Checklist - Foundation questions to assist with facilitating a robust estate plan



OVERVIEW

A customer who answers yes to any one of the following questions will likely need a two meeting approach.

THE QUESTIONS

	YES	NO
If a couple, are the wills to be different, i.e. not on mirror terms?		
Are there to be any specific gifts to beneficiaries?		
This does not include personal items or items of sentimental value which can be added to the Memorandum of Directions.		
Are there to be any hotchpot / equalisation provisions required for any gifts to beneficiaries or to the testamentary trusts?		
In the event of a calamity, does the customer intend on gifting their estate to more than 4 beneficiaries?		
Does the customer have any dependants who have special needs, dependencies or addictions?		
Does the customer or anyone to be named under the will have a blended family?		
Are there any previous life spouse relationships where there has not been full financial closure?		
Do any of the customer's intended beneficiaries or key people nominated under their estate plan reside, or intend to reside, overseas?		
Is there anyone who might be likely to challenge the customer's estate?		
Is there any child, current spouse or other dependent who is being excluded from the estate?		
Is the estate valued at more than \$5 million?		
Does the customer have involvement in one or more entities (e.g. a company, trust or self-managed super fund)?		

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Does the customer own any assets with a third party (other than with their spouse)?				
Does the customer own any assets overseas?				
Does the customer own real property outside their usual state of residence?				
Has the customer ever agreed to make a mutual will, or entered into anything that creates an obligation about the customer's estate (including a binding financial agreement (FA) or a court order)?				
If there is a FA, a copy should be provided to View for review.				
Is it intended to grant a person a right to occupy or life interest in any asset?				
Is the customer uncertain about their estate planning choices?				
Does the customer wish to allocate more than 10 minutes of the meeting time to allow them to ask questions about their estate plan with View's specialist estate planning lawyer?				
In relation to Testamentary Trusts are the Nominated Beneficiaries persons other than the will maker's spouse or children?				
Adviser Facilitated Estate Planning is not suitable for a customer who answers yes to any one or more of the following questions:				
Does the customer require an interpreter to read English or to understand spoken English, is deaf or blind, lacks capacity, or is suffering other mental impairment?				
A traditional legal approach would be more appropriate for the customer rather than View's online platform				
Is the customer over 80 years of age?				
The risk of capacity being brought into question and subsequent estate challenges tends to increase every year after the age of 80.				

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Is the customer suffering a terminal or life-threatening illness or is currently in hospital? A traditional legal approach would be more appropriate for the customer rather than View's online platform	
There is a preference not to use testamentary trust.	

You can access View's diagnostic tool 'Free Review' here.

If you specialise in providing facilitated estate planning solutions for your customers, have you been accredited? Learn more here.