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Was the deceased married?

YES

Is the estate worth more than £250,000?

NO → Spouse/civil partner gets all if survives 28 days

YES

Did the deceased have children?

YES → Spouse or civil partner gets first £250,000, personal belongings & life interest in half the rest. Balance goes to children at 18

NO

Did the deceased have surviving parents and/or siblings (alive or dead)?

YES → Spouse or civil partner gets first £450,000, personal belongings & half the rest. Balance is shared equally by surviving parents or equally to siblings & descendants if both parents have died

NO → Spouse/civil partner gets all if survives 28 days

NO

Did the deceased have children (alive or dead)?

YES → Shared equally among the children or descendants of a deceased child

NO

Did the deceased have surviving parents?

YES → Shared equally between the parents or all to surviving parent if one has died

NO

Did the deceased have siblings of whole blood (alive or dead)?

YES → Shared equally among siblings of whole blood or descendants of deceased siblings

NO

Did the deceased have siblings of half blood (alive or dead?)

YES → Shared equally among siblings of half blood or descendants of deceased siblings

NO

Did the deceased have grandparents?

YES → Shared equally among surviving grandparents

NO

Did the deceased have uncles & aunts of whole blood (alive or dead)?

YES → Shared equally among uncles/aunts of whole blood or descendants of deceased uncles/aunts

NO

Did the deceased have uncles & aunts of half blood (alive or dead)?

YES → Shared equally by uncles/aunts of half blood & descendants of deceased uncles/aunts

NO

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Other notes

- Step relations, relations by marriage only & cohabitees never qualify
- Formally adopted children are treated as being of whole blood
- Blood children who have been formally adopted into a different family lose their entitlement