



Succession Trusts

Lockdown Vs Non-Lockdown

Tailor your estate plan with a Succession Trust
to fit your family's needs

At Macquarie Group Services, we're here to help you tailor your estate plan with a Succession Trust that fits your family's needs. Whether you choose a Lockdown or Non-Lockdown Succession Trust, you can protect your wealth and ensure it passes to your loved ones as intended. Learn the differences and decide what's best for you.

How Succession Trusts Work

A Succession Trust is a legal arrangement you create during your lifetime to hold assets like cash, property, or investments for your spouse, children, or grandchildren. The trust manages these assets according to your rules, outlined in the trust deed. Unlike a will, it operates outside your estate, shielding your wealth from claims and probate delays. The key distinction lies in how control transfers after your passing—Lockdown or Non-Lockdown—offering different levels of flexibility and security.

Lockdown Succession Trusts

How It Works: In a Lockdown Succession Trust, control passes directly to your children after your death or incapacity. The trustee then follows your preset rules without further adjustments, locking in your original plan.

Key Features:

- Fixed distribution rules for income and capital.
- No changes allowed after your passing, ensuring your intent is preserved.
- Ideal for families where you want to avoid future disputes or influence from a new spouse.

Benefits: Offers maximum protection against legal challenges or family disagreements, keeping your wealth secure as planned.

Non-Lockdown Succession Trusts

How It Works: In a Non-Lockdown Succession Trust, control first passes to your spouse after your death or incapacity, who is able to make changes to the trust; including

rebalance distributions or appoint new beneficiaries. The trustee adapts to changing needs under this flexible framework.

Key Features:

- Allows modifications by your spouse after you pass away.
- Supports evolving family dynamics, like remarriage or new grandchildren.
- Balances control with adaptability for long-term planning.

Benefits: Provides flexibility to meet your family’s ever-changing needs while still protecting the eventual transfer to your children or grandchildren.

Key Differences

	Lockdown Succession Trust	Non-Lockdown Succession Trust
Control Transfer	Directly to your children after you pass away	To your surviving spouse after you pass away
Flexibility	Fixed, no changes can be made to the trust after you pass away	Flexible, your surviving spouse can make changes to the trust
Best For	Dispute avoidance	Families with evolving needs
Protection Of Your Wishes	High, with a locked-in plan	Moderate, adaptable but still secure

Which Is Right For You?

- **Choose Lockdown If:** You have a clear, unchanging plan for your wealth, want to prevent potential conflict, or aim to protect assets from a potential new spouse. It’s perfect for families seeking certainty.
- **Choose Non-Lockdown If:** You want your spouse to have control to adapt to new circumstances, such as adjusting for new financial needs. It suits families with complex or evolving dynamics.
- **Why Use Either:** Both protect your assets from Family Provision Act claims by keeping them outside your estate and ensure your legacy is managed securely.

Learn more and order yours today!

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