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Form 1 Guide Affidavit of executor - Grant of Probate

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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

IN THE ESTATE OF
NAME OF DECEASED
(INCLUDE ALL NAMES BY WHICH THE DECEASED WAS KNOWN)
(DECEASED)
late of
(Address (use last place of abode))

I (*Name¹, occupation² or marital status³ of executor*) of (*address of executor*) in the Island of Trinidad, make oath and say as follows:

1. That I desire to obtain a grant of probate of the Will of (*Name of deceased as on the will and all other names by which the deceased was known*)⁴ (hereinafter called "the Deceased"), who died at (*place of death as appears on the death certificate*) on the (*date of death as appears on the death certificate*) (*domicile of deceased*)⁵ having a fixed place of abode at (*last address of deceased*)⁶. The Deceased is the same person as (*Name of deceased as appears on the death certificate*) named in the Death Certificate hereto annexed and marked "*initials of executor 1*". I am over the age of 18 years.
2. I am applying in my capacity as the Executor⁷ of the last will and testament of the Deceased.⁸

¹ Where there are variations to the applicant's name, either in spelling or the way it appears on documents or the will e.g. Jane Smith is applying but Janet Smith appears on the will, an affidavit of alias by an independent person (who is either older than or close in age to the applicant) is to be filed.

² This is only required for male applicants.

³ This is only required for female applicants.

⁴ Where there are typographical errors (e.g. Basdaye/Basdai/Basday/Basdaie) in the deceased's name appearing on documents or otherwise, all typographical errors must be stated (and searched) and each must be properly explained by the applicant i.e. an explanation is required to account for the differences.

Where there are different names for the deceased and no nexus between the names (e.g. Basdeo Persad also called Andre Jones) an affidavit of alias by an independent person (who is either older than or close in age to the deceased) is to be filed.

⁵ If the deceased was not domiciled in Trinidad and Tobago, an affidavit of law is required to be filed. The words "domicile" and "fixed place of abode" are synonymous, therefore a person cannot be domiciled in Trinidad and Tobago with a fixed place of abode in another country.

⁶ If the deceased person was most recently living in an institution, the address of the institution can be used as the last place of abode but you **must** indicate what was his last residential address e.g. "John Smith late of Vitas House 239 James Street, Port-of-Spain **formerly** of 1234 Abercromby Lane, Port-of-Spain".

⁷ To be adjusted accordingly to reflect the capacity of the applicant. An executor may be a sole executor, alternate executor, surviving executor or one of the named executors.

⁸ Where there are more than one executors named in the Will of the deceased, all executors (a maximum of four) must make the application. An executor who is not a part of the application must be accounted for by the provision of a death certificate or renunciation. For situations where an executor is not deceased or refuses to renounce, power may be reserved to him in the oath. Where power is to be reserved the oath should state "... with power reserved to (*name of executor(s)*), the other named of other executor(s), to come in and apply for a like grant".

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3. The paper writing hereto and marked by me and exhibited to the affidavit of the (*name of attesting witness*) as (*exhibit number or letter*)⁹, in my solemn belief contains the last Will and testament (*and codicil if applicable*) of the deceased (*Name of Deceased*) dated the (*state date of will and codicil if applicable*).
4. No application for probate or administration had been made previous to this application and no Will of the Deceased other than that for which probate is now sought is deposited in the depository for Wills of living persons in the Registry. (*If a previous application was made details of previous application and information as to withdrawal or if granted date of revocation of grant to be stated*).
5. The deceased at the time of his death was (*state marital status*¹⁰ *or occupation*¹¹).
6. The reason for the delay in filing the application is due to (*this is only to be done if 3 years has elapsed since the death of the deceased*).
7. The plight and condition of the will is to be explained *if applicable*.
8. *If the witnesses to the will cannot be found to state what attempts have been made to find the witnesses or if witnesses are deceased this is to be stated and death certificates are to be filed. To state whether anyone else beside the applicant was present and if yes, an affidavit of due execution to be done by that person. If no, an affidavit by someone other than the applicant to be done to verify the signature of the deceased and either of the witnesses. If no one can verify the signature of either witness then the consent of all the persons who would benefit from the estate under intestacy is to be obtained and filed.*
9. I will duly get in and administer the estate of the said Deceased and pay the Deceased's just debts and distribute the rest of his estate according to law.
10. I will file in the Registry within 12 calendar months from the date of the grant a statement and account verified by my affidavit of my administration of the estate of the Deceased.
11. The statements in the application annexed hereto are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
12. The Inventory hereto annexed and marked "*initials of executor ?*" is a true inventory of the particulars of the estate of the Deceased and the value of all the real and personal estate and effects of the Deceased for and in respect of which a grant is required and is exclusive of what the Deceased may have been possessed of and entitled to as trustee for

⁹ Exhibit number or letter shall correspond with the exhibit number or letter as stated in the attesting witness affidavit.

¹⁰ This is required if the deceased was female.

¹¹ This is required if the deceased was male.

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any other person or persons and not beneficially, and is also exclusive of the property in the said inventory specified as being incapable of immediate valuation. The gross value as at the date of death thereof altogether is (*same value as on the inventory¹²*) as set out in the Inventory to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

13. The Grant of Probate is required in the names of the deceased (*state names of deceased¹³*) and in the name of the executor (*state names of the executor*).

SWORN to at *Place sworn*)
) Executor's signature
)
This day of _____ 20____.)

Before me,

Commissioner of Affidavits¹⁴

¹² Value of the estate is to be at the date of death of deceased person.

¹³ Only state the names in which you would like the grant to be issued, this may or may not include all the names in which the search was done.

¹⁴ Please note the Commissioner of Affidavits is to sign, date and stamp all exhibits according to the exhibit numbers as set out in the affidavit. The Commissioner of Affidavits is also to initial all insertions and corrections made to every document filed.