

# Trusts

## J02: 2023–24 edition

### Web update 1: 30 August 2023

Please note the following updates to your copy of the **J02** study text (amendments in **bold**):

Due to **The Administration of Estates Act 1925 (Fixed Net Sum) Order 2023**, please note the following changes.

- 1) Spouse or civil partner takes personal chattels (e.g. car, furniture, pictures, clothing, jewellery etc.), a statutory legacy of **£322,000 and half of the residue absolutely (this increased from 26 July 2023)**.

**This change affects the following section:**

- Chapter 5, Section B1, page 5/5.

- 2) Steven died in **August 2023** in an accident intestate, leaving an estate of £600,000, a wife (Jenny) and two young children, Thomas and Sofia.

Jenny received Steven's personal chattels plus assets to the value **of £322,000**.

**This change affects the following section:**

- Chapter 5, Section B1, Example 5.3, page 5/6.

- 3) Often, the distribution of the deceased's estate when they have not left a will can be inefficient for tax purposes, e.g. the loss of spouse exemption in cases where only **£322,000** (England and Wales) is transferred to a surviving spouse or civil partner (although the percentage 'lost' can now be used on the subsequent death of the surviving spouse or civil partner).

**This change affects the following section:**

- Chapter 5, Section B4, page 5/8.