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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1994 No. 1899

## The Wills and Administration Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1994

### PART II WILLS

#### *Interpretation of wills*

#### **Construction of certain expressions**

- 26.**—(1) Unless a contrary intention appears from the will, in a will—
- (a) “month” means calendar month;
  - (b) “person” includes a corporation;
  - (c) words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular;
  - (d) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine, and words importing the feminine gender include the masculine;
  - (e) “land” includes—
    - (i) buildings and other structures;
    - (ii) land covered by water;
    - (iii) any estate in land;
    - (iv) any beneficial interest, of which the testator could dispose by will, in capital money;
    - (v) if the testator dies owning no other property passing under a gift of land, any beneficial interest, of which the testator could dispose by will, in proceeds of sale under a trust for sale of land;
  - (f) “realty” or any cognate expression includes—
    - (i) any beneficial interest, of which the testator could dispose by will, in capital money arising from a legal or equitable fee simple;
    - (ii) if the testator dies owning no other property passing under a gift of realty, any beneficial interest, of which the testator could dispose by will, in proceeds of sale under a trust for sale of a legal or equitable fee simple.
- (2) In this Article “capital money” means capital money under the Settled Land Acts 1882 to 1890.

**Changes to legislation:**

The Wills and Administration Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1994, Section 26 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 31 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Order modified by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)](#)