



Do you need to present a Letter of Executorship to make a claim with Thusano Trust?



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Before you head to the office of the Master of the High Court to request this letter, you'll need to prepare several documents. Having these ready upfront will speed up the process.

1. Completed Death Notice (Form J294*):

- This is the official form used to notify the Master of the High Court about the death.
- The form requires details such as the deceased's full name, ID number, marital status, and residential address.

2. ID documents:

- A certified copy of ID documents for both the deceased beneficiary and the applicant

3. Original or Certified Copy of the Death Certificate:

- Obtain this from the Department of Home Affairs.

4. Last Will and Testament (if available):

- If the deceased left a valid will, you must submit the original will or a certified copy.
- If there is no will, the estate will be administered intestate, meaning distribution of assets follows the rules set out by the Intestate Succession Act.

5. Death certificate:

- Of deceased children, siblings, or parents of the deceased beneficiary.
- This is to show that there are no other living potential claimants to the estate

6. Antenuptial contract:

- In the case of marriage outside of community of property

7. Decree of divorce / deed of settlement:

- If applicable

8. Inventory (Form J243*):

- This form provides the Master with a snapshot of the assets and liabilities of the estate.
- List all immovable and movable property, such as real estate, vehicles, and any investments.

9. Next of Kin Affidavit (if needed):

- Sometimes required to confirm the deceased's family structure, particularly if there's no valid will.

10. Nomination as Executor (if named in the will):

- If the will nominates you as executor, include a copy of that clause or the entire will showcasing the nomination.

11. Executor's Acceptance of Trust (Form J190*):

- The proposed executor must complete and sign this form to accept their responsibilities.

12. Bond of Security (if required):

- If the will does not exempt the executor or if the Master deems it necessary, you will need a bond of security from an insurance company.
- The Master of the High Court will assist you without an attorney if the estate does not exceed R250 000.
- If the estate exceeds R250 000 you must find yourself a lawyer / attorney of your choice to assist with the administration of the estate of the deceased person.
- You can reach out to your nearest TEBA office for advice on finding a lawyer for this purpose.