

Using our Online Wills Service

Checklist



Every Australian adult needs a Will, so well done on taking the important step to create yours. As an AWU member, you are entitled to a free standard Will using Maurice Blackburn's fast and easy Online Wills Service. To ensure your Will reflects your wishes, it is important to consider some of the key requirements outlined in this document prior to engaging Maurice Blackburn to draft your Will.

Before contacting us

- We perform an identification check to ensure your Will is secure. It is important to have at least one form of government identification on you, such as a driver's license, Medicare card, or Passport as you are completing your Will.
- Maurice Blackburn can draft a standard Will for both yourself and your partner free of charge. If both you and your partner require a Will, it is important to discuss your wishes together, to ensure your important life decisions are considered thoroughly.

About your Will

- For your Will to be drafted, you will be required to have an understanding of the various substantial assets that you own. A substantial asset may include your family home, any vehicles, bank accounts, shares or life insurance policies.
- Superannuation is not automatically covered by your Will. If you have superannuation it is important to check with your superannuation fund to see whether you have a death benefit nomination. This nomination directs the trustee of your fund to pay

any superannuation or death benefits to a particular person or to your estate. Before giving instructions for your Will, you should find out whether your nomination is binding or non-binding and confirm who you have nominated to avoid your benefits being distributed to beneficiaries as the fund wishes. Also note that the nomination may need to be renewed every three years.

- You will need to know who you want to appoint as your executor prior to your Will being drafted. An executor is the person you appoint to carry out your wishes after you pass away. This should be someone that you trust.
- If you have children under the age of 18, or are likely to have children in the near future, you should think about who you want to appoint to act as their guardian. A guardian is the person who will be responsible for the personal and financial decisions for your children.
- You need to consider how you want your assets divided when you pass away. You can make specific gifts to persons prior to the remainder of your estate being divided. Alternatively, you can simply leave your entire estate to a loved one, or divide the entirety of your estate between multiple people. This is known as the residue.

What next?

- Once you have submitted information to have your Will drafted, one of our experienced Wills and Estates experts will be in touch to discuss and finalise. If your circumstances require complex attention, we may recommend arranging an appointment with one of our lawyers to discuss some further complexities about your Will.