



GLOSSARY

IMPORTANT TERMS

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BENEFICIARY

A person who will benefit or receive something under a Will.

BEQUEST

A gift of a specific item or items to a certain person, group of people or organization.

CODICIL

A written statement made by a testator (the person making a Will) which alters the Will in some way. It is a legal document which must be kept as one with the original Will. It is wiser to completely rewrite a Will rather than use a codicil to change it.

DE FACTO RELATIONSHIP

Two people living together in an unmarried state.

DEVISE

A gift of land (this includes all buildings and anything else permanently attached to the land). It is similar to a bequest except that it relates specifically to land and what is attached to it.

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ESTATE

The total of the assets (property, money and all other possessions) a person leaves behind on death.

EXECUTION

The act of signing a Will

EXECUTOR

A person or persons who distribute the estate in accordance with a Will after the death of the testator (the person who made the Will). An executor is sometimes referred to as a Personal Representative. A female executor may be called an executrix. A beneficiary under a Will can be appointed as executor/executrix of the same Will.

INTESTATE/INTESTACY

If a person dies without making a Will or leaves a Will which is wholly or partly invalid then that person is said to have died completely or partially intestate.

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KEYMAN INSURANCE

Keyman Life Insurance is insurance purchased by a business on the life of an owner or employee whose services contribute substantially to the success of the business. The company is the owner, the premium payer and the beneficiary of the policy. The objective of Keyman Insurance is to indemnify an organization against the monetary loss resulting from the death of a key employee.

What the insurance will do:

- Keep the business running
- Assure creditors that their loans are safe
- Assure customers that the business will continue to operate
- Cover the special expense of finding, attracting, and training a new person to replace the missing key man.
- Cover the costs of the mistakes the successor will make until he or she learns the things the deceased knew from experience
- Offset the reduction in income so that fixed overheads can be met

LEGACY

A gift of money to a certain person, group of people or organization.

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MINOR

A male or female under that age of 18 years.

RESIDUARY

The remainder of your estate after a legacy, bequest and devise has been given away.

TESTATOR

The person making the Will. A female testator may be called a testatrix.

VALID

Legally effective.

WILL

A document (or collection of documents) by which a person (the testator/testatrix) disposes of his or her estate. It takes effect only on the death of the testator/testatrix.

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WITNESS/ATTESTING WITNESS

There must be two witnesses to you signing your Will. However, there are occasional variations in some countries. They are required to sign in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator/testatrix after they have seen the testator/testatrix sign. They sign at the foot or end of a Will.

A beneficiary under a Will should not act as a witness for the same Will, nor should his or her spouse.