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the right
to foresee.**

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The search for a will

**So your loved ones
can easily trace your last
will after your death.**

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The Chambre des notaires does not receive or hold any wills or mandates. Wills and mandates are not forwarded to the Chambre des notaires. Notaries keep them in their vaults. Notaries only declare receipt of these documents to the registers.

The register of testamentary dispositions of the Chambre des notaires

The Register of Testamentary Dispositions of the Chambre des notaires was created in 1961 to make it possible to locate with certainty a deceased person's notarized last will and testament for settling the succession. This Register contains more than eight million deeds.

Who can submit a request for a will search?

Anyone involved in the succession and who produces the Death Certificate or Copy of An Act of Death issued by the Direction de l'État civil may submit a request for a will search to the Register of Testamentary Dispositions of the Chambre des notaires.

Did you know?

→ For more information on how to settle a succession, consult a notary or go to the Chambre des notaires website.

You can also refer to a notary of your choice, who will conduct the search on your behalf.

The search for a will

In all cases, even if you did find a will among the deceased's documents, you must submit a request for a will search to the Register of Testamentary Dispositions of the Chambre des notaires.

You can hire a notary to conduct the search or you can request the search yourself by filling out the Request for a Search of Will form, which you can find on the Chambre des notaires website.

If you choose to submit the request yourself, you must also include:

- The original Death Certificate or original Copy of an Act of Death issued by the Direction de l'État civil.
- A photocopy of the Death Certificate or photocopy of the Copy of an Act of Death so that the original document may be returned to you.
- The payment required for the will search. Fees are payable by money order or credit card. Please refer to the Chambre des notaires website for more information on payment.

Turnaround time for a search certificate

As long as the request is complete and includes all the required documents, the turnaround time for a search certificate is:

- If the death occurred more than two weeks ago, your search certificate will be sent within two weeks of receiving your request.
- If the death occurred less than two weeks ago, your search certificate will be sent within three weeks of receiving your request.

In order to keep this process confidential, information will only be given to the person who requested of the search.

Registers of Testamentary Dispositions and Mandates
registre@cnq.org

A search in the Register of Testamentary Dispositions of the Chambre des notaires

is an essential formality for the liquidator of a succession.

It is also important to contact the Barreau du Québec to perform the same search to obtain a search certificate of the Barreau's registers.

