

The Dispute Resolution Authority

Practice Direction No. 4 of 2017

The DIFC Wills and Probate Registry's Fees

Citation, commencement and interpretation

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Article 8 section (3) of Dubai Law No. 9 of 2004, as amended, and Rule 7 of the DIFC Wills and Probate Registry Rules, I, Dr. Michael Hwang SC, Head of the DIFC Dispute Resolution Authority, issue the following Practice Direction after having reviewed the DIFC Wills and Probate Registry Rules, DIFC Dispute Resolution Authority Practice Direction 3 of 2017 - The DIFC Wills and Probate Registry's Free Zone Share Will - Form of Will 4 and DIFC Dispute Resolution Authority Practice Direction 4 of 2016 – The DIFC Wills and Probate Registry's Fees.

1. The attached Schedule 1 of this Practice Direction prescribes the fees of the DIFC Wills and Probate Registry that will come into effect on the date of signature. These fees replace those prescribed in the Dispute Resolution Authority's Practice Direction 4 of 2016 – The DIFC Wills and Probate Registry (WPR)'s Fees. This Practice Direction may be cited as **Practice Direction 4 of 2017 — The DIFC Wills and Probate Registry's Fees** and may be abbreviated to **PD 4/2017**.

The following shall apply:

2. In this Practice Direction—
- (a) a fee referred to by number means the fee so numbered in Schedule 1 to this Practice Direction.
 - (b) "DIFC WPR" means the DIFC Wills and Probate Registry.
 - (c) "DIFC WPR Rules" means the DIFC Wills and Probate Registry Rules.
 - (d) "DRA" means the Dispute Resolution Authority, as defined in Dubai Law No. 7 of 2014.
 - (e) "Grant" means a grant of probate or grant of administration (with will annexed).

Fees to be taken

3. The fees set out in column 2 of Schedule 1 to this Practice Direction shall be taken in the DIFC WPR in respect of the items described in column 1 in accordance with and subject to any directions specified in column 1.

4. The fees set out in column 2 of Schedule 1 to this Practice Direction are all administrative fees and are payable in United Arab Emirates Dirham (AED) or their equivalent in other currencies at the applicable conversion rates as determined by the DIFC WPR from time to time.

5. Payments may be made by using the DIFC WPR's payment facility. Payments can also be made in person. Visit our website or contact info@difcprobate.ae for further information.

Exemptions, reductions, remissions and refunds

6. Where it appears to the Head of the DRA that the payment of any fee prescribed by this Practice Direction would, owing to the exceptional circumstances of that particular case, involve undue financial hardship, he may reduce or waive the fee in that case.

7. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph 7(2) below, where a fee has been paid but would, if the Head of the DRA had been aware of all the circumstances, have been waived or reduced under paragraph 6 above, the fee or the amount by which the fee would have been reduced shall be refunded.

(2) No refund shall be made under sub-paragraph 7(1) above unless the party who paid the fee applies within 1 month after paying the fee.

Dated this 12th day of May 2017

Dr. Michael Hwang SC

Head of the Dispute Resolution Authority

SCHEDULE 1: FEES TO BE TAKEN

Column 1 Number and description of fee	Column 2 Amount of fee
Registration Fees – Form of Will 1	
1. Registration of a single will in accordance with Form of Will 1 (as set out in Schedule 1 of the DIFC WPR Rules).	AED 10,000
2. Registration of two mirror wills by spouses in accordance with Form of Will 1 (as set out in Schedule 1 of the DIFC WPR Rules).	AED 15,000
Registration Fees – Form of Will 2	
3. Registration of a single will in accordance with Form of Will 2 (as set out in Schedule 1 of the DIFC WPR Rules).	AED 5,000
4. Registration of two mirror wills by spouses in accordance with Form of Will 2 (as set out in Schedule 1 of the DIFC WPR Rules).	AED 7,500
Registration Fees – Form of Will 3	
5. Registration of a single will in accordance with Form of Will 3 (as set out in Schedule 1 of the DIFC WPR Rules).	AED 7,500
6. Registration of two mirror wills by spouses in accordance with Form of Will 3 (as set out in Schedule 1 of the DIFC WPR Rules).	AED 10,000
Registration Fees – Form of Will 4	
7. Registration of a single will in accordance with Form of Will 4 (as set out in Schedule 1 of the DIFC WPR Rules).	AED 5,000
8. Registration of two mirror wills by spouses in accordance with Form of Will 4 (as set out in Schedule 1 of the DIFC WPR Rules).	AED 7,500
Will Modifications	
9. Modification of any Will made in accordance with Form of Will 1, Form of Will 2, Form of Will 3 or Form of Will 4 (as set out in Schedule 1 of the DIFC WPR Rules).	AED 550

Other Fees	
Inspection 10. On inspection of any will or other document retained by the DIFC WPR (in the presence of an authorised officer).	AED 375
Withdrawal of Will 11. On the withdrawal of any will or other document retained by the DIFC WPR (in the presence of an authorised officer).	AED 0
Application for a Grant 12. On an application for a Grant or an order of guardianship other than on an application to which a special application fee applies as listed at 13 below.	AED 5,500
Special applications 13. For a duplicate or second or subsequent Grant (including one following a revoked Grant) in respect of the same deceased person.	AED 1,900 + any applicable DIFC Courts' fee
Notification 14. On an application for or relating to the issue of a notification to accept or refuse or take a Grant or to prove a will by probate claim.	AED 2,200 + any applicable DIFC Courts' fee
Objection 15. For the entry or the extension of an objection.	AED 2,200 + any applicable DIFC Courts' fee
Search 16. On an application for a standing search to be carried out in an estate, for each period of six months including the issue of a copy Grant and will, if any (irrespective of the number of pages).	AED 1,500
Copy documents 17. On a request for a copy of any document whether or not provided as a certified copy:	
(a) for the first copy.	AED 7
(b) for every subsequent copy of the same document if supplied at the same time.	AED 3

(c) where copies of any document are made available on a computer disk or in other electronic form, for each such copy.	AED 165 (including a USB stick)
(d) where a search of the index is required, in addition to fee 17(a), 17(b) or 17(c) as appropriate, for each period of 4 years searched after the first 4 years.	AED 240
<p>Determination of costs</p> <p>18. For determining costs</p>	<p>The same fees as are payable from time to time for determining costs under Part 40 of The Rules of the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts 2014</p>