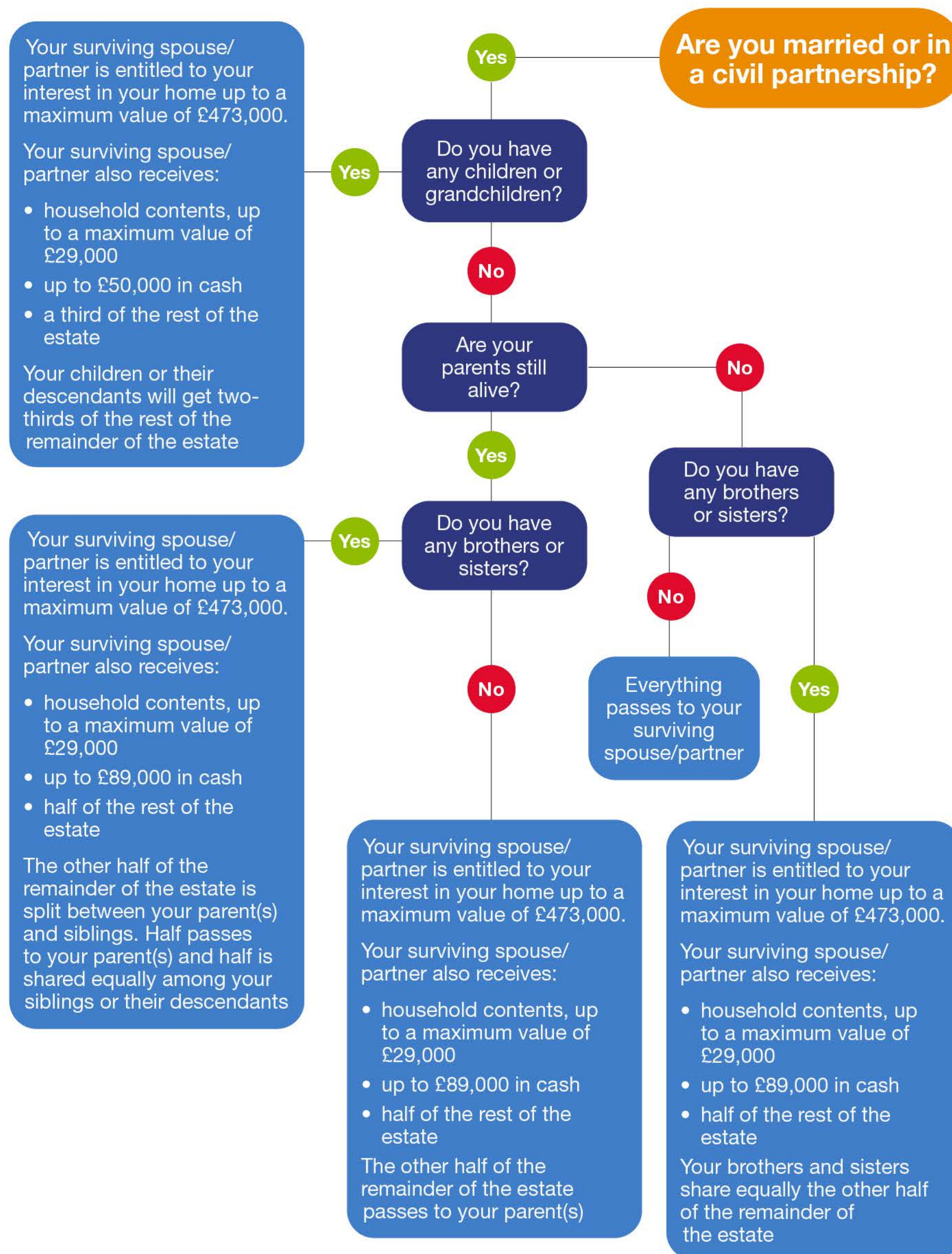


Rules of intestacy – who inherits if someone dies without a will in Scotland?



Important things to remember

- Children include legally adopted sons and daughters. However, step-children and foster children are not entitled under intestacy
- Cohabitants, sometimes referred to as 'common law spouses', have no provision under the rules unless couples are married or in a civil partnership
- Half-siblings only receive a share of the estate where there are no siblings who share both parents with the deceased, or descendants of those siblings

*The above is accurate for Scotland as of 4 June 2020