

## Wills Registry for Non-Muslims

The Wills Registry for Non-Muslims at the DIFC Courts (the 'Registry') is a Government of Dubai registry established by Dubai Law No. 15 of 2017. It gives non-Muslims with assets in Dubai the ability to register their Will and enforce it throughout Dubai. The facility, which is operated by the DIFC Wills Service Centre ('WSC'), allows registrants the freedom to choose their beneficiaries and not be bound by the strict distribution arrangements that would otherwise apply. The DIFC Courts are part of the Dubai judicial system, and serve both residents and non-residents, allowing each to plan their inheritance with confidence.

## Types of Wills

Eligible individuals have the option to register different types of Wills depending on the assets they wish to pass on, as well as to put in place arrangements for their children.



### Property Will

- Real estate property only
- Limited to 5 properties
- Will template available online



### Full Will

- Covers all types of assets
- No limit on real estate properties
- Can include guardianship provisions



### Financial Assets Will

- Bank and brokerage accounts only
- Limited to ten separate accounts
- Will template available online



### Guardianship Will

- Guardianship appointments only
- Children must be below 21 years of age
- Children must be resident in Dubai
- Permanent and interim appointments option

## Property Will

For those who wish to pass on only real estate property to their chosen beneficiaries, the option exists to complete our free, easy-to-use Will template available at [www.difcwills.ae/property](http://www.difcwills.ae/property)

The steps to follow are set out below:

### Step 1. Choose 'Single' or 'Mirror' DIFC Will

If you are not married, you should select the Single DIFC Will option. Otherwise, if you and your wife/husband wish to register a DIFC Will at the same time, then you should select the Mirror DIFC Will option.

### Step 2. Consider Legal Advice

While not a requirement for the online Property Will, the DIFC Wills Service Centre strongly advises you to consider taking legal advice for its preparation.

### Step 3. Create your Property Will

Start your Property Will in our web portal where you will gain access to our online template and comprehensive explanatory notes.

### Step 4. Register your Will

A Property Will can be registered by appointment at the DIFC Wills Service Centre office in the DIFC, partner offices, or through the Virtual Registry if you reside outside of the UAE.



## How to Register

You may choose to register your Will by either attending the DIFC Wills Service Centre offices in the DIFC or, if you are a non-UAE resident and living overseas, you may use our Virtual Registry service. The Virtual Registry enables those living overseas to create and register a Property Will or Financial Assets Will online. Investors and former residents can access the Virtual Registry from anywhere in the world and be connected, via video link, to our registration offices in Dubai.



## VIRTUAL REGISTRY

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All registration appointments must be booked online at [www.difcwills.ae](http://www.difcwills.ae).

Appointments, both in person and online, typically take 30-45 minutes. They must be attended by the registrant and the registrant's chosen witness. Both must present their original identification documents.

Registration fees are published at [www.difcwills.ae/fees](http://www.difcwills.ae/fees).

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