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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1994 No. 1899

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

### PART II **N.I.**

#### WILLS

##### *Execution of will*

#### **Formalities for execution** **N.I.**

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 18 October 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\(2\)](#)