

# ESTATE DISTRIBUTION ACT 1997

This act is applicable to Non Muslims in Peninsula Malaysia and the state of Sarawak.  
It **Does not apply** to Muslims and natives of Sarawak.

NO	SITUATION	DISTRIBUTION ACT (AMENDMENT) 1997
<b>WHEN A MAN  DIES INTESTATE :</b>		
1	Leaving wife {no parents /issue} 	 Whole estate to spouse
2	Leaving wife + issue {no parent(s)} 	 Spouse : 1/3 share      Issue : 2/3 in equal shares
3	Leaving wife, issue + parents 	 Spouse : 1/4 share      Issue : 1/2 in equal shares      Parents : 1/4 share
4	Leaving wife + parents {no issue} 	 Spouse : 1/2 share      Parents : 1/2 share
5	Leaving issue {no spouse / parent(s)} 	 Whole estate to issue
<b>WHEN A WOMAN  DIES INTESTATE :</b>		
6	Leaving husband {no parents /issue} 	 Whole estate to spouse
7	Leaving husband + issue {no parent(s)} 	 Spouse : 1/3 share      Issue : 2/3 in equal shares
8	Leaving husband, issue + parents 	 Spouse : 1/4 share      Issue : 1/2 in equal shares      Parents : 1/4 share
9	Leaving husband + parents {no issue} 	 Spouse : 1/2 share      Parents : 1/2 share
10	Leaving issue {no spouse / parent(s)} 	 Whole estate to issue
<b>WHEN BACHELOR / SPINSTER DIES INTESTATE :</b>		
11	Bachelor/Spinster {no parent(s)} 	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  1st- brothers, sisters in equal shares                 </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  2nd- grandparents in equal shares                 </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  3rd- uncles, aunts in equal shares                 </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  4th- great grandparents in equal shares                 </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  5th- great uncles,aunts in equal shares                 </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  6th- government "Bonia Vacatia"                 </div> </div>

\* Issue includes children and the decendants of deceased children