

Wording your Will

When you choose to include Epilepsy New Zealand in your Will, you should use the following words:
"I give to the Epilepsy Association of New Zealand NZBN 942-904-2699-729 for its general purposes

- ____% of my estate **or**
- the residue of my estate **or**
- The sum of \$_____ **or**
- Specified items (eg, life insurance policy number, possessions, land, etc)

free of all debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, duties and taxes. I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other public officer for the time being of the Epilepsy Foundation shall be good and sufficient discharge of this bequest to my executor(s)".

Legal information

It is important to use the full name of our organisation, that is, Epilepsy Association of New Zealand. We strongly recommend that you seek the advice of an independent solicitor before making or changing your Will.

Types of bequests

Once you have decided to leave a bequest to the Epilepsy Association of New Zealand in your Will, you will need to give some consideration to the type of bequest you would like to make. There are a number you could consider:

Percentage of your estate

You may wish to nominate a percentage of your estate to the Epilepsy Association of New Zealand.

Residual bequest

Once you have provided for your family and friends, you may choose to leave the remainder – the residue – to the Epilepsy Association of New Zealand. This type of bequest means that as your estate increases in value, so does the bequest.

Property, shares or insurance

The Epilepsy Association of New Zealand can accept all forms of property or shares, and can be the sole beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

Specific sum

You can also leave a specific cash amount to the Association.

Contingency bequest

This is a bequest whereby you establish a trust in your Will to allow a spouse or other person to use your property and to receive all of the income derived from your estate during their lifetime. When they die, the capital and interest will be passed onto the Association.