

633.3109 Notice to creditors, heirs, spouse, and beneficiaries.

1. As used in this section, "*heir*" means only such person as would, in an intestate estate, be entitled to a share under section 633.219.
2. A creditor of a deceased settlor of a revocable trust must bring suit to enforce its claim against the assets of the decedent's trust within one year of the decedent's death or be forever barred from collection against the trust assets. If a probate administration is commenced for the decedent and notice is properly given pursuant to section 633.230 or 633.304, a creditor's rights shall be determined under those sections and section 633.3104.
3. If no notice is given to creditors and heirs pursuant to subsection 2, a creditor's rights may be established or terminated if the trustee gives notice as follows:
 - a. The trustee shall publish a notice once each week for two consecutive weeks in a daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the decedent was a resident at the time of death, and in any county of which the decedent was a nonresident but in which some real estate of the trust is located. If the decedent was not a resident of Iowa, but the principal place of administration is in Iowa, the trustee shall publish notice in the county that is the principal place of administration pursuant to section 633.6102.
 - b. If at any time during the pendency of the trust administration the trustee has knowledge of the name and address of a person believed to own or possess a claim which will not, or may not, be paid or otherwise satisfied during administration, the trustee shall provide a notice by ordinary mail to each such claimant at the claimant's last known address.
 - c. As soon as practicable, the trustee shall give a notice by ordinary mail to the surviving spouse, the heirs of the decedent, and each beneficiary under the trust whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, at such persons' last known addresses.
 - d. The notice in paragraphs "*a*", "*b*", and "*c*" shall include notification of the decedent's death, and the fact that any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought within the later to occur of sixty days from the date of the second publication of the notice made pursuant to paragraph "*a*" or thirty days from the date of mailing of the notice pursuant to paragraph "*b*" or "*c*". A person who does not make a claim within the appropriate period is forever barred.
 - e. The trustee shall give notice to debtors to make payment, and to creditors having claims against the trust assets to mail proof of their claim to the trustee via certified mail, return receipt requested, within the later to occur of sixty days from the second publication of the notice or thirty days from the date of mailing of the notice, or thereafter be forever barred.
4. The notice described in subsection 3 shall be substantially in the following form:

To all persons regarding deceased, who died on or about (year) You are hereby notified that is the trustee of the Trust. At this time, no probate administration is contemplated with regard to the above-referenced decedent's estate.

Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of County, Iowa, within the later to occur of sixty days from the date of second publication of this notice, or thirty days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent, spouse of the decedent, and beneficiaries under the trust whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any claim not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the trust are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned trustee. Creditors having claims against the trust must mail them to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested. Unless creditor claims are mailed by the later to occur of sixty days from the second publication of this notice or thirty days from the date of mailing this notice, a claim shall be forever barred, unless otherwise allowed or paid.

Dated this day of, (year) Trust Trustee Address:
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Date of second publication day of, (year)

5. The claimant either must receive satisfaction of its claim, or must file suit against the trust to enforce collection of the creditor's claim within sixty days of mailing its claim to the trustee. The trustee and creditor may agree to extend the limitations period for filing an action to enforce the claim. If the claimant fails to properly file its claim within the established time period or bring an action to enforce its claim within the established time period, the creditor's claim shall be forever barred.

99 Acts, ch 125, §33, 109; 2000 Acts, ch 1150, §18; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §101