

MEDIA RELEASE

Judiciary Advises on Applying for the Estate of a Deceased Person

The Judiciary advises that when someone applies for the estate of another person where the person died intestate (without leaving a will) they must prove that they are entitled to apply. A grant cannot be given to someone simply because they say it should be. This may require for example, a declaration of paternity. This declaration can be sought from the court and paternity proven in several ways, including by affidavits of other persons who can state reliably that they were aware that the person was the child of the deceased person and was acknowledged as such. A declaration of paternity is sought from the court and is not a paternity order and does not require a DNA or blood test.

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