



## Will Starter Tip Sheet

Congratulations on understanding why it is important to have a Will here in the UAE. As a non-Muslim who has assets in Dubai and/or Ras Al Khaimah - be that property, business, material goods or children, you are able to protect them with a Will registered at the DIFC Wills Service Centre. This means that your Will is drafted in the English language; your final wishes will be protected under common law jurisdiction.

You know you need to register a Will, so what are the steps that you now need to take? The following tips will help you through the process. If you are planning to go back to visit your home country, now is good time to make some decisions regarding your Will and have those all-important conversations with loved ones.

### **1. Firstly-you need to consider the assets you have and which you feel you want to have protected.**

#### **Do you have one of more the following assets?**

- Children
- Property
- Free Zone Company Shares
- Car
- Bank Accounts
- Valuable Assets, such as jewelry or artwork

### **2. How will I decide what types of Will is right for me?**

Visit our website to watch an informational video to help you decide: <https://difcwills.ae/about-difc-wills/>

If you think you already know which Will is best for you visit the links below for more details:

- Full Will - encompasses all assets and offers the most versatility. This Will can be drafted by you or alternatively by a lawyer registered on the Register of Will Draftsmen.  
Link: <https://difcwills.ae/full-difc/>
- Guardianship - is for children only. Allows you to appoint both interim and permanent Guardians Link: <https://difcwills.ae/guardianship/>
- Property Will – Covers up to five real estate properties in Dubai and/or Ras Al Khaimah. Available as an online template and can be completed without the assistance of a Will Draftsmen. However, you may wish to seek legal advice when preparing this.  
Link: <https://difcwills.ae/property/>
- Free Zone Company Share Will – Encompasses up to five separate shareholdings in any free zone or RAKICC company situated in the emirate of Dubai or Ras Al Khaimah. Available as an online template and can be completed online without the assistance of a Will Draftsmen.

However, you may wish to seek legal advice when preparing this.

Link: <https://difcwills.ae/free-zone-will/>

- Financial Assets Will – Encompasses up to ten separate bank or brokerage accounts situated in the emirate of Dubai and/or Ras Al Khaimah. Available as an online template and can be completed without the assistance of a Will Draftsmen. However, you may wish to seek legal advice when preparing this.

Link: <https://difcwills.ae/financial-assets-will/>



### 3. What now?

We have enclosed some guides in the remainder of this Will starter tip sheet for you to fill out and get started. Once you have selected the appropriate executors and beneficiaries, and guardians (if applicable), you are ready to draft your Will. If you are interested in a Full or Guardianship Will, you may contact a registered Will Draftsmen from the below link. If you are interested in an asset specific Will such as the Property, Financial Assets, or Free Zone Company Will, you can click the below link to start your online template. There are helpful notes throughout the process to guide you. Additionally, you can contact us to discuss any questions you have relating to the process.

To start your online Will: <https://appointment.difcwills.ae/logon#no-back-button>

To see a list of approved lawyers that are authorised to draft Wills, please go to: <https://difcwills.ae/register-wills-draftsmen/>

If you have any questions please contact us on at +971(0)4404 8888 or [info@difcwills.ae](mailto:info@difcwills.ae) or go to our website for more information [www.difcwills.ae](http://www.difcwills.ae)



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**For your DIFC Will**

**To help as/when you need it**

### Your details (testator)

Individual who executes and registers a DIFC Will at the Registry.

Full name as per passport

Nationality

Residential address

Passport number

Date of birth

*Email address*

*Telephone numbers*

*Emirates ID number*

### Executors

Individual who is responsible for administering your estate in the event of your death.

Full name as per passport

Nationality

Residential address

Passport number

Date of birth

*Email address*

*Telephone numbers*

*Emirates ID number*

*Work contact details*





### Interim and Permanent Guardians

Those individuals who are nominated to take guardianship (whether in the interim or on a permanent basis) responsibility for your minor children.

#### Interim Guardian (1)

Full name as per passport	_____	<i>Email address</i>	_____
	_____		_____
Nationality	_____	<i>Telephone numbers</i>	_____
	_____		_____
Residential address	_____	<i>Emirates ID number</i>	_____
	_____		_____
Passport number	_____	<i>Work contact details</i>	_____
	_____		_____
Date of birth	_____		
	_____		
Relationship to Testator	_____		
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#### Interim Guardian(2)

Full name as per passport	_____	<i>Email address</i>	_____
	_____		_____
Nationality	_____	<i>Telephone numbers</i>	_____
	_____		_____
Residential address	_____	<i>Emirates ID number</i>	_____
	_____		_____
Passport number	_____	<i>Work contact details</i>	_____
	_____		_____
Date of birth	_____		
	_____		
Relationship to Testator	_____		
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**Permanent Guardian (1)**

Full name as per passport	_____	<i>Email address</i>	_____
Nationality	_____	<i>Telephone numbers</i>	_____
Residential address	_____	<i>Emirates ID number</i>	_____
Passport number	_____	<i>Work contact details</i>	_____
Date of birth	_____		
Relationship to Testator	_____		

**Permanent Guardian (2)**

Full name as per passport	_____	<i>Email address</i>	_____
Nationality	_____	<i>Telephone numbers</i>	_____
Residential address	_____	<i>Emirates ID number</i>	_____
Passport number	_____	<i>Work contact details</i>	_____
Date of birth	_____		
Relationship to Testator	_____		





**Minor Child (1)**

Full name as per passport

Nationality

Residential address

Passport number

Date of birth

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kind abroad*

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**Minor Child (2)**

Full name as per passport

Nationality

Residential address

Passport number

Date of birth

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**Beneficiary (1)**

Full name as per passport

Nationality

Residential address

Passport number

Date of birth

Relationship to Testator

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*Email address*

*Telephone numbers*

*Emirates ID number*

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**Beneficiary (2)**

Full name as per passport

Nationality

Residential address

Passport number

Date of birth

Relationship to Testator

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**Other Life Admin Considerations to communicate with others:**

Who holds a spare key

Medical insurance details

Emergency contact and details to hand

Arrangements for pets

List of assets and matters to be dealt with in case of death

Be familiar with company policy arrangements in case of death.

Be aware of any insurance payouts that assist in the interim period  
(e.g. memberships, life policies).

**WITNESS STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF A GUARDIAN UNDER RULE 10{6}.**

**IN THE ESTATE OF [NAME]**

**I (full name) of (address) say as follows:**

1. Unless otherwise stated (in which case I state the source of my belief), the facts and matters set out in this witness statement are within my own knowledge.
2. I am appointed as a Guardian of the testator's minor child(ren) in the event of his death (and the other parent predeceasing) under the Will which will be registered at the DIFC Wills and Probate Registry.
3. I confirm that I accept my appointment and I undertake to assume parental responsibility for the above named testators' child(ren) in accordance with Rule 86 of the DIFC Wills and Probate Registry Rules and in accordance with DIFC law.
4. I confirm that I submit to the jurisdiction of the DIFC Courts.

**I BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS STATED IN THIS WITNESS STATEMENT ARE TRUE.**

**SIGNED:**

**NAME:**

**DATE:**