

Terms of Business

The following standard terms of business apply to all instructions accepted by the Company. All work carried out in the provision of Will Writing Services is subject to these terms except where changes are expressly agreed in writing. These terms of business form the basis of the contract between the Company and the Client.

Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 In these Terms and Conditions the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Calendar Day”	means any day of the year;
“Cancellation Form”	means the form attached to these Terms and Conditions as Schedule 1;
“Cancellation Notice”	means the notice attached to these Terms and Conditions as Schedule 1 or such other written document containing the same information, produced by the Customer;
“Contract”	means the contract for the purchase and sale of the Services under these Terms and Conditions;
“Customer”	means the individual purchasing the Services from the Seller who shall be identified in the Order;
“Order”	means the customer’s completed order for the purchase and provision of Services;
“Payment Information”	means all information required to take the required payments from the Customer and includes, but is not limited to, credit/debit card details and residential address details;
“Sales Literature”	means any and all brochures, catalogues, leaflets, price lists and other documents providing details of Services available and pricing information for those services;

“Seller” Here means the Company, Simple Will Limited, in providing any specific service pursuant to this contract; and

“Services” means the services which the Seller is to provide in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, any specific terms which apply only to those services, and as specified in the Order.

Unless the context otherwise requires, each reference in these Terms and Conditions to:

- 1.1.1 “writing”, and any cognate expression, includes a reference to any communication effected by electronic or facsimile transmission or similar means;
 - 1.1.2 a statute or a provision of a statute is a reference to that statute or provision as amended or re-enacted at the relevant time;
 - 1.1.3 “these Terms and Conditions” is a reference to these Terms and Conditions and the Schedule as amended or supplemented at the relevant time;
 - 1.1.4 a Schedule is a schedule to these Terms and Conditions; and
 - 1.1.5 a Clause, Section or paragraph is a reference to a Section of these Terms and Conditions (other than the Schedules) or a paragraph of the relevant Schedule.
- 1.2 The headings used in these Terms and Conditions are for convenience only and shall have no effect upon the interpretation of these Terms and Conditions.
 - 1.3 Words imparting the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa.
 - 1.4 References to any gender shall include any other gender.

2. **Procedures**

- 2.1 On the initial appointment your detailed instructions will be taken and appropriate advice given on matters relating Will Writing Services. Any queries or questions will be answered and a full explanation given on the contents and terminology used in the drafting of your Documents.

3. **The Company undertakes to:**

- 3.1 Comply with your instructions with reasonable skill, care and expedition appropriate to your needs.
- 3.2 Provide you with the best advice on matters relating to the Will Writing Services. In some cases this may mean advice to draw up other documents, or take other action, which may incur further fees. In such cases full details of such charges will be given to you in advance and you are under no obligation to proceed with any ancillary services offered. However, in some circumstances you may be asked to sign a declaration stating that you are acting against the advice given.
- 3.3 Comply with the Client's instructions using all due skill, care and expedition appropriate to the need of the client. Regarding the dispatch of documents the Company must adhere to the following timescales unless otherwise agreed in writing with the client at the time that the client's instructions are received. The following timescales take effect immediately upon the Client providing all the information required to complete the agreed instructions.
 - 3.3.1 Dispatch of executable documents – 28 working days
- 3.4 However where circumstances occur, including those which are beyond the Company's control, which result in the documents being delivered outside the above stated timescales, the client must be informed and upon their request must be provided with a full written explanation for the cause of the delays AND the opportunity to renegotiate or cancel the contract, with a full refund being provided should it be requested by the client.
- 3.5 Maintain the strictest confidentiality and not to pass on your details to any other organisation without your express written permission unless legally required to do so and shall comply with all legislation in force relating to data protection.
- 3.6 Offer an attestation service that supervises the signing and witnessing of your Documents at your home. The Company will not take responsibility for ensuring the validity of your Documents where the attestation service has not been taken up and the execution supervised by an agent of the Company. The signing of your Documents must be carried out according to the law of England and Wales in order for your Documents to be valid. All Documents will be supplied to you with full written instructions of how these should be completed.
- 3.7 Refund any money paid in respect of the preparation of your Will(s) should you change your mind within 14 days from the date of taking your instructions. After the expiration of this period the Company reserves the right to charge you for the advice given and for any work already carried out on your behalf

and in accordance with your signed instructions. An itemised bill will be produced for any charge falling due under this term. (See section 4, below)

- 3.8 Where the Company offers a Will storage service, the Company does not accept any liability or obligation to advise you of any changes in legislation or taxation which may affect you either directly or indirectly and may necessitate a review of your Documents. Any Will should be reviewed every three years and on the occasion of any material change in your circumstances, such as divorce, marriage, the birth of children or the inheritance of a large sum of money etc. and the responsibility for arranging any update of the Will rests with the Client.
- 3.9 Where the company cannot legally or practically follow the instructions given by the client, the company must explain any differences between the client's instructions or expectations and the documents to be provided.

4. **Notice of the Right to Cancel**

- 4.1 **The Customer has the right to cancel the Contract within the Cancellation Period as determined by The Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013. Simple Will Ltd however reserves the right to retain the 25% deposit paid initially.**
- 4.2 The Seller is Simple Will LTD
- 4.3 For the purposes of this Cancellation Notice, the Reference Number to be quoted in all communications is as detailed on the Customer's invoice/receipt.
- 4.4 The Customer has the right to cancel the Contract within 14 Calendar Days of receipt of this notice (the "Cancellation Period").
- 4.5 **The Customer will be required to pay for Services provided if provision of the Services has commenced with the Customer's written agreement prior to the end of the Cancellation Period. In this case Simple Will Ltd accepts the 25% deposit will cover these costs.**
- 4.6 In the event that the Customer chooses to exercise their right to cancel within the Cancellation Period, the Cancellation Form attached to these Terms and Conditions as Schedule 1 should be completed in full and returned to the Seller at the address provided in sub-Clause 4.7.1 below.
- 4.7 Cancellation Notices must be sent to the Seller at the following addresses:
- 4.7.1 A Cancellation Notice sent by post or delivered by hand must be sent to: Portfolian House, 30 Melton Road, Oakham LE156AY.

- 4.7.2 A Cancellation Notice sent by email must be sent to: info@simple-will.co.uk
- 4.8 Cancellation Notices shall be deemed served upon the Seller:
 - 4.8.1 In the case of a Cancellation Notice sent by post, at the time of posting; and
 - 4.8.2 In the case of a Cancellation Notice sent electronically, on the day it is sent.
- 4.9 Use of the Cancellation Form is optional; however all Cancellation Notices, in whatever format, must be in writing and must contain all information included in Schedule 1.

5. Refunds

- 5.1 If the Customer chooses to exercise the Right to Cancel in accordance with Clause 4 above, the provisions of this Clause 5 shall apply in determining any refund to which the Customer may be entitled (excluding the upfront 25% deposit).
- 5.2 The Customer must inform the Seller of their exercise of the Right to Cancel within the period required by Clause 4.
- 5.3 If the provision of Services has commenced, at the Customer's written request, prior to the giving of notice by the Customer and the end of the Cancellation Period, the Seller shall remain entitled to any monies constituting the value of such Services.
 - 5.3.1 Where the Customer has already made payment to the Seller, any refund issued shall be less the relevant sum determined under sub-Clause 5.3.
 - 5.3.2 Where the Customer is yet to make payment to the Seller, the sum due from the Customer shall be adjusted accordingly.
 - 5.3.3 The Seller will inform the Customer in writing of the relevant calculations involved in determining sums deductible or payable under this Clause 5.
- 5.4 If the provision of Services has commenced prior to the giving of notice by the Customer and the end of the Cancellation Period without the Customer's written request, the Seller shall not be entitled to any monies constituting the value of such Services.
- 5.5 If the Customer requires their Documents urgently and requires that the Company commence work prior to the expiration of the cancellation period the Customer can agree to waive their rights under the Regulations by signing

a waiver agreement. This will mean that they will lose their right to the Cancellation Period.

6. Liability

- 6.1 If the Seller fails to perform the Services with care and skill it shall carry out remedial action at no extra cost to the Customer.
- 6.2 The Seller shall not be liable to the Customer or be deemed to be in breach of these Terms and Conditions by reason of any delay in performing, or any failure to perform, any of the Seller's obligations if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control or where the Customer has failed to meet their obligations under Clause 7 below.

7. The Customers Obligations are:

- 7.1 To disclose all relevant facts and answers to all the questions asked to allow the Company to provide accurate advice and to produce an effective legal Document. The Company shall not accept liability in respect of information which was not disclosed, and therefore not documented by the person taking your instructions, and which comes to light at a later date as being of relevance and which may effect the validity or content of your Documents or advice given.
- 7.2 To read through the draft Documents provided, to confirm that they correctly reflect your wishes as to the distribution of your estate and that the names and addresses of the persons mentioned in your Documents are correct, adding any missing data not supplied at the time of taking your instructions.
- 7.3 Where documentation has been provided to the Client without error and with suitable instruction but the Client causes a defect to the Will or its proper attestation, the Client undertakes to pay for the additional work and costs necessary for replacement documentation to be provided by the Seller.
- 7.4 To return the Documents together with any amendments to the Company as soon as possible. If you fail to return the Documents to the Company within 28 days of receiving them, the Company shall accept no liability for the draft Documents. The Company shall not be responsible for any delay due to your failure to comply with the above. The expense and responsibility for ensuring the safe return of documentation rests with the Client.
- 7.5 To notify the Company if you do not receive your draft Documents within two weeks of the first appointment, unless otherwise agreed.
- 7.6 To pay the fee due for the provision of Will Writing Services in full and in accordance with the terms of our invoice.

- 7.7 If you are having the attestation service, you should arrange for the witnesses to be present at the time of the execution of your Will.
- 7.8 If you are not receiving the attestation service the due and correct attestation of the Will, subject to the provision of appropriate advice by the Seller, is the Client's sole responsibility.
- 7.9 Please note that if you have not opted for the Storage and Aftercare Service it is your responsibility to ensure that the Will is signed, dated and witnessed correctly within the 28 day period. Simple Will LTD will not be responsible thereafter.
- 7.10 Should a client wish to take out the Simple Will Storage Option, the client agrees to complete the Direct Debit Mandate (DDM) for the annual storage fee. Should this DDM be cancelled a £25 charge will be incurred in order to process the return of the Will held by Simple Will.

Client Care

- 7.11 The Company is committed to providing the Customer with a high quality service. An essential part of that service is that the Company will communicate effectively with the Customer so that they are kept informed of progress.
- 7.12 All complaints should be acknowledged as soon as received and no later than 7 days after. A formal response should be provided to a complaint within 14 days or, where this is not possible, the client advised of the reasons for this and then provided with a formal response as soon as possible and no later than 28 days after the complaint is received.
- 7.13 The Society of Will Writers' Complaints Procedures and Code of Practice must be adhered to by the Seller with relation to all complaints matters.
- 7.14 If the matter is unable to be resolved to your satisfaction you may refer it, in writing, to the Complaints Department, The Society of Will Writers. Chancery House, Whisby Way Lincoln, LN6 3TQ.

The Company complies with the Society's Code of Practice of which a copy is available upon request.

A customer satisfaction survey is available from your consultant upon request. The survey is also available online at www.willwriters.com/satisfactionsurvey.html.

Other Contractual Issues

- 7.15 **If the customer has opted for Storage and Aftercare, there will be an annual charge that will be collected by Direct Debit. If the Direct Debit is cancelled, Simple Will Ltd reserve the right to return the Wills and associated documents to the clients at a £25.00 fee.**
- 7.16 **After the 25% deposit has been paid initially, Simple Will Ltd will email you a draft of your documents alongside an invoice for the remaining 75%. Please note your documents will not be sent to you for signing and completion until - you have emailed us to confirm the drafts are correct and you have checked them for spelling or grammatical issues, and you have paid the relevant outstanding sum of 75% by BACS, Card or cleared Cheque. This must be paid within 28 days as per the invoice term**

SCHEDULE 1
Cancellation Notice

This Cancellation Notice is set out in the form required by Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013.

If you wish to cancel the contract you **MUST DO SO IN A CLEAR STATEMENT** and deliver personally or send (which may be by electronic mail) this to the Company at their address below.

Portfolian House, 30 Melton Road, Oakham LE156AY.