

GUIDELINES

1. Page # 1:

Name & Address of the Person making this Last Will & Testament (*herein referred to as TESTATOR*).

2. Page # 2 : ARTICLE I: FUNERAL & BURIAL RITES.

Here you need to mention the name of the person you want to take care of your Funeral & Burial rites. There is NO restriction on who you can appoint or not appoint. It is recommended to appoint somebody who lives in proximity of where you live as well as the person should have sound religious knowledge about the aspects/procedure of the Funeral & Burial according to Islam.

3. Page # 3 : ARTICLE II: EXECUTOR & GUARDIAN

The Executor is the person who you wish to appoint to execute & overlook the distribution of your inheritance according to this Last Will & Testament. It is recommended to appoint somebody who is not the beneficiary of this Last Will & Testament.

Guardian is the person who you wish to appoint to be the guardian of the persons and estates of such of your children who shall be minor at and after your death. There is NO restriction on who you can appoint or not appoint, including your spouse.

4. Page # 3 : ARTICLE IV: CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TESTAMENTARY TRANSFER

This is where you need to mention if you wish to give a part of your inheritance to someone or organization(s). You **CANNOT** give more than One Third of your inheritance. You **CANNOT** give it to anyone who automatically has a share in your inheritance. Here you can mention the percentage(%) of the maximum One Third part of your inheritance that you wish to give to someone or organization(s).

5. Page # 5 : ARTICLE VI: SEPARABILITY

In order for the WILL to be valid the following instructions have to be followed:

1. The signature at the bottom of **ALL** the pages(total 11) including signature on page 5 needs to be signed by the Testator (person making this WILL) in the **PRESENCE** of **both the witnesses and the Notary Public**(if applicable). Both the witnesses & the Notary Public (if applicable) also need to sign page 5 in the presence of the Testator.
2. **The witnesses HAVE to be:**
 - a. 18 Years of age and above.
 - b. Should **NOT** be a beneficiary of the WILL.
 - c. Should **NOT** be an immediate family member, for example Spouse, Children, Attorney or Guardian.
3. **Notarizing this document is recommended but not required by Law to make this WILL valid.**

6. Page # 6 to 11 : SCHEDULE A - MAWARITH (THE ISLAMIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE ESTATE)

It is a part of this WILL and needs to be signed by the Testator in the **PRESENCE** of both the witnesses and the Notary Public(if applicable).