



# EXECUTOR SERVICES



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# CONTROL THE IMPACT ON YOUR FAMILY

Appointing Equity Trustees as Executor can remove a burden from your family and friends during their time of grief.

## WHAT IS AN EXECUTOR?

An Executor is appointed by you in your Will. They manage your estate, after your death, and distribute it according to your wishes.

## DUTIES OF AN EXECUTOR?

The Executor may need to apply to the Supreme Court in the state or territory of the testator's (the person who created the Will) usual residence for a "grant of probate". This is recognition that the Will is legally valid and gives the Executor the proper authority to deal with the estate.

Other duties of the Executor may include:

- Organising the funeral
- Assuming custody of your estate
- Paying debts
- Submitting date of death and estate tax returns
- Resolving disputes
- Selling properties
- Distributing the estate in accordance with the Will
- Preserving assets and managing investments until beneficiaries are of age.



## WHO SHOULD BE YOUR EXECUTOR?

Often a friend or relative is appointed as Executor without understanding the responsibilities that come with the role. The process can be complex, lengthy and emotionally draining.

Another option is to appoint a trustee company, such as Equity Trustees, to undertake the role of Executor or co-Executor.

A trustee company can expertly, and impartially, co-ordinate all the legal, administrative, investment and tax requirements to ensure your estate is distributed efficiently.

## APPOINTING EQUITY TRUSTEES

Equity Trustees can be appointed as Executor or co-Executor of your estate through your Will. We may also be appointed by an Executor who does not wish to take up the appointment or by the next of kin if there is no valid Will.

Our Executor Services include:

- Estate administration and trusts
- Asset management
- Property management
- Estate taxation.

# WHO IS EQUITY TRUSTEES?

Equity Trustees was established in 1888 for the purpose of providing independent and impartial trustee and executor services to help families throughout Australia protect their wealth. As one of Australia's largest and oldest listed independent trustees, we offer a diverse range of services to individuals, families and corporate clients including asset management, financial advice, estate planning and philanthropic services.

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