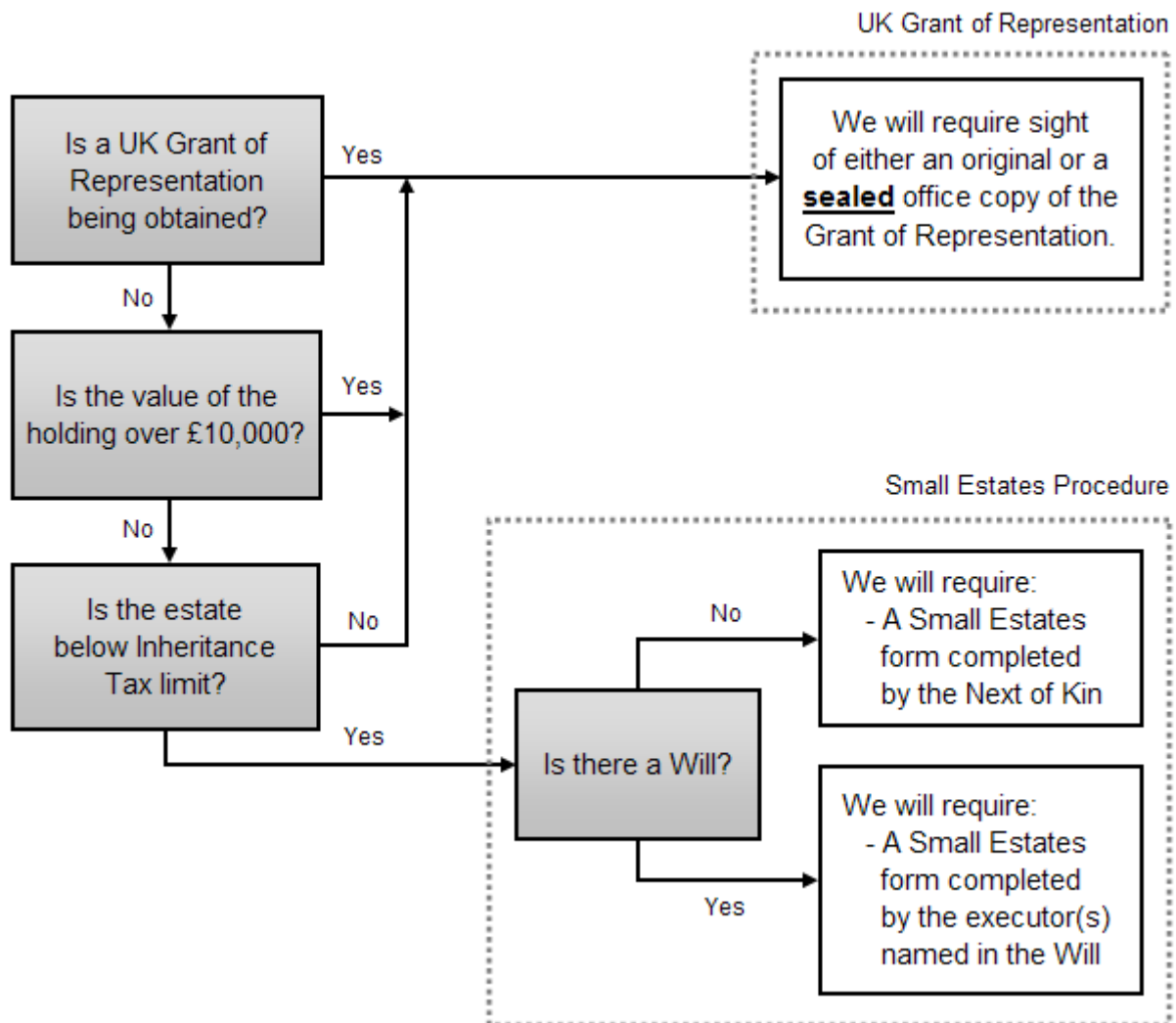

How do I register the death of a shareholder?

The information contained in these notes will help you understand the legal and technical terms involved in the process of registering the death of a shareholder.



What is a Grant of Representation?

A Grant of Representation (often called a Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration) is an official legal document which appoints, to a deceased estate, between one and four people who are referred to as either: executor(s) or administrator(s). This document gives those named the authority to act on behalf of the deceased with regard to any shares held.

What is the Small Estate service?

The Small Estate service is a special concession offered to the Next of Kin of the deceased shareholder or executor(s) named in the Will, as an alternative to obtaining Probate. We offer this service providing the above conditions apply (please follow above chart). It cannot be used if a UK Grant of Representation has been issued by the Court.

Who can Dividends be made payable to?

The cheque(s) can only be made payable to either the personal representative(s) of the deceased, the solicitors who are dealing with the estate, or the named executor(s) or administrator(s) as shown on the Grant of Representation. (If there is more than one legal representative and the cheque is to be payable to one only, all named representatives will need to complete a signed authority confirming agreement of the designated payee)

What about holdings in other companies for whom you act as registrar?

Regrettably we are unable to carry out an automated cross reference search for all companies for which we act as registrar. If you are aware of any additional companies in which the deceased holds shares, you will need to inform us, quoting the company name and the shareholder's details.

Grant of Representation

Which Grants of Representation do you accept?

We can accept Grants of Representation from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, **providing they are the original deeds or a sealed copy**.

A Grant of Representation issued by a Commonwealth country/territory or the Republic of South Africa will also be accepted as long as it has been resealed in England by the High Court of Justice. To do this you will need to write to: Probate Department, Principal Registry of the Family Division, First Avenue House, 42-49, High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP.

For all other countries you will need to submit a separate UK Grant of Representation which has been sealed in the High Court of Justice.

This includes the **Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands**.

How can I obtain a Grant of Representation?

You can obtain a UK Grant of Representation from the local Probate or Registry Office, or Sherriff's office in Scotland.

If you are obtaining a Scottish Grant of Representation, please ensure that this covers all of the companies mentioned in our letter. If you are sending us Scottish Certificates of Confirmation for each company, please send these under the cover of just one letter.

How do I transfer or sell the holdings(s)?

Once the death has been registered, the appointed legal representative(s) will be able to deal with the shares as appropriate. Please get in touch with us to find out if these services are available for the holding(s) in question and, where applicable, obtain the required documentation. If the shares are not transferred or sold, they will remain on the register in the name of the deceased shareholder.

Grant of Representation Checklist

- Send us an original or sealed office copy UK Grant of Representation (or a resealed Commonwealth Grant).
- In your letter please state the full name and address of the shareholder and the company in which the shares are held.
- Enclose a completed sale or transfer form or advise us of your intentions so the relevant form(s) can be sent to you.
(An additional charge may apply if the Grant of Representation and sale form are returned together. Please refer to the sale form's terms and conditions for full details).
- Enclose any outstanding dividend cheques that you wish to be reissued, along with a letter of authority if required.

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Who can use the Small Estates service?

The Small Estates Declaration & Indemnity form can be used by the deceased's blood relative, next of kin or the executor(s) named in the Last Will & Testament.

The recognised order of precedence for Next of Kin is as follows:

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| 1. Husband, Wife or Civil Partner | 4. Brother or Sister |
| 2. Son or Daughter | 5. Grandparent or Grandchild |
| 3. Father or Mother | 6. Niece/Nephew/Aunt/Uncle |

What fees are involved?

There are two fees associated with the Small Estates service, an administration and a countersignature fee. As legal representation is not being obtained from the courts, the Small Estate form(s) must be countersigned by our insurance company. The fees depend on the value of the holding(s) and the number of companies in which they are held.

How can I transfer the holdings(s)?

Once we receive a fully completed Small Estates Declaration & Indemnity form, the shares will automatically be transferred into the name(s) of the person(s) detailed on the form. If you wish to transfer the shares to a third party once the death has been registered, please get in touch with us and we will be able to provide you with the relevant transfer documentation.

How can I sell the holdings(s)?

If you wish to sell the holding(s) once the death has been registered, please get in touch us and we will provide you with the relevant sale documentation.

Small Estates Checklist

- Send us the completed Declaration and Indemnity form.
- Include the requested fee and Death Certificate (and Will or Foreign Probate if applicable).
- Enclose any outstanding dividend cheques that you wish to be reissued.