

LIFE FILE

A collection of documents and instructions that contains all your important and updated information, and documentation that might be needed in the event of an accident, emergency or death.



Dear Family Member/s

Whilst death is not something we like to discuss whilst we're still alive, it's inevitable. We're all living on borrowed time.

One way that I can help make this entire process easier for you whilst alive is to share information on the detail of my legal and personal documents, passwords, assets etc...via a single access point, so as to take away the burden of searching through my belongings when I pass, sparing you time and heartache during a dark period of your life/ lives. This reduces the time and effort spent by executors winding up the estate, which in turn translates into a swifter process and potentially reduced executor fees. I want for you to continue living living life with purpose, not being held back by unnecessary administrative issues.

My advisor at Resolute Wealth Management has assisted me in putting this Life File together, so please feel free to contact them should you need some guidance. They have the knowledge, the skills and the expertise required to ensure my legacy is optimised, allowing you to continue with life feeling a little lighter.

ESTATE PLANNING TIPS

Personal belongings

Most family disputes happen over personal possessions, many of which have very little monetary value but have sentimental value. To avoid family members disagreeing over your personal belongings, you can include a list of your personal belongings in your Letter of Wishes, which sets out who you would like to leave certain items to.

Simultaneous death

Ensure that your Will makes provision in the event that you and your spouse die simultaneously.

Digital Will

After your passing, your loved ones will need to access your online accounts, subscriptions and social media sites. Our advice is to prepare a Digital Will which includes all your online and social media passwords, as well as passwords to the safe, alarm system and security systems.

Copies of documents

It is always wise to keep a copy of all your important documents in a separate location in case the originals are stolen, lost or destroyed. Make copies of your ID documents, marriage and birth certificates, FICA documents, passports, etc, and ask a family member to safe-keep them for you.

Life policies

If you intend leaving the proceeds of a life policy to a beneficiary, be sure to specify their name (or names) on the policy. If you nominate your 'estate' as the beneficiary, it can delay the payout of the insurance policy until the estate is wound up. Proceeds paid to your estate will incur executor's fees and possibly estate duty (depending on the size of your estate).

Foreign assets

If you have overseas assets, you may need to have a separate Will drafted for these. This will depend on the nature and place of these foreign assets, and your financial planner will be able to advise you accordingly.

Organ donation

If you are an organ donor, it is best to let your loved ones know about this in advance rather than mentioning it in your Will. A Will can sometimes take up to one week to be read, making it too late to fulfil your organ donation wishes.

Pets

If you are single, be sure to make arrangements for your pets to be cared for after you are gone. Spousal income: If your spouse depends on your income, bear in mind that your bank accounts will be frozen in the event of your death. Be sure to make provision for your spouse's income needs for at least one year after your passing. It is advisable for your spouse to have at least one bank account in his/her name.

Storing your Will

Think twice about storing your original Will in the bank. On your death, your bank accounts will be frozen by the bank and they may refuse to release the Will without the executor's permission, creating unnecessary delays in winding up your estates.

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Witnessing your Will

The witnesses to your Will should not be beneficiaries to your Will, otherwise your Will may be deemed invalid. Ensure the people you choose to witness your Will, are not named as beneficiaries anywhere in the document.

Living Will

You may wish to prepare a Living Will which can stipulate your wishes, in the event that you are in a coma, or require life support. Although not a legal document, it is a useful guide to your medical practitioners and family as to how you wish to be treated if in a critical condition.

Funeral arrangements

Put in writing your specific wishes for your funeral or burial. This can include whether you wish to be buried or cremated, where you would like your ashes spread, how you would like the ceremony to proceed, what hymns you would like sung, flower arrangements, eulogies and any other important information.

Ethical Will

Consider writing an Ethical Will to your loved ones, which could include the values and morals you wish to pass onto your children and grandchildren. It can also include a family history, family tree and details about previous generations that you would like future generations to know about.

Overseas beneficiaries

If you have beneficiaries in your will who reside overseas, we recommend that you keep certified copies of their identity documents at hand. In the event of your death, waiting for copies of their identification from abroad can delay the winding up of your estate unnecessarily.

Mental incapacity

It is important to make plans for the possibility that you may suddenly become mentally incapacitated. A general power of attorney is not valid in instances where the principal has no mental capacity and would therefore be of no use. Ensure that adequate preparations are made by discussing curatorship and administration options with your financial adviser.

Retirement funds

It is important to remember that, although you may have nominated beneficiaries on your retirement fund, it is the trustees of your fund who are responsible for determining who your dependants are and who will receive the benefits. This can be a time-consuming process, especially in circumstances of blended families and where there are minor children from more than one relationship.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Full name and Surname	
Date of Birth	
Gender as per passport / ID	
ID No. (attach certified copy of original ID card, front and back / book)	Doc Attached
Passport No. (attach certified copy of passport)	Doc Attached
Original birth certificate (attach certified copy)	Doc Affached
Drivers Licence No. (attach certified copy of drivers licence front and back)	Doc Affached
Occupation	
Marital Status	Doc Affached
Mobile No.	
Email address	
Partner Spouse Contact Details	
Firearm Licence No. (attach certified copy)	Doc Attached
Last Will and Testament, latest version, signed, dated, and witnessed, and any special requests outside of the will and testament	
Organ donor certificate, living will, do not resuscitate order	

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
	Company
Accountant	Tel No.
	email
	Company
Private Banker	Tel No.
	email
	Company
Attorney	Tel No.
	email
	Dr. Name
GP	Tel No.
	email
	Dr. Name
Specialist	Tel No.
	email
Financial adviser details	Company
	Financial advisor
	Tel No.
	email

FUNEDAL DETAILS	
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	Insurer Doc Affached
Funeral policy and details of the	Policy No.
underwriter	Tel No.
	Email
Memorial service Cremation details	Doc Attached
Funeral parlour details	Doc Attached
Special request e.g. spreading of ashes	Doc Attached
Power of attorney – download from the internet or have an attorney draw it up	Doc Affoched
Separate power of attorney for your bank using their forms	Doc Affached
Proof of marriage spouse life partner	Doc Alfached
Marriage certificate if registered at Home Affairs	O Doc Attached
Affidavit signed by a commissioner of oath if a customary union, marriage under the tenets of any other religion or a permanent life partner	Doc Attached
Marriage Antenuptial Contract	Doc Attached
Divorce, Court Order and Agreement	Doc Attached
Details of pre-deceased spouse, full names and date of death	Doc Attached

INCOME TAX	
Tax Number	
Last Assessment	
VAT Registration Certificate (if registered)	Doc Attached

MEDICAL INSURANCE	
	Insurer
	Policy No.
	Tel No.
	Email
Medical Aid Medical Insurance	Dependent
	Dependent
	Dependent
	Dependent
Copy of Policy Documents	Doc Attached
	Insurer
GAP Cover	Policy No.
	Tel No.
	Email
Copy of Policy Documents	Doc Attached

PENSION FUND PROVIDENT FUND RETIREMENT ANNUITY	
Pension Fund	Administrator Insurer
	Policy No.
	Tel No.
	Email
	Administrator Insurer
Provident Fund	Policy No.
	Tel No.
	Email
Retirement Annuity	Administrator Insurer
	Policy No.
	Tel No.
	Email
Additional benefits such as health premium waiver, that may continue to pay out for a period after the death of the member	
Copies of annuity policies	Doc Attached
Beneficiary nomination form for pension provident retirement annuity fund, group insurance cover and life insurance	Doc Attached

SHORT TERM INSURANCE POLICY ON PROPERTY AND MOTOR VEHICLE/S Company Financial advisor Financial adviser details Tel No. email Company Policy No. Insurer Tel No. email Doc Attached Original Registration certificates Make Model Vehicle VIN No. Registration No. Make Model Vehicle VIN No. Registration No. Make Model Vehicle VIN No. Registration No.

INVESTMENTS		
	Stock Broker	
	Tel No.	
Share portfolio (Listed)	Email	
	Investment No.	Doc Affached
	Company	
	Tel No.	
Unit trusts	Email	
	Investment No.	Doc Attached
	Service Provider	
	Policy No.	Doc Attached
Life policies	Service Provider	
	Policy No.	
	Service Provider	
	Tel No.	
Education policies	Email	
	Policy No.	Doc Affached
	Company	
Any other investments Policies	Tel No.	
	Email	
	Investment No.	Doc Attached

ASSETS	
Deeds and shareholdings	Doc Attached
Title and or sectional title - immovable property	Doc Attached
Partnership agreements	Doc Attached
Detail of private companies	O Doc Attached
	Doc Attached
Trust deeds / letters of authority	Doc Attached
Letting contracts	Doc Attached
	Doc Attached

TRUSTS	
	Doc Attached
Any other documents / information relating to assets liabilities	

BANK ACCOUNT OVER	SEAS
Bank	
Account name	
Cheque account No.	
Savings account No.	
Money Market account No.	
Credit card account No.	
Internet Banking	Username
	Password
	Pin
Debit order details (List debit orders)	

BANK ACCOUNT LOCAL		
Bank		
Account name		
Cheque account No.		
Savings account No.		
Money market account No.		
Credit card account No.		
	Username	
Internet Banking	Password	
	Pin	
Debit order details		
(List debit orders)		
Bank		
Account name		
Cheque account No.		
Savings account No.		
Money market account No.		
Credit card account No.		
	Username	
Internet Banking	Password	
	Pin	
Debit order details		
(List debit orders)		

LOANS CONTRACTS		
If under debt review / counselling, relevant contact details	Company	Doc Attached
	Tel No.	
	Email	
	Ref No.	
Employment contract / qualification certificates		Doc Attached
Personal loans, statements and agreements	Policy No.	Doc Attached
	Policy No.	Doc Attached
Other informal loans e.g from friends or family		Doc Attached
Hire purchase lease agreements Statements and Agreements		Doc Attached
Rental Income full details		Doc Attached
		Doc Attached
Cell phone contract	Handset Pin	Doc Attached
Cell phone contract	Handset Pin	Doc Attached
Cell phone contract	Handset Pin	Doc Attached
Municipal Account	Account Number	Doc Attached

ACCOUNTS PAS	SSWORDS PINS	
Retail account	Company	Doc Attached
	Account Number	
	Username	
	Password	
	Company	Doc Attached
Retail account	Account Number	
Refail account	Username	
	Password	
	Company	Doc Attached
Retail account	Account Number	
Kerali account	Username	
	Password	
	Company	Doc Affached
Homo Wifi	Account Number	
Home Wifi	Username	
	Password	
_	Username	
Computer	Password	
	Username	
Laptop	Password	
Tablet	Pin	

ACCOUNTS LOGIN DETAILS		
Email	Username	
	Password	
Email	Username	
	Password	
Email	Username	
	Password	
	Service provider	Doc Attached
	Tel No.	
Home alarm	Email	
	Pin	
	Acc No.	Doc Attached
Municipal Consumer	Username	
	Password	
Medical Aid	Policy No.	Doc Attached
	Username	
	Password	
	Dependants	
SARS	Username	Doc Attached
	Password	

ACCOUNTS LOGIN DETAILS		
	Username	Doc Attached
Home Owners Association portal	Password	
	Country club	Doc Attached
Country club portal	Account No.	
	Username	
	Password	
	Club	Doc Attached
	Membership No.	
Sports club portal	Username	
	Password	
	Institution	Doc Attached
	Account No.	
Educational portal	Username	
	Password	
	Institution	Doc Attached
	Account No.	
Educational portal	Username	
	Password	
	Company	Doc Attached
TV Licence	Account No.	

ENTERTAINMENT SUBSCRIPTION STREAMING		
	Service Provider	
	Account No.	
	Service Provider	
	Account No.	
	Service Provider	
	Account No.	
	Service Provider	
Entertainment subscription streaming services	Account No.	
DTSV Showmax Netflix	Service Provider	
Disney Amazon Prime Spotify	Account No.	
Zoom Skype Adobe	Service Provider	
Other	Account No.	
	Account No.	
	Service Provider	
	Account No.	
	Account No.	
	Service Provider	
	Account No.	

BENEFICIARY DETAILS	
BENEFICIARY NAME	
ID No.	
Copy of ID card / book	O Doc Attached
Birth Certificate if minor	O Doc Attached
Tel No.	
Email	
Address	
Bank details	
BENEFICIARY DETAILS	
Beneficiary Name	
ID No.	
Copy of ID card / book	O Doc Attached
Birth Certificate if minor	O Doc Attached
Tel No.	
Email	
Address	
Bank details	
BENEFICIARY DETAILS	
Beneficiary Name	
ID No.	
Copy of ID card / book	Doc Attached
Copy of Birth Certificate if minor	O Doc Attached
Tel No.	
Email	
Address	
Bank details	

SOCIAL MEDIA		
Facebook	Mobile No.	
	Username	
	Password	
	Legacy Contact - Under profile settings	
	Instruction of what must happen to Facebook	
	Username	
Twitter	Password	
LinkedIn	Username	
LITREGIT	Password	
Instagram -	Username	
	Password	
Pinterest	Username	
	Password	
YouTube	Username	
	Password	

EMPLOYEE DETAILS / SERVICE PROVIDERS Full name and surname **Domestic Worker** Tel No. Full name and surname Housekeeper Tel No. Full name and surname Gardener Tel No. Full name and surname Aupair Tel No. Full name and surname Other Tel No. Company Other Tel No. Company Other Tel No. Company Other Tel No.

LIST VALUABLES	
Item	Description
Jewellery	Doc Attached

LETTER OF WISHES Doc Affiched

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