

How to update or amend a will

The Update Service that you can get with your will make it quick and easy to update it in the future. Here, we look at how it works and why it's so important to keep your will up to date.

Over 30 million adults in the UK are putting off writing a will. And one of the main reasons is that they're worried they'll have to pay to make a new will in the future. So rather than writing a will that protects their family today, they end up putting it off for years.

At Farewill, we understand that life can change in a matter of seconds. That's why we make it easy to update your will anytime in the future. By logging back into your account, you can use our online will writing service to update your will from the comfort and privacy of your own home.

When should you update your will?

It's recommended that you update your will every two years. This is to make sure that any changes in your circumstances are reflected in your will. This includes things like:

- You have a new child
- You get engaged, married or divorced
- You move house
- You buy or sell any property
- You inherit money or property
- One of your executors, beneficiaries or guardians dies
- You want to change who is inheriting your estate
- You want to add a specific gift or message to someone you love
- Inheritance tax legislation or the law governing wills changes

How to update your will with Farewill

After writing a will with Farewill, you can log back into your account at any time to update your will. Simply navigate to the section you want to update and make your changes. Then, when you're done, click the button on the summary page to send your will for checking.



After your updated will has been approved by our will specialists, you'll need to print and sign it again alongside two witnesses before putting it away somewhere safe. To avoid any confusion for your executors in the future, it's also important that you destroy your old will.

How much does it cost to update a will?

If you write your will with Farewill, you'll see the option to sign up for our Update Service service too. For just £10 a year you can make as many updates as you need, at no extra charge. You can cancel your subscription at any time and we'll remind you the month and week before each payment so you have plenty of time to decide.

If you've already written a will with a solicitor or traditional will writer, you'll likely need to get a codicil to update your will. This is a separate document that can cost anywhere between £20 and £80. However, if you want to make a lot of changes to your will or think you may need to update it again in the future, you may be better off writing a new will.

You can find out more about [writing a codicil](#).

I already have a will. Can I update it with Farewill?

If you already have a will from a solicitor or another provider, there's a high chance that they'll ask you to pay if you want to change or update it. In some cases, this could end up costing over £150 – and you still won't have an easy way to update it in the future.

If your old will is out of date, you could make a new will by using Farewill's online will writing service. This would then allow you to update your will anytime in the future for just £10 a year. And remember: once you've printed and signed your new will alongside two witnesses, it's important that you dispose of your old will to avoid confusion for your executors.



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