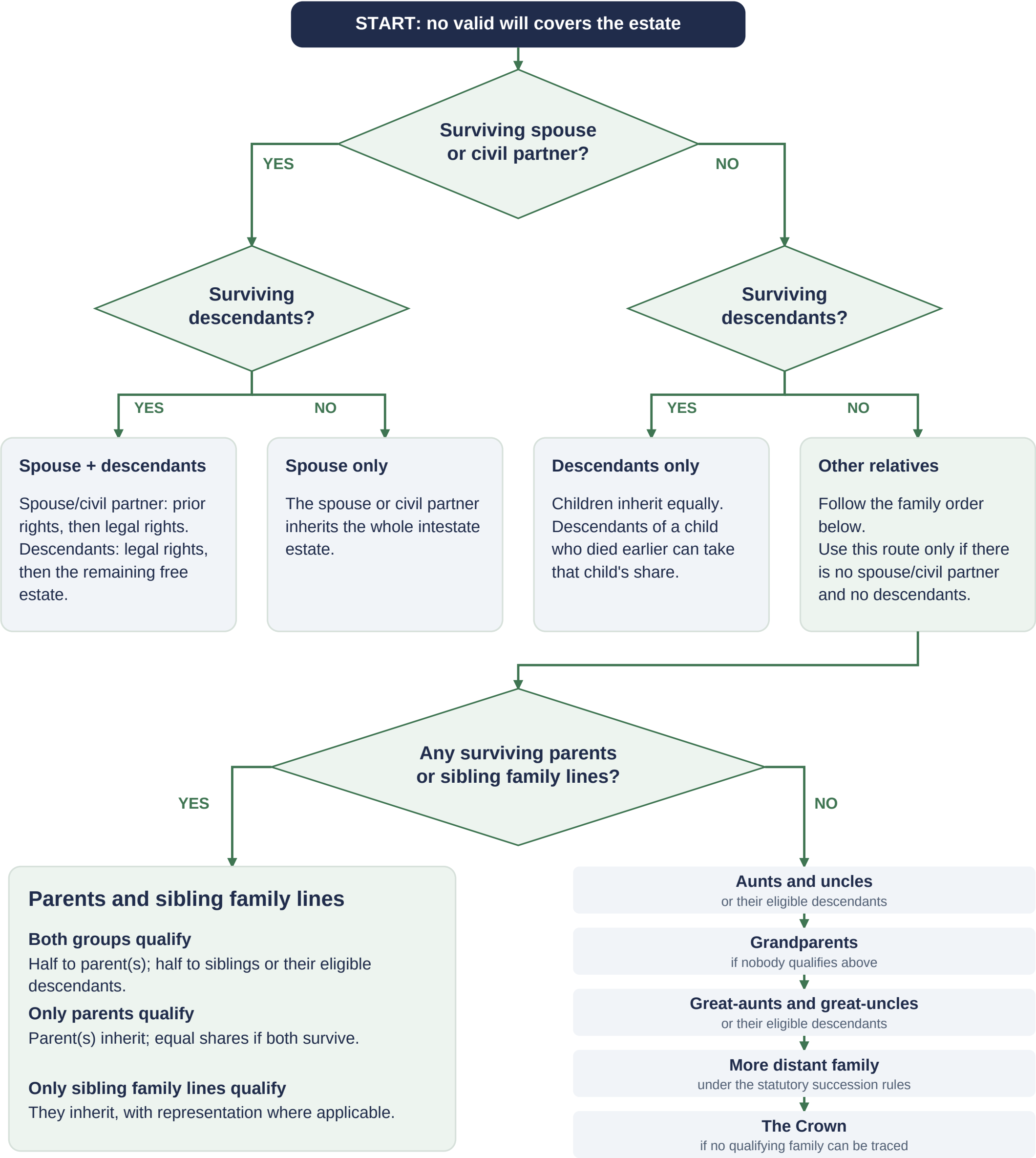


Who inherits without a will?

Follow the arrows. For deaths on or after 1 May 2024.



Move down only when no one qualifies in the group above.

Unmarried partners do not automatically inherit.

A cohabiting partner may be able to apply to court. Strict time limits apply: seek prompt advice from a Scottish solicitor.

Descendants includes children and eligible descendants of a child who died earlier. Adopted children are included; stepchildren do not inherit automatically unless adopted. Half-blood relatives and representation have specific rules.

General overview after debts, expenses and any tax. Assets passing outside the estate, partial intestacy and disputed cases need separate advice. This flowchart is not an estate calculator or individual legal advice.