
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 1899

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

PART II

WILLS

Execution of will

Formalities for execution

5.—(1) No will is valid unless it is in writing and is executed in accordance with the following requirements, that is to say,—

- (a) it is signed by the testator, or by some other person in his presence and by his direction; and
 - (b) it appears from the will or is shown that the testator intended by his signature to give effect to the will; and
 - (c) the signature is made or acknowledged by the testator in the presence of two or more witnesses present at the same time; and
 - (d) each witness, in the presence of the testator (but not necessarily in the presence of any other witness), either—
 - (i) attests the testator's signature or the testator's acknowledgment of his signature and signs the will; or
 - (ii) acknowledges his signature.
- (2) No form of attestation or acknowledgment is necessary.

Changes to legislation:

The Wills and Administration Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1994, Section 5 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 May 2023. 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 :

- art. 5 excluded by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#)

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\(2\)](#)