

DIFC Wills Services Centre has made some changes to its rules and has come into effect as of **30th June 2019**.

We would like to update you on the said changes and give herein below some basic information in this respect.



Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. UAE Assets can now be covered in the DIFC Wills b. Global Assets could be covered in the DIFC Will as well, however the clients are advised to seek legal advise in relation to the enforcement of the DIFC Will in the country where the foreign assets are held
Guardians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Guardianship Wills and guardianship in a DIFC Full Will will continue to be valid only for minor children who resides in Dubai or Ras Al Khaimah. b. Minor children living outside this two emirates cannot be included in DIFC Wills
Witness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Client is now required to bring 2 Witnesses to their appointment b. Witnesses cannot be a Beneficiary or a Guardian (or Spouse of a Beneficiary or a Guardian) mentioned in the Will c. Witness must be at least 21 years old
Copies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DIFC Wills Registry will no longer keep hard copies of the Wills, instead an electronic copy will be stored with the DIFC Wills Registry

Special Notes

For clients who have already registered their Wills and would like to collect the signed hard copy of their Wills from DIFC Wills Service Centre, they may do so until 31st December 2019. Thereafter, the Wills Registry will appropriately shred the documents.

Furthermore, clients who would like to extend the jurisdiction to reflect assets in other Emirates or global assets, will have the opportunity to amend their Wills at no cost between 30th June and 29th August 2019 by booking and appointment with DIFC Wills Service Centre's email (appointments@difcwills.ae).

Any modifications after 29th August 2019 will result in a fee of AED 550 + VAT and must booked online for the appointment through the Wills Service Centre website as usual.

Our team at GBS would be glad to assist you with advise on Will registration at DIFC or Dubai Court or Abu Dhabi Courts so should you require any assistance or clarifications, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ruth Pineda on +971-4-4471804 or email on ruth.pineda@gbsei.com

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