

# Let's chat about making a Will



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make a Will.”

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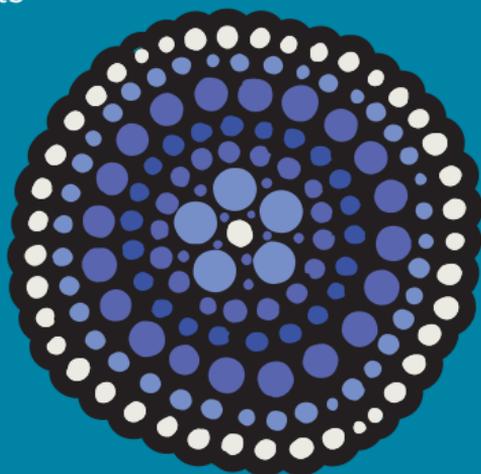


# About the Public Trustee

We have 16 offices across Queensland and have been serving Queenslanders since 1916.

Our services include:

- Will making, at no cost
- Enduring Powers of Attorney
- Deceased Estate Administration
- Executor Services
- Financial Administration for people with incapacity
- Real estate auctions and sales
- Trust administration
- Charitable Trusts





## What is an estate?

An estate refers to the belongings you leave behind after you die, such as cash, car, personal possessions, real estate and any debts that need to be paid.

## What does an executor do?

Your executor is in charge of making sure your final wishes are followed through.

The job of being an executor can be complicated as they need to find out what you own and pay what you owe, from your estate.

They also need to obtain probate from the court to be the person legally responsible to deal with your estate.

You can appoint a family member, a friend or the Public Trustee to be your executor.

## What if I die without a valid Will?

**Dying without a Will can mean:**

- your estate may not be distributed to your loved ones
- there may be confusion and arguments between people who want a share of your estate
- it may take more time and money to finalise your estate.

## How do I make a Will with the Public Trustee?

Our Will making service is 100% free of charge and it's as easy as making an appointment at one of our 16 offices.

If you don't live in a region where we have an office, we may still be able to provide assistance.

Phone 1300 360 044 to make an appointment or to find out more.

## What do I bring to my Will appointment?

- You must bring current identification.
- Names and addresses (if known) of the people you want to leave your estate to.
- A list of your assets.

## When do I update my Will?

You can change your Will as your life changes. Times to consider changing your Will are:

- marriage, separation or divorce
- entering and ending a de facto relationship
- birth of a child or grandchild
- a change to your assets or financial circumstances
- death of a spouse or partner
- a change to a beneficiary (a beneficiary is someone who you would like to have a share of your estate).

## What is a Will?

A Will is a document that explains how you would like your estate distributed when you die.

In your Will, you can also say who you want to look after your children and set up money in a trust for them.

A Will also means you can say who you'd like to finalise your estate. This person is called your executor.

## Why you need to make a Will.

Making a Will is very important—it's about having your say about what you want to happen with your money and assets after you die.

A Will is not just for people who have lots of money—anyone over 18 who has the capacity to make a Will, should make one.

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## Sarah's Story

Sarah was brought up in North Queensland and came from a very large family. She moved to Brisbane in her 20's but never married or had children. Sarah didn't have a Will when she died so it took a lot of time and money to locate her family and to prove that they were the people who should get her estate. It would have been much easier if Sarah had made a Will saying who she wanted to give her estate to.



## Contact us

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