

Digital Assets

Digital Assets are increasingly common in estate administration as technology continues to expand into our modern lives. Digital Assets can be defined as “anything that someone owns that exists in a digital format”. Some of these may hold financial value and should be considered part of the deceased’s estate.

Our Digital Assets Search is available to order alongside our Financial Profile Searches, extending enquiries to an additional 51 organisations and online service providers.

Identifying digital assets is an area of increasing importance, particularly where there might be IHT implications, and the estate accounts might include funds in gambling accounts or as cryptocurrency.

The Digital Assets Search supports your due diligence processes when your client is presumed to have held digital assets of financial value, extending your audit trail to include accounts which may be only accessible online.

Priced at **£35 + VAT**, the bolt on search covers the following areas.



Cryptocurrency

The FCA estimates 4.6 million UK adults held cryptocurrency in 2022. Our search includes enquiries of popular cryptocurrency exchanges trading currencies including Bitcoin and Ethereum.



E-Commerce & Finance Service Providers

Auction sites and online market places have grown in popularity allowing individuals to buy and sell various goods. Our search includes providers such as Etsy, Ebay and Amazon.



Online Gambling

Increasingly popular, while online gambling accounts need to be identified and closed to settle any outstanding balance accounts may be in credit and form part of the estate assets. We make enquiries of over 20 major online gambling, betting and casino providers.



Money Management & Transfers

Payment services such as Paypal and Transferwise are a common way of sending money in exchange for goods and services, and funds can often be left ‘on account’.

* Not all online service providers are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority which can make enquiries more challenging. Providers may come under alternative regulation, others may be based outside the UK or be unregulated which can present difficulties for Personal Representatives accessing information. Our search focusses on those FCA regulated firms only.