

Codicil Guidelines



If you are simply adding a gift in favour of the National Blind Children's Society to an existing will, this can be done by using a codicil. A codicil does not change the terms of your current will but adds a new instruction.

The following are some guidelines for completing a codicil:

- Changes made to a will by crossing out existing instructions or writing in new ones will not be valid. If you wish to make major changes, it will be best to consult your solicitor and have the will re-written.
- If you wish to make a gift of all of the residue of your estate or a percentage share of the residue of your estate, it would be better to rewrite your will. Adding a gift of all or part of the residue of an estate by way of a codicil may imply that all or part of the gift currently in the existing will is revoked.
- When you have completed the details on the codicil form, you need to sign and date it in the presence of two witnesses, who should then sign and date it themselves, where indicated, in your presence.
- You should keep the original copy of the codicil with, but not attached to, the original copy of your will. You may like to give a copy of your will and any codicils to your executor.
- To ensure that the codicil ties in properly with your will, we recommend that you see your solicitor.
- You are not required to tell us about the change to your will, but we would like to hear from you so that we can keep you in touch with our work.