



PROCURING GRANT OF PROBATE ONLY

What does the service cover?

We will:

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate solicitor to work on your matter
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries
- Accurately identify the type of probate application you will require
- Obtain the relevant documents required to make the application
- Complete the probate application
- Draft a legal oath for you to swear
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Obtain the grant of probate

How much does this service cost?

Our fees: £600 plus VAT giving a total of £720.00

Disbursements:

- Probate court fee of £155.00
- Swearing of the Oath (per executor) £7.00
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2.00 per beneficiary)
- Post in the London Gazette – protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors £88.00 plus VAT
- Post in local newspaper – this also helps to protect against unexpected claims £88.00 plus VAT

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees.

The fixed fee applies to non-taxable estates and will not cover collection/distribution of the estate assets but we can deal with that under the Full Estate Administration service detailed below.

How long will it take?

On average, for estates that fall within this range, the probate will take 6 to 12 weeks to be issued from the date you instruct us to commence work.

FULL ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

What does this service cover?

We will provide the following service:

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate solicitor to work on your matter
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries
- Accurately identify the type of probate application you will require
- Obtain the relevant documents required to make the application
- Complete the probate application
- Drafts a legal oath for you to swear
- Deal with the relevant HMRC (inheritance tax) forms
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Obtain the grant of probate
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate

How much does this service cost?

Our fees are based on the time we spend on the matter and not on a percentage of the value of the estate. The cost of dealing with estate administration depends on a number of factors and therefore it is difficult to give a general indication of costs.

The cost for a very small estate may run from around £2,000 plus VAT but for an average sized estate, we anticipate this will take between 20 to 24 hours work at £213.00 per hour costing between approximately £4,000.00 and £5,000.00 plus VAT. The exact cost will depend on the individual circumstances of the case. For example, if there is one beneficiary and no property, costs will be at the lower end of the range. If there are multiple beneficiaries, a property and multiple bank accounts, costs will be at the higher end.

The average costs quoted above assume:

- There is a valid will
- There is no more than one property
- There are no more than 7 bank or building society accounts
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are 3-4 beneficiaries
- There are no disputes between beneficiaries on division of assets. If disputes arise this is likely to lead to an increase in costs
- There are no claims made against the estate

Disbursements included in this fee:

- Probate application fee of £155.00
- Swearing of the oath (per executor) £7.00
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2.00 per beneficiary)
- Post in the London Gazette – protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors £88 plus VAT
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Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

Potential additional costs

- If there is no will or the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds) there is likely to be additional costs that could range significantly depending on the estate and how it is to be dealt with. We can give you a more accurate quote once we have more information.
- If any additional copies of the grant are required, they will cost 50 pence (1 per asset usually)
- Inheritance tax if it is a taxable estate.
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

How long will this take?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 3 to 12 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 6-12 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 6-12 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets which can take between 3-6 weeks.