

**INTESTATES ESTATES ACT**

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**INTESTATES ESTATES ACT****Interpretation****1.** In this Act—

“intestate” includes a person who leaves a will but dies intestate as to some beneficial interest in his real or personal estate;

“personal chattels” means carriages, horses, stable furniture and effects (not used for business purposes), motor cars and accessories (not used for business purposes), garden effects, domestic animals, plate, plated articles, linen, china, glass, books, pictures, prints, furniture, jewellery, articles of household or personal use or ornament, musical and scientific instruments and apparatus, wines, liquors and consumable stores, but do not include any chattels used at the death of the intestate for business purposes nor money or securities for money;

“residuary estate” means every beneficial interest (including rights of entry and reverter) of the intestate in real and personal estate, after payment of all such funeral and administration expenses, debts and other liabilities as are properly payable thereout, which (otherwise than in right of a power of appointment) he could, if of full age and capacity, have disposed of by his will.

**Abolition of descent to heir, curtesy, dower and escheat**

**2.** (1) With regard to the real estate and personal inheritance of every person dying after 11th December, 1945 there shall be abolished—

- (a) all existing modes, rules and canons of descent, and of devolution by special occupancy or otherwise, of real estate, or of a personal inheritance, whether operating by the general law or otherwise howsoever;