

# NIPF<sub>3</sub> - Application to stop, or extend a stop on a grant of representation (FORM 4)

Use this form to apply to stop an application for a grant of representation for up to

6 months or extend an existing stop on a grant of representation. This is also known as 'entering a caveat'.

You may want to stop an application when:

- you think the person who made the will was being influenced by someone else or was not able to make their own decisions
- you think someone interfered with the will or forged it
- there is a more recent will
- the will was not properly signed and witnessed
- the person applying for probate refuses to share a copy of the will with you
- you are in dispute with the person applying or you think they are not suitable to carry out the instructions in the will
- you think the person applying is not eligible to apply if there is no will (see who inherits if there is no will)
- you are entitled to apply but have not been included in the application
- the person who died got married or entered into a civil partnership after the will was signed

These are the most common reasons, but there may be others.

You should always try to come to an agreement with the person applying for probate before you stop their application.

You may want to talk to a solicitor or contact Citizens Advice for legal advice.

**You may have to pay legal costs if you stop an application without a good reason.**

Once your application is received, it takes one working day to stop applications in progress.

If an application is approved on the same day you make the request, it will not be stopped. But you will stop any future applications for a grant of representation made on the estate for 6 months.

You will need:

- an address in Northern Ireland where legal papers can be sent to you or your legal representative
- the full name and address of the person who died (and any other names they were known by)
- the exact date they died

**An application to extend an existing stop** can be made within 1 month of the current stop's expiry date. You will need to provide your case reference number and the date the existing stop is due to expire.

If the stop has been removed by way of a summons you cannot apply to re-enter it using this form.

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If you need help filling out this form please call

**0300 200 7812**

We cannot provide legal advice

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**If you are applying to extend a current stop, please go to question 11 and if you are a legal representative you will also need to give your details in question 5.**

1. What is your full name?

Forename(s)

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2. Do you have a legal representative acting for you?

Yes, go to question 4

No, go to question 3

3. What is your email? (if you have one)

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**Note 3 –We will contact you with any queries via this email address, unless you have a legal representative.**

4. Building number and street

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Second line of address

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Town or city

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County (optional)

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Country (optional)

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Postcode

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