

What formalities have to be complied with when a will is signed?

No will signed on or after the 1st of January 1954 shall be valid unless-

1. the will is signed at the end thereof by the testator or by some other person in his presence and by his direction; and
2. such signature is made by the testator or by such other person or is acknowledged by the testator and, if made by such other person, also by such other person, in the presence of two or more competent witnesses present at the same time; and
3. such witnesses attest and sign the will in the presence of the testator and of each other and, if the will is signed by such other person, in the presence also of such other person; and
4. if the will consists of more than one page, each page other than the page on which it ends, is also so signed by the testator or by such other person anywhere on the page.

Any competent person 14 years or older, who is able to sign his / her name, may sign as a witness.

The following persons may not sign as witnesses, namely heirs, legatees or any other beneficiaries of the will and / or their spouses as well as the executors, trustees and guardians and / or their spouses.

You can complete the will instruction sheet here: [Testament Instruksievel / Will Instruction Sheet](#)