

Who should I notify when someone dies?

If you are able to locate any legal paperwork belonging to the deceased eg: will, birth certificates, insurance papers etc it will enable you to prepare making contact with relevant people and organisations. Normally you would need to wait until the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages have issued the Certified Death Certificate, however it is prudent to provide advice of the death as soon as possible. See the below list for a useful guide:

- Centrelink, Department of Human Services
- Doctors/dentists
- Banks/building societies or electoral office
- Financial institutions and loan companies
- Australian Tax Office
- Employer/former employer or clubs, organisations /associations
- Church or religious organisations
- Utility companies (if relevant)
- Health benefits fund
- Accountant
- Superannuation company
- Landlord/housing trust
- Solicitor, Public Trustee