

Suggested wording as to Entitlement in the more common intestacy cases

For cases where the deceased died on or after 1 January 1956 wholly intestate and domiciled in Northern Ireland

Entitlement paragraph	If the Applicant is	Clear off higher priority classes and state relationship and entitlement	
		Clear off persons with priority (note 1)	State relationship to the Intestate and entitlement (note 3)
Rule 20 (1) (i)	Spouse / Civil Partner (note 2)		that I am the lawful spouse / registered civil partner of the said Intestate and the only person (one of the persons) entitled to share in the estate of the said Intestate.
Rule 20 (1) (ii)	Son / Daughter	without spouse / civil partner him/her surviving	that I am the lawful son/daughter and next of kin of the said Intestate and one of the persons (the only person) entitled to share in the estate of the said Intestate.
Rule 20 (1) (ii)	Son / Daughter	without spouse / civil partner him/her surviving, a divorced man/woman by Decree made Absolute on <i>date</i>	that I am the lawful son/daughter and next of kin of the said Intestate and one of the persons (the only person) entitled to share in the estate of the said Intestate.
Rule 20 (1) (ii)	Grandson / Granddaughter	without spouse / civil partner or issue him/her surviving	that I am a lawful grandson/granddaughter and next of kin being the lawful son/daughter of C D a lawful son/daughter of the said Intestate who died in the lifetime of the said Intestate and one of the persons (the only person) entitled to share in the estate of the said Intestate.
Rule 20 (1) (iii)	Father / Mother	without spouse / civil partner or issue him/her surviving	that I am the lawful father/mother and next of kin of the said Intestate and one of the persons (the only person) entitled to share in the estate of the said Intestate.
Rule 20 (1) (iv)	Brother / Sister	without spouse / civil partner or issue or parents him/her surviving	that I am a lawful brother/sister and next of kin of the said Intestate and one of the persons (the only person) entitled to share in the estate of the said Intestate.
Rule 20 (1) (iv)	Nephew / Niece	without spouse / civil partner or issue or parents or brothers or sisters him/her surviving	that I am a lawful nephew/niece and next of kin being the lawful son/daughter of C D a lawful brother/sister of the said Intestate who died in the lifetime of the said Intestate and one of the persons (the only person) entitled to share in the estate of the said Intestate.

Note 1 – inclusion of ‘civil partner’ is not required for deaths prior to 5 December 2005.

Note 2 – for deaths on or after 20 February 1997, a period of 28 days from date of death must elapse before the surviving Spouse / Civil Partner becomes entitled.

Note 3 – alternative wording shown in brackets to be used when appropriate.