on a cream-colored paper. A red pen is visible at the bottom left of the roll.

Last Will and Testament

Confirming if we hold the Will of a deceased client

The contents of a Will remain confidential between our client and ourselves until our client dies.

If your loved one has died and you are an executor or beneficiary of their estate we require the following before we are able to confirm whether or not we hold the Will of the deceased

1. An original Death Certificate – not a photocopy
2. A copy of the Will naming you as executor or beneficiary if you have one
3. If you are not the executor, the full name, address, telephone number and email address of the Executor
4. Two pieces of identification will be required (three if you are a non UK resident), one from list A and one from list B

The same document cannot be used to confirm both name and address. Originals are required: Internet print-outs or photocopies are not accepted.

Section 'A' (to confirm name)

- Current full signed passport
- Current UK driving licence (full old paper version)
- Current UK photo card driving licence (full or provisional)
- H.M. Revenue & Customs tax code notification
- Original notification letter from DWP / Benefits Agency confirming client's rights to benefits

Wills are held securely but can take approximately 7 to 10 working days to arrive at our office.

When we receive your documents we will let you know if we are able to share information with you. This might not be possible if you are not an executor or beneficiary.

Section 'B' (to confirm address)

- Current council tax bill
- Bank/building society/credit union passbook or statement not more than 3 months old showing current address
- Current UK photo card driving licence (full or provisional)
- Local council rent card or tenancy agreement
- Utility bill (NOT RELATED TO MOBILE PHONE) – not more than 3 months old
- Most recent original mortgage statement from a recognised lender
- Original notification letter from DWP / Benefits Agency confirming client's right to benefits