



Probate pricing *information*

This page provides information about our fees for obtaining a Grant of Probate and administering an estate where there is no dispute and the matter is relatively straightforward. Every estate is different and the information below is intended as a guide only. We will always provide you with a tailored estimate based on your individual circumstances before we begin work.

Our Fees

We anticipate that administering an estate of this nature will take approximately 15 to 25 hours of work.

Our fees are calculated by reference to the time spent by the fee earners dealing with your matter. Based on our current hourly rates, we estimate that our fees will typically range between £4,250 and £7,250, plus VAT at the prevailing rate.

The exact fee and timescale will depend on the complexity of the estate, the nature and value of the assets, the number of beneficiaries, any tax issues and whether any unforeseen matters arise during the administration.

Information about our hourly rates and our team can be found on our [Pricing](#) and [Our Team](#) pages.

What Our Fees Include

Our fees will usually include:

- advising the executors or administrators throughout the administration of the estate;
- identifying the legally appointed personal representatives and beneficiaries;
- reviewing the estate and confirming the appropriate probate application;
- preparing the Probate Registry application and any required inheritance tax documentation;
- submitting the probate application;
- obtaining the Grant of Probate (or Letters of Administration where applicable);
- collecting the estate assets;
- settling liabilities of the estate where instructed;
- preparing estate accounts where appropriate; and
- distributing the estate to the beneficiaries.

Matters Covered by this Estimate

The estimate above assumes that:

- there is a valid Will;
- there is no more than one property;
- there are no more than five bank or building society accounts;
- there are no significant or complex assets;
- there are no more than four beneficiaries;
- there are no disputes between beneficiaries;
- there are no claims against the estate;
- there is no inheritance tax payable requiring a full inheritance tax account; and
- no unexpected issues arise during the administration.

If the estate is more complex, we will discuss any additional work and the likely impact on costs before it is undertaken.

Disbursements

Our estimate includes the following typical disbursements for estates falling within the scope described above:

DISBURSEMENT	TYPICAL COST*
Probate Registry application fee	£155
Swearing of the oath (per executor)	£7*
Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department search	£2 per beneficiary
Statutory notice in The London Gazette (where appropriate)	£100*
Statutory notice in a local newspaper (where appropriate)	£100*

* VAT may apply to certain disbursements.

Disbursements are payments made to third parties in connection with your matter. The disbursements listed above are included within our estimate for straightforward estates falling within the scope described above. The costs shown are based on the fees and charges applicable at the time of publication and are subject to change by the relevant third parties. We will charge the amount payable by the relevant third party at the time the disbursement is incurred and will confirm the applicable costs with you at the outset of your matter. If additional disbursements become necessary due to the nature or complexity of the estate, we will discuss these with you before they are incurred wherever reasonably practicable.

Potential Additional Costs

Additional fees may arise where, for example:

- there is no valid Will;
- the estate includes overseas assets or business interests;
- inheritance tax advice or complex tax reporting is required;
- there are trusts created by the Will;
- there are disputes between beneficiaries or claims against the estate;
- additional investigations into assets or liabilities are required; or
- the sale or transfer of property forms part of the administration.

Where additional work is required, we will discuss this with you and provide a revised estimate before proceeding.

Timescales

The administration of an estate typically takes between 6 and 12 months, although more complex estates may take longer.

As a guide:

- obtaining the Grant of Probate generally takes around 10 to 12 weeks, depending on Probate Registry processing times;
- collecting in the estate assets may take a further 8 to 12 weeks; and
- once all assets and liabilities have been finalised, distribution of the estate will usually take a further 4 to 6 weeks.

The overall timescale will depend on the complexity of the estate, the speed with which third parties respond, and whether any unforeseen issues arise.