

PA8A – Application to stop, or extend a stop on a grant of representation

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'.

If you need help
filling out this form
please call the

Probate Helpline
0300 303 0648

We cannot provide
legal advice



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 too.

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 probate made on the estate for 6 months.

You will need:

- an address in England or Wales where legal papers can be sent to you or your legal representative
- the full name 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.

Fees

It costs £3 to stop or extend an application for 6 months.

You will need to apply again if you want to stop the application for a further 6 months.

Make your cheque/Postal Order payable to 'HMCTS'. If you are a legal professional you can give us your PBA account number.

What happens next

We'll send you a notification to confirm we've received your application to stop a grant of probate.



7. What date did they die?

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8. Do you know the date of birth of the person who has died?

Yes, **their date of birth is**

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No

9. Was the person who died known by any other names?

Yes, please give details in the box below

No

Don't know

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10. What was the last known address of the person who died?

Building 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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Postcode

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11. Application to extend a current stop on a grant of representation

Your caveat reference number

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Your name

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Expiry date of your current Stop

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12. Signature

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Day

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Month

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Year

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Please visit the below link at Gov.UK and see the PA4 SOT for Probate Practitioners to see where you should send your documents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/directory-of-probate-registries-and-appointment-venues-pa4sot>

Note 11 – Your caveat number can be found on your notification letter.

If the caveat is being extended by a legal representative, please complete the legal representative details at question 5.

