

# ESTATE SERVICES FOR FIRST NATIONS

## DECEASED ESTATES

If your deceased loved one lived on a reserve when they died, **the Government of Canada is responsible for:**



**Approving their will and appointing the executor** named in their will

**OR**



**Appointing an administrator** to manage the estate when there is no will

## DEPENDENT ADULT ESTATES



If your loved one has been diagnosed as incapable of handling their own affairs and lives on a reserve, **the Government of Canada is responsible for appointing someone to manage their property, such as money, lands and debts.**

## MINOR ESTATES



A minor is someone who is **under the age of majority in the province or territory where they live.**

In rare circumstances, such as when the parents or guardians of the minor are not available or able to help, **the Government of Canada can help minors who live on reserve manage their property or possessions**, and may establish Trust Accounts for minors receiving payments from their First Nation or settlements.

## SOME DUTIES OF AN ADMINISTRATOR OR EXECUTOR



**Distribute estate assets**, such as cars, bank accounts, furniture or money from legal actions or settlements



**Pay debts**



**Make a claim** under legal actions or settlements that allow estate claims to be made

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