

Deceased Estate Administration

Losing a loved one is a difficult and emotional experience, and managing their estate can often be overwhelming for family members. Our deceased estate administration service is designed to provide professional guidance and support throughout this process, ensuring compliance with Zimbabwean law while safeguarding the interests of beneficiaries.

The administration process begins with **registering the deceased estate** at the Master of the High Court, where an Executor is appointed. If the deceased left a valid will, the estate is administered according to their wishes. If no will exists, the estate is distributed based on the laws of intestacy under the Administration of Estates Act [Chapter 6:01].

Key steps in the process include:

- **Identifying and securing assets** – This involves compiling a detailed inventory of all assets, including property, bank accounts, investments, motor vehicles, and other valuables.
- **Verifying liabilities and settling debts** – Before distribution, outstanding debts such as loans, utility bills, and funeral expenses must be settled from estate funds.
- **Filing tax returns** – The estate is assessed for any tax obligations, including estate duty and capital gains tax, to ensure full compliance with tax laws.
- **Obtaining necessary approvals** – Depending on the complexity of the estate, approvals may be required from the Master of the High Court or other regulatory bodies.
- **Distributing the estate** – Once all obligations are met, the remaining assets are distributed to beneficiaries in accordance with the will or intestacy laws.
- **Final accounting and reporting** – A final account is prepared for approval, detailing how the estate was administered.

We understand the sensitivity and complexity involved in estate administration. Our experienced team is committed to handling each case with professionalism, transparency, and efficiency, giving beneficiaries peace of mind during a challenging time. Whether you require full estate administration or assistance with specific legal or financial aspects, we are here to help.