



A guide to Estate Management

The loss of a loved one is never easy

When someone close to you dies, dealing with a deceased estate while you are grieving can be very difficult. It may be overwhelming to think about what steps to take and who to notify. A solicitor or the Public Trustee can guide you through each stage of the estate administration process.

Support when you need it

- We understand the loss of a loved one can be an emotional time for families. The grieving process may cause people to react in different ways.
- Everyone has a different response to grief and its stages. This may mean others may not be ready to make decisions when you are.
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Timing around estate administration

It's important you are aware that under Queensland Succession Law, a six-month time frame must elapse before an estate can be distributed.

- During this timeframe, work on administering the estate can go ahead. You will also be consulted about how you would like to receive your distribution from the estate.
- On the next page of this fact sheet, you can see the time frames for actions under Queensland Succession Law.

Factors that may affect estate administration?

Often an estate seems straight-forward, but things can change, resulting in a longer time frame or additional costs.

These can include:

- Disputes about the Will
- Family conflict around asset distribution
- Legal action such as Family Provision Claims, when a family member who is not a beneficiary, or believes their share is not sufficient, can make a claim
- Disputes over debts and property ownership
- Assets located interstate or overseas
- Company directorships, self-managed super funds, business that are sole trader or partnerships
- Complex taxation matters

Where to get more help

If you, or a loved one require support for grief and loss contact:

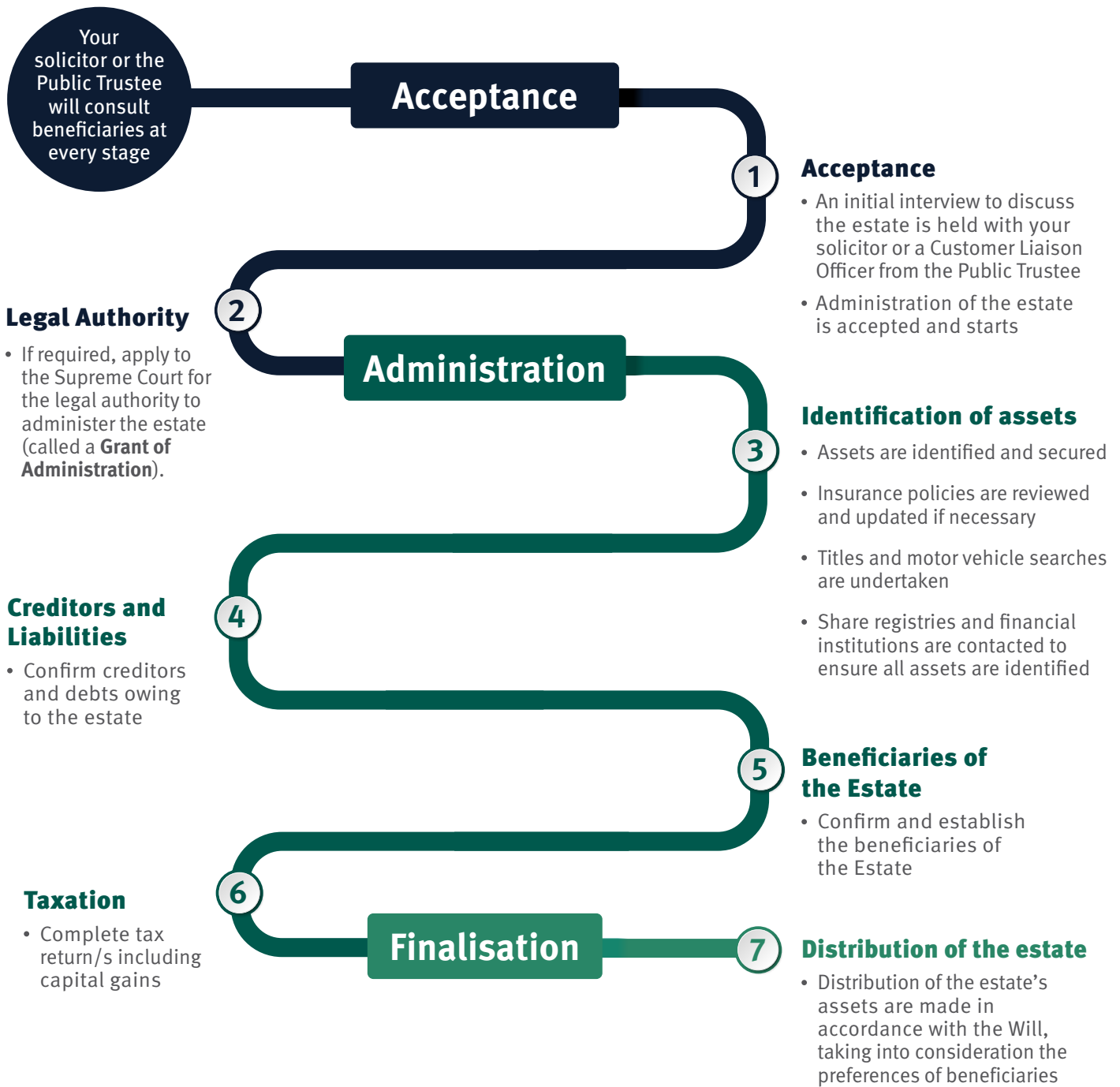


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Pathway for beneficiaries Note: This is a general overview of estate administration and is not to be considered as legal advice.



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30 Days

A person must survive the deceased person by 30 days to become a beneficiary.

6 Months

Notice of intention to lodge family provision applications must be provided within six months.

9 Months

Family provision applications must be filed in the court within nine months.

To learn more about Wills, executor services, or to book an appointment, you can:

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