BC Simple Paper Will

1. Will maker and draft status

I am Alex Example, of 100 Example Lane, Victoria BC, British Columbia. This proposed paper will was prepared for review on 2026-11-16, not as a completed execution date. It requires qualified review and an approved final unmarked copy before signing. I intend the approved properly executed final will to deal only with property that can lawfully pass through my estate. It does not change joint ownership, insurance/plan designations, trusts or property outside my estate.

2. Earlier testamentary documents

The selected review scenario is my first will with no existing will, codicil, succession agreement or competing testamentary arrangement. The proposed final will revokes earlier wills and codicils made by me, but this draft must not be used where any earlier or foreign arrangement exists or is uncertain without tailored advice. A marked document is not presented as a completed revocation or testamentary act.

3. Executor and substitute

I appoint Morgan Sample, of 200 Sample Way, Victoria BC, as executor. If that person cannot or will not act, or cannot continue to act, I appoint Taylor Example, of 300 Example Road, Victoria BC, as substitute executor. No executor has signed an acceptance or received a court appointment through this website. Any required grant and lawful estate-administration duties must be addressed when applicable.

4. Administration and lawful obligations

My acting executor is to collect and administer estate property, satisfy lawful debts, expenses and tax obligations in the proper order, and distribute the net residue under this will. The executor may use powers available under applicable law for that administration. This clause creates no tax-exemption promise, fixed compensation percentage, release of fiduciary obligations or authority over property outside the estate. Obtain appropriate professional advice for administration, expenses and any required grant.

5. One residue gift and express substitute

After lawful administration obligations, I give the whole net residue of my estate to Casey Sample, of 400 Sample Street, Victoria BC, if that person survives me by thirty days and can take the gift. If the primary beneficiary cannot take the gift, I instead give that whole residue to Jordan Example, of 500 Example Avenue, Victoria BC, if that person survives me by thirty days and can take it. The substitute is a different adult individual, not a trust or class of beneficiaries. No division into multiple shares or specific gift is supplied.

6. If neither chosen recipient can take

If neither person named in clause 5 can take the residue under that clause, this draft supplies no further chosen recipient. Any remaining property not effectively disposed of is to pass under applicable succession law. This outcome needs to be understood and reviewed; obtain a tailored will if a different additional fallback is wanted. No minor-beneficiary trust, guardian appointment, spouse/dependant provision or intended disinheritance is supplied by this limited draft.

7. Signatures and witness attestation

Planned physical signing place: Victoria, British Columbia.

Actual signing date: _____

Will maker signature at the end of the dispositive provisions: _____

The witnesses below are to complete these lines only after the will maker signs or acknowledges the signature in their simultaneous physical presence and they sign in the will maker presence. This is a blank proposed paper attestation, not a certificate that an event has occurred. Under this selected template both witnesses are independent adults 19 or older and are not a named executor, a named beneficiary or the spouse of a named beneficiary.

Witness 1 full name and address: _____

Witness 1 signature: _____ Actual date: _____

Witness 2 full name and address: _____

Witness 2 signature: _____ Actual date: _____

Completion instructions

An original paper-will document for a BC resident adult 19 or older preparing their own first simple will, with no spouse children dependants prior testamentary arrangements or complex/cross-border estate. One adult BC-resident primary residue beneficiary and one adult substitute, one executor and one substitute; no trusts or specific gifts.

Exclude spouse/partner or former-partner uncertainty, children/dependants, prior wills/codicils or succession agreements, joint/mutual wills, incapacity/coercion concerns, business/trust/foreign/treaty or Indian Act estate issues, digital/electronic execution, remote witnesses, minors, disinheritance, gifts to siblings/descendants and complex tax/planning. This template does not establish capacity validity or suitability.

This limited source needs BC estate-law review, including capacity/voluntariness, spouse/dependant claims, ownership/designations, executor authority, survivorship/substitution and the explicit no-recipient fallback. No generic scope declaration establishes these matters.

This selected workflow is paper and in person. After approval, print one complete final set, check every page, and follow qualified instructions for the will maker and two appropriate adult witnesses signing in each others physical presence. Actual dates/signatures/witness identities remain blank in this review output. Do not sign a marked draft.

BC law also recognizes electronic wills under specific rules; this paper-only product does not provide or assess that separate route. It is not an e-sign service or probate/registry filing. Store the final executed original securely and tell the chosen executor how it can be found.

The preparation date is not the execution date. Review again after family/asset/residence changes. A Word edit is not automatically a valid alteration of an executed will. No retainer, certificate, probate outcome, guaranteed validity or lawyer endorsement is included.

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