

Aspects of inheritance law

Overview

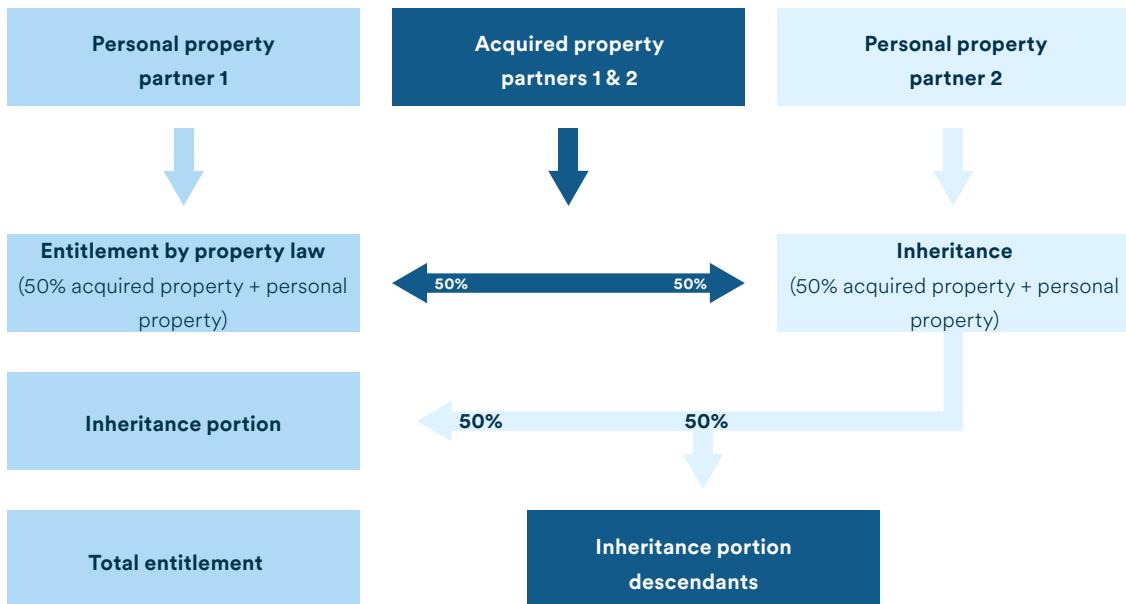
Matrimonial regime of acquired property

If you and your partner decide against a marriage contract, you will be subject to the matrimonial regime of acquired property, the statutory property regime. It governs your assets during and above all after marriage. Within the regime of acquired property, a distinction is made between four types of assets, as shown below:

Personal property wife	Acquired property wife/husband	Personal property husband
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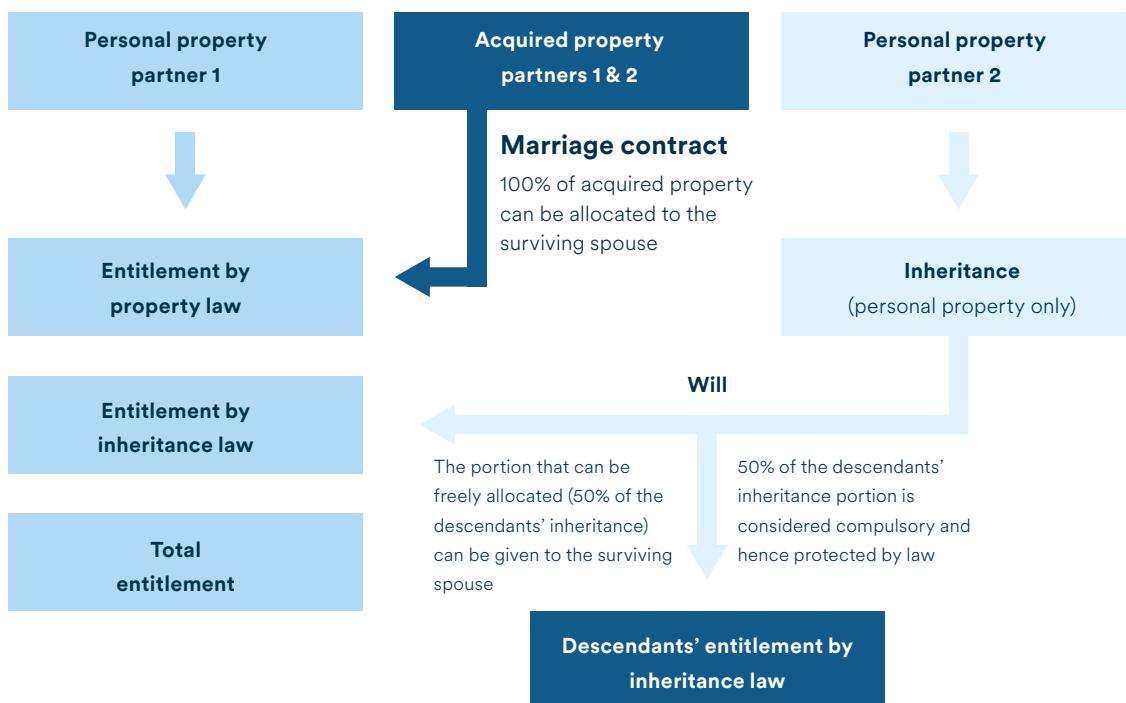
Statutory regulations in the event of a spouse's death

If a spouse passes away and there are no children, the surviving spouse automatically inherits all the assets, unless there is a will. If there are descendants, the assets are distributed as follows:



Inheritance contract and will: Options for maximum entitlement

A marriage contract or will provides the opportunity to distribute your assets differently, however. It allows you to allocate 100% of the acquired property to your spouse, giving your children 50% of your personal property (inheritance).



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Thomas Kaufmann suggests:



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“Even if people dislike dealing with topics such as potential personal strokes of fate or death, it is essential to do so, particularly for your loved ones. Therefore, take your time to think about how to regulate your inheritance and what makes sense given your circumstances. Include your spouse and, potentially, your children in your deliberations.”

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