

Someone I Love Has Passed Away... What Happens Next?

A simple guide to understanding the deceased estate process.



1 We report the death.



The death is reported to the Master with the death certificate, will (if any) and ID documents.

2 The Master appoints an Executor.



The Master issues Letters of Executorship (or Authority for small estates).

3 Creditors are given time.



The executor advertises in the Government Gazette and a local newspaper so creditors can come forward.

4 Everything is found and valued.



All assets (like property, cars, investments and bank accounts) are collected, valued and safeguarded.

5 The estate is divided fairly.



The executor prepares the Liquidation & Distribution account – showing what the estate owns, what it owes and who will receive what.

6 The account is open for inspection.



The account is open for 21 days at the Master's Office and Magistrate's Court for anyone to inspect or raise concerns.



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- ✓ Clear communication
- ✓ Expert legal guidance
- ✓ Peace of mind

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How Does Grandma's House Become Yours?

A simple guide to how property is transferred from a deceased estate.



1 My owner has sadly passed away.



2 The executor looks after me.



3 The conveyancer prepares the transfer.



4 Important clearances are obtained.



✦ All clear! Let's go!

5 We travel to the Deeds Office.



6 I have a new owner!



What this process involves

- ✓ Executor appointed by the Master
- ✓ Estate assets & liabilities identified
- ✓ Creditors notified (30 days)
- ✓ Liquidation & Distribution account prepared and approved by the Master (L & D account)
- ✓ Conveyancer instructed
- ✓ Clearances obtained
- ✓ Documents lodged at Deeds Office
- ✓ Registration complete
- ✓ Ownership transferred



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