

Why Avoid Probate?

Canadian retirees planning to transfer their wealth to the next generation may be concerned about fees and expenses on their estate. Market volatility, court delays and transfer taxes can erode family wealth.



How much could wealth transfer cost in Ontario?

Here's through Probate		Here's through a BMO Segregated Fund	
Total Wealth on Death:	\$500,000	Total Wealth on Death:	\$500,000
Probate Fees ¹	-\$6,750	No Additional Fees involved ¹	
Legal/Accounting ¹	-\$13,000		
Executor ¹	-\$20,000		
Total Wealth Distributed:	\$460,250	Total Wealth Distributed:	\$500,000
<p>Wealth Cost and Delays Smaller Estate</p>		<p>Wealth Estate</p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private and quick transfer of wealth • Guaranteed Death and Maturity Values • Low Fee BMO ETF based investment options • Ability to lock in market gains • Creditor Protection² 	

Understanding the Probate Process

Lack of Privacy:

- probate is a public process
- public disclosure could increase the risk of a court challenge from family or creditors

Costs:

- executors, lawyers and accountants
- probate taxes and unintended beneficiaries

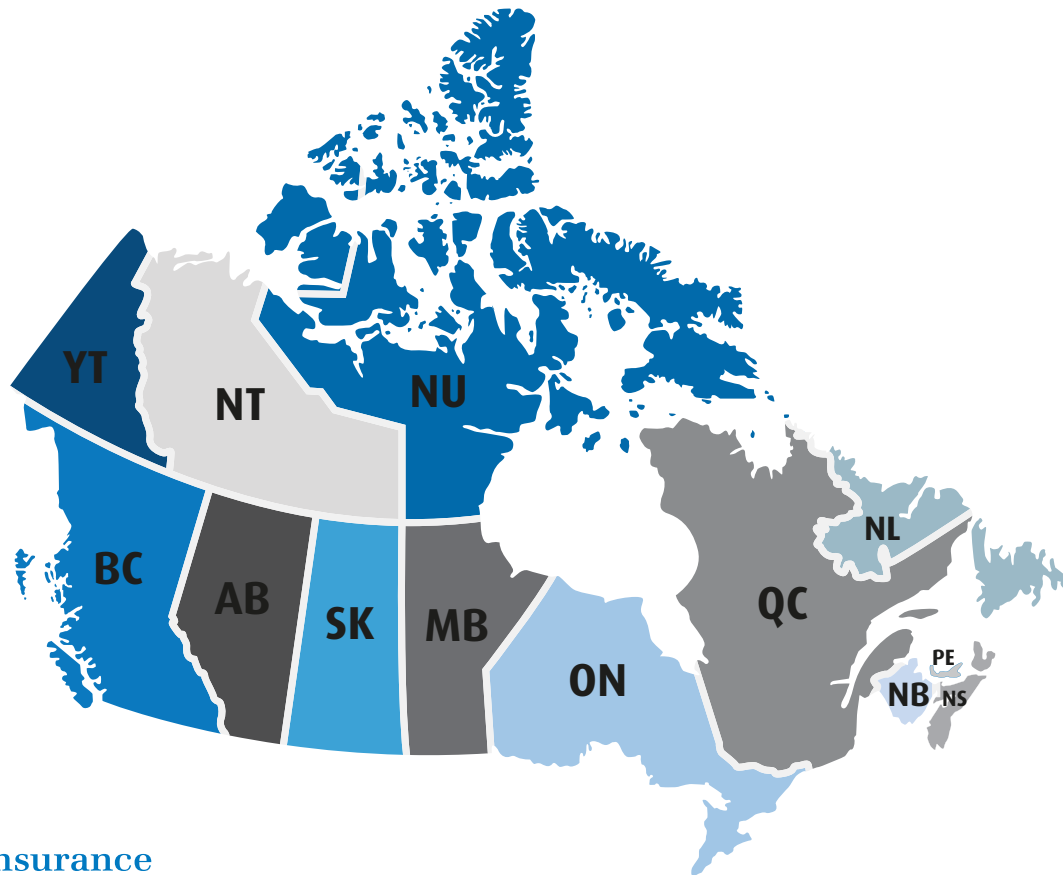
Delayed Payouts:

- uncertainty of timing and magnitude of payout
- beneficiaries inherit administrative responsibilities with lower payouts later



After probate wealth distributed in Ontario will result in a savings of \$39,750 on a \$500,000 estate. Total wealth distributed by province as follows¹

Province	Amount	Province	Amount
British Columbia	\$460,350	Nova Scotia	\$459,200
Alberta	\$466,450	Prince Edward Island	\$465,000
Saskatchewan	\$463,500	Newfoundland and Labrador	\$463,950
Manitoba	\$467,000	Yukon	\$466,850
Ontario	\$460,250	Northwest Territories	\$466,550
Quebec	\$466,750	Nunavut	\$466,600
New Brunswick	\$464,500		



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¹ As of July 31, 2022: Legal/Accounting \$13,000 and Executor \$20,000, which will vary based on the unique circumstances of each estate. Probate costs vary by province, and may not apply in Quebec and Manitoba. Probate amounts are based on several assumptions, including that the provided estate value would be wholly subject to probate, and that estate verifications/certificates were requested after January 1, 2022. Note that there may be additional related amounts (e.g. other court/filing fees) that are not captured in the stated probate fee amounts.

² Creditor Protection rules depend on legislation and vary by province. It cannot be guaranteed. Please consult a legal advisor for your specific situation.

³ Source: BMO Private Wealth Insights: Passing it on? November 2, 2020.

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