

# **Guideline For Obtaining A Letter of Administration In Nigeria**

A Letter of Administration – LOA is the legal authority granted to a person (usually next of kin) to administer the estate(s) or property of a person who died without a will (intestate death). With a letter of administration, an administrator derives his or her authority to act from the terms of the letter of administration.

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Without a letter of administration, a next of kin or associate of a deceased person does not have the legal authority to act as the custodian of his or her property.