

# 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 Quebec?

Here's through Probate		Here's through a BMO Segregated Fund	
<b>Total Wealth on Death:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>Total Wealth on Death:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
Probate Fees <sup>1</sup>	N/A	No Additional Fees involved <sup>1</sup>	
Legal/Accounting <sup>1</sup>	-\$13,250		
Executor <sup>1</sup>	-\$20,000		
<b>Total Wealth Distributed:</b>	<b>\$466,750</b>	<b>Total Wealth Distributed:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Wealth</b>	<b>Cost and Delays</b>	<b>Smaller Estate</b>	<b>Wealth</b>
			<b>Estate</b>
<p>\$1.1 Trillion in wealth transfer to take place over the next few decades in Canada.<sup>3</sup></p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private and quick transfer of wealth</li> <li>• Guaranteed Death and Maturity Values</li> <li>• Low Fee BMO ETF based investment options</li> <li>• Ability to lock in market gains</li> <li>• Creditor Protection<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>

### 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

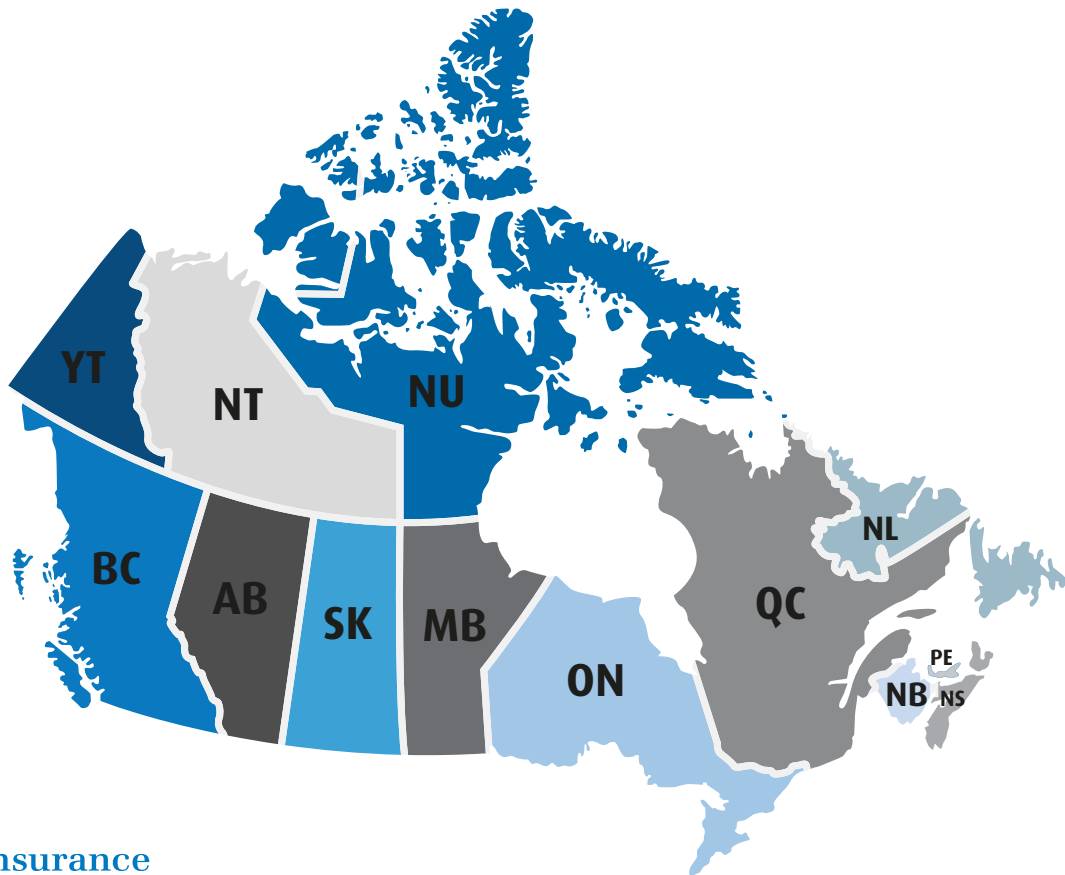
#### Delayed Payouts:

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



After probate wealth distributed in Quebec will result in a savings of \$33,250 on a \$500,000 estate. Total wealth distributed by province as follows<sup>1</sup>

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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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

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