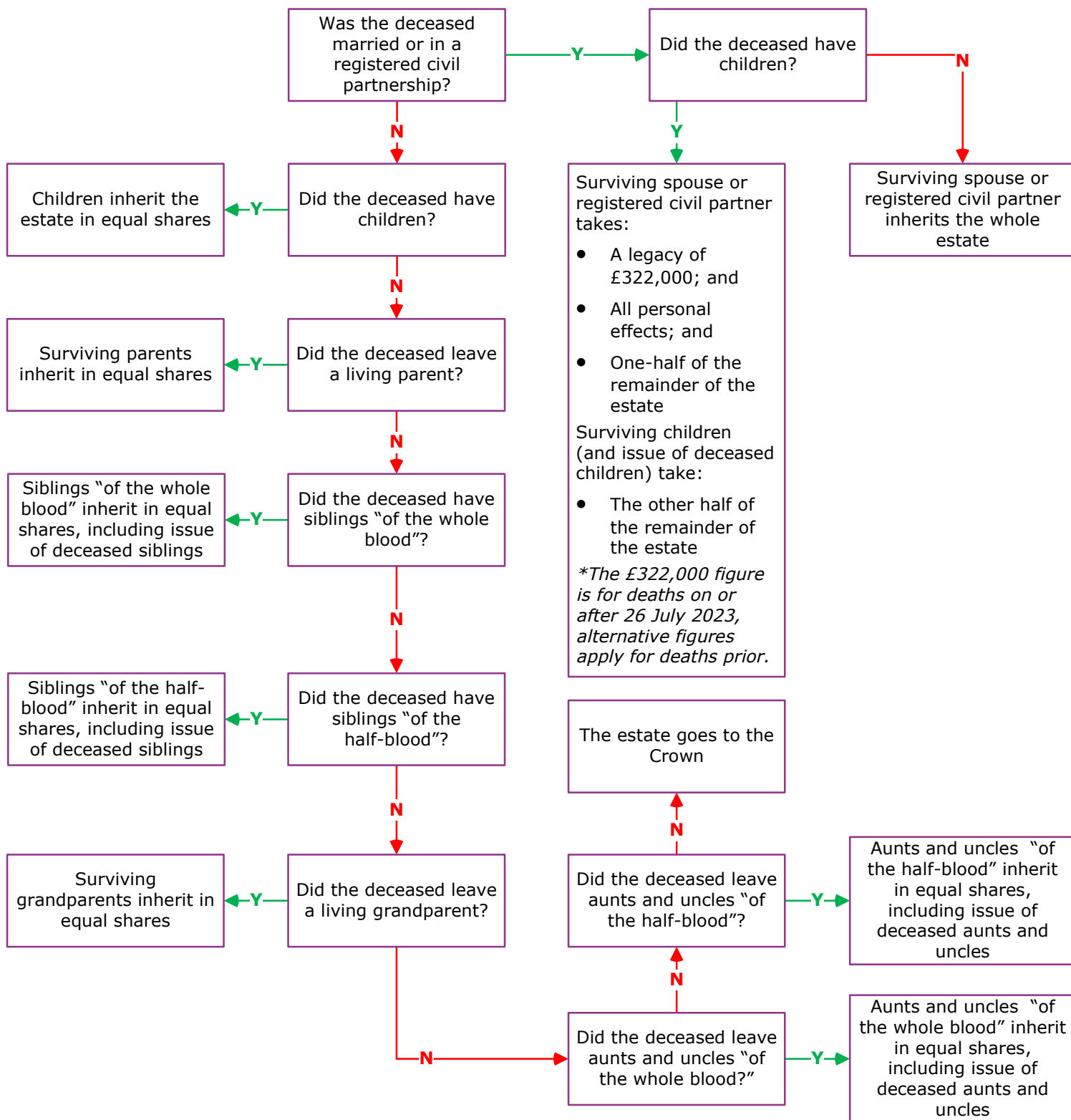


Summary of Intestacy Rules

For deaths on or after 1 October 2014



- The intestacy rules apply to assets that are held in a deceased person's sole name at the date of their death (or joint assets specifically owned as tenants in common).
- Jointly owned property (including joint bank accounts etc) will often pass by survivorship to the surviving joint owner and not under the intestacy rules.
- Issue' means children, grandchildren and so on. It includes illegitimate and adopted children, but not step-children. A child of a beneficiary will only ever take a share of the estate if their parent died before the deceased; a living parent will always inherit before their own issue.
- A child inherits at the age of 18. There is no mechanism by which their inheritance can be held for them until they reach an older age. You can only stipulate an older age to inherit under the terms of a valid will.

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