

Applying for the grant, collecting and distributing the assets

We anticipate this will take between 5 and 8 hours work at £80.00 per hour. Total costs estimated at -£400.00-640.00 plus VAT.

The exact cost will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter. 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.

As part of our fee quotation we will:

- 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 and the relevant HMRC forms
- Draft a legal oath for you to swear
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Obtain the Probate and securely send two copies to you
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate

We will handle the full process for you. This quote is for estates where:

- There is no more than one property
- There are no more than 2 bank or building society accounts
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are 2-3 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 is no inheritance tax payable and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC
- There are no claims made against the estate

Disbursements you will be required to pay

- Probate application fee of £ to confirm
- £5.00 Swearing of the oath (per executor)
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2.00 per beneficiary)
- £ to confirm- Post in The London Gazette – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors.
- £ to confirm - Post in a Local Newspaper – This also helps to protect against unexpected claims.

Disbursements

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 £ to confirm (1 per asset usually).
- 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 6-9 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 3-5 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 3-6 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 3-6 weeks.

Other factors will add time to the process, such as foreign assets, if the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) makes an investigation into any benefits the deceased may have been in receipt of.

A complete list of our fees (a quotation) will be provided to you on your request. The information you provide will allow us to generate the total cost quotation for you. Please note that any disbursements will be included in the total cost quoted to you.