



Parentelic Distribution under the *Wills and Succession Act*, sections 66 and 67

If intestate has no spouse, partner or descendants, then

- No inheritance beyond 4 degrees of relationship on any line.
- Step One: Estate goes to either or both parents. If both are dead, then to siblings and their descendants *per stirpes* (see section 66). Stop at grandnieces and nephews. (Follow the Squares)
- Step Two: If none in that line, 50% of estate to each of maternal and paternal side, to surviving grandparents in equal shares. If none, then *per stirpes* to their descendants. But only to cousins, then stop. (Follow the Diamonds)
- Step Three: If no relatives on one of maternal or paternal side, then 100% to the other side.
- Step Four: If no one in the grandparent line on either side, repeat the process for great-grandparents. (Follow the Circles)
- Step Five: If no one in the great-grandparent line, then estate goes to *Unclaimed Personal and Vested Property Act*.