

Hi all,

The Office of the Accountant General (OAG) within the Ministry of Justice is implementing legislation changes which impact how dormant funds are held by the Court Funds Office. From 01 June 2024, any funds that have been held without any activity for 30 or more years will be surrendered and any right to claim the funds will be extinguished. From this date, any accounts which then reach the 30-year dormancy threshold will then be surrendered. Individuals can continue to claim from 01 June 2024 onwards up until the 30-year cut off of an individual account. The legislation to enable this policy change goes live on 01 February 2024 at which point a 4-month public notice period will commence.

Whilst we do not expect many successful claims to be made due to how long some of the funds have been held, as well as the difficulty in tracing the rightful beneficiary, we are committed to ensuring that any interested parties are made aware of these changes and that they have the opportunity to make a claim should they be entitled.

It has been identified that possible claimants may miss out on being made aware of these changes through limited/lack of internet access and so we have decided to also commission a set of physical media to be displayed in areas where these groups of people may pass through.

We have identified users of your facilities and services to potentially be included in this group and so, after conversation with members of the libraries team, we are sharing this information with you to request your assistance in raising awareness of these changes.

We have produced some resources to be used to target those who may miss out on our online communications, and you can find print ready versions attached. Also included is a link to a form to request a pack containing printed copies of the items to be printed and sent to you directly. Also, to note, these items will come at no cost to you. We would request for this form to be completed by the 29th January in order for us to be able to share the items with you as soon as possible! If you miss this deadline or would like to order additional items at a later date, please contact kane.tetley@justice.gov.uk.

All the information a potential claimant will need is included in the leaflet including directions to the Gov.uk page where they can search for an account they believe they may be eligible to claim and contact details for reaching out to the Court Funds Office for further information or help making a claim should they have limited access to the internet.

Please reach out to kane.tetley@justice.gov.uk for further information on this campaign or to request further printed copies of our poster and leaflet.

Link to form to request printed copies of our resources:

[Request form for printed Posters/Leaflets](#)



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