

Fees & Charges – Wills



While a Will is one of the most valuable documents you can have, it doesn't need to cost a lot. We make the process quick and easy – you can visit us in person or, if your Will is straightforward, you can make it online. Your online Will can still be checked by one of our legal specialists so you know you're getting sound advice.

We won't charge anything to prepare your Will if we are to be your executor and trustee. As executor, we make sure your wishes are carried out, and as trustee we're responsible for the money side of things.

If you want someone else to be your executor and trustee, we're still happy to prepare your Will and simply charge for the time it takes (a straightforward Will usually takes between one and a half and three hours to prepare). The rate we charge depends on how complex your Will is.

If Public Trust is your executor and trustee	Fee (including GST)
If your Will is made in person	No charge
If your Will is made online	No charge

If someone else is your executor and trustee	Fee (including GST)
Hourly rate – level 1	\$210 an hour
Hourly rate – level 2	\$240 an hour
Hourly rate – level 3	\$275 an hour
If your Will is made online	\$69.95

We're the Wills experts. We help more New Zealanders make their Will than anyone else – and we can help carry out your last wishes too.

Fees & Charges – Enduring Powers of Attorney



Enduring powers of attorney set out who can take care of your personal and financial matters if you can't. They're very important documents that allow someone you trust to make decisions for you if you can't manage your own affairs for some reason, perhaps because of accident or illness. We recommend you set up enduring powers of attorney when you make your Will.

What will it cost?

We have a fixed fee to prepare your enduring powers of attorney. If we act as your property attorney we charge an hourly rate and set fees for our work (based on how complex the task is) and a percentage fee on income we collect for you. These charges only apply when we start acting for you, not from when you set up your power of attorney.

To prepare or update an enduring power of attorney	Fixed fee (including GST)
Preparing a personal care and welfare enduring power of attorney	\$150
Preparing a property enduring power of attorney	\$150

Discounts when preparing or updating your enduring power of attorney	Discount (including GST)
Updating an existing Public Trust enduring power of attorney of either type	less \$10 each
Appointing Public Trust as first property attorney	less \$30
Supergold Card discount (when writing or updating a Will and after all other applicable discounts)	less 20%

What will it cost for Public Trust to act on my behalf?

This can involve both set up and ongoing costs, depending on what you want us to do. Charges are at an hourly rate (with some minimum charges), a percentage for any income collected and set fees for some tasks. We do not charge an annual fee. Hourly rates are based on the complexity of the work we're doing and the expertise needed to do the job. Whatever the rate, you only pay for the time it takes to do the work - so if it takes 15 minutes, we'll only charge for 15 minutes.

Standard charges	Fee (including GST)
Hourly rate – level 1	\$210 an hour
Hourly rate – level 2	\$240 an hour
Income handling fee (on gross income we collect) <i>(This fee may vary depending on your circumstances and the type of income being handled)</i>	5% plus GST if any (maximum)
Payment fee – electronic	\$2.25 (set fee)
Payment fee – manual or cheque	\$11.25 (set fee)
To prepare and file your tax return	\$200 an hour (minimum fee)
There will also be office costs, such as photocopies, faxes and postage.	

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