

Intestacy Indemnity Closure Form

Complete this form if the account holder died intestate (without a will), you are the next of kin and the total balance of all accounts held by the deceased is £30,000 or less.

If the total balance exceeds £30,000 you will need to provide Grant of Probate instead of completing this form.

There are guidance notes at the end of this form to help you.

You can only sign this form as next of kin, as long as there are no other next of kin who appear before you in the order of priority list shown below:

1. Lawful husband/wife
2. Lawful child/children
3. Lawful grandchild/grandchildren
4. Lawful father/mother
5. Lawful brother(s)/sister(s)

If there are other next of kin who appear before you, they will need to complete this form instead.

You must insert the relationship to the deceased in sections B and C below.

By signing this form you will close the deceased's account(s) with the Society and agree to indemnify the Society from and against all claims and demands of the funds from any other person, in respect of closure of the deceased's account(s).

A cheque for each of the account balances shall be made payable to the next of kin who sign this form in section E below. Except where, on production of the appropriate evidence, the cheque is for funeral expenses or Inheritance Tax and is made payable to HM Revenue and Customs.

If there is more than one next of kin signing this form, a cheque will be made payable in both names. The obligation to distribute the monies to any other next of kin (if relevant) falls on the next of kin signing this form.

A. Details of the Deceased

Forename(s)	<input type="text"/>	Account Numbers	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date of death	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B. Name(s) and Address(es) of the next of kin(s) completing and signing this form

Forename(s)	<input type="text"/>	Forename(s)	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>	Surname	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Relationship to the deceased	<input type="text"/>	Relationship to the deceased	<input type="text"/>

C. Declarations

C.1 Please tick the correct statement below: (and cross out the 'I do' / 'I am' or 'We do' / 'We are' as appropriate)

I do / We do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am / We are the next of kin(s) of the above deceased and the only person(s) entitled to the estate. **Move on to section C.2.**

C.1

I do / We do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am one of / We are two of the next of kins of the above deceased and the other next of kin(s) is: (please specify the names of any other next of kin, and their relationship to the deceased, in the box below)

[Other next of kin name: Relationship to deceased:]

[Other next of kin name: Relationship to deceased:]

Move on to section C.2.

C.2 (cross out the 'I' or 'We' as appropriate)

I / We hereby request the Society to close the above account(s) and transfer to me / us the balance in each account by cheque, such total balance not exceeding £30,000.

I / We hereby undertake to indemnify the Society from and against all claims and demands against the funds of the Society from any other person in respect of the closure of the account(s) held by the deceased detailed above.

I / We attach or have already provided the Society with an original or certified copy of the death certificate of the deceased.

I / We make the solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

D. Signature(s) of next of kin(s) completing this form

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Signature	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>

E. Declaration (to be completed by Commissioner for Oaths / Solicitor Empowered to Administer Oaths)

Declared at	<input type="text"/>	Forename(s)	<input type="text"/>
In County of	<input type="text"/>	Surname	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
Signature	<input type="text"/>		

Guidance Notes for Completion

This information will guide you through the requirements for completing this form. It's important the form is completed in full. If any of the sections are incomplete or completed incorrectly, we may have to return the form to you, which will delay the release of funds. Complete all sections providing details of the deceased, the deceased's account(s) held with the Society, your details and those of any other next of kin(s) to the deceased's estate.

Section A

This section is for the details of the next of kin(s) completing the form only.
Not all eligible next of kin(s) need to complete the form, provided that all other next of kin(s) are noted in section C.1.
The cheque for funds on closure of the account will be made payable to the next of kin(s) noted in sections B and C.1.

Section B

This section is for the details of the next of kin(s) completing the form only.
Not all eligible next of kin(s) need to complete the form, provided that all other next of kin(s) are noted in section C.1.
The cheque for funds on closure of the account will be made payable to the next of kin(s) noted in sections B and C.1.

Section C

- C.1.** The correct declaration statement should be ticked (crossing out the 'I do' or 'We do' as appropriate).
If there is an eligible next of kin who isn't signing the form, please list their name(s) and relationship to the deceased in the box provided.
- C.2.** Cross out the 'I' or 'We' on each statement as appropriate.

Section D

Only next of kin(s) completing this form need to sign and date in this section. Any next of kin(s) mentioned in Section C.1 do not need to sign.

Section E

A Commissioner for Oaths or solicitor empowered to administer oaths must witness and sign the form where the balance, including accrued interest, is £1,500 or above (up to a maximum of £30,000) before returning it to us.
If the total amount of the account balances is less than £1,500, a solicitor isn't required to sign.

Important Note

Legislation allows the Society to release the funds without probate or grant of letters of administration (please note our maximum limits above) where the person(s) signing provides a statutory declaration.
This declaration has to be checked, completed and signed by a Commissioner for Oaths or solicitor empowered to administer oaths as indicated on the form. This is a compulsory requirement and the Society will not release funds without this.
The final decision of whether or not to release the funds is entirely at the Society's discretion. Any request to release funds over £1,500 will not be considered unless sections D and E are duly completed.

Further Assistance

If you require assistance to complete this form or need any further information, please contact your local branch. You can also call our Service Excellence team on 01325 366366 between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday – Friday, and 9am to 12pm on Saturdays.