



Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955

1955 CHAPTER 24

PART II ^{F1}

DISTRIBUTION ON INTESTACY

12 Ascertainment of next-of-kin.

- (1) Subject to the rights of representation mentioned in sub-section (2) of the last preceding section, the person or persons who at the date of the death of the intestate stand nearest in blood relationship to him shall be taken to be his next-of-kin.
- (2) Degrees of blood relationship of a direct lineal ancestor shall be computed by counting upwards from the intestate to that ancestor and degrees of blood relationship of any other relative shall be ascertained by counting upwards from the intestate to the nearest ancestor common to the intestate and that relative, and then downward from that ancestor to the relative, but, where a direct lineal ancestor and any other relative are so ascertained to be within the same degree of blood relationship to the intestate, the other relative shall be preferred to the exclusion of the direct lineal ancestor.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955, Section 12.