

PROBATE - FIXED FEE

We can help you through this difficult process by obtaining the Grant of Probate on your behalf. We will also undertake the collecting and distributing of assets. We can carry out this work for a fixed fee, as follows:

For estates valued up to £500,000 where the first spouse has died leaving everything to the surviving spouse and there is no more than one property and five or less investments - £1,500 plus VAT - £2,000 plus VAT.

For estates valued up to £650,000 where the second spouse has died and there is no more than one property and less than five investments - £3,500 plus VAT.

For estates valued between £650,000 - £1.2 million where the second spouse has died and there is one property and no more than five investments - £6,500 plus VAT.

For estates valued over £1.2million where the second spouse has died and there is one property and no more than five investments - £12,000 plus VAT.

Any work outside of these scopes will be charged at an hourly rate of £250 plus VAT.

Our fees come directly from the estate.

Disbursements:*	
Probate court fee	£155 plus 50p per office copy
Swearing of the oath (per Executor)	£7
Bankruptcy only Land Charges search (per Beneficiary)	£2
Post in the London Gazette - protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors	£100 - £200 plus VAT
Post in local newspaper - this also helps to protect against unexpected claims	Allow £150 plus VAT
Landmark Financial Asset Search	£135 plus VAT

*Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. The distributions outlined above are those generally encountered during the estate administration process. Each case is different and so there may be additional disbursements required which are not outlined above. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

As part of our fixed fee 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 and the relevant HMRC forms
- Deal with all inheritance tax related matters
- 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

The above range of fees apply to estates where:

- There is a valid will
- There is no more than one property
- There are no more than 5 bank or building society accounts or other investments
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are 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

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 £50p (1 per asset usually)
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included
- Any trust work resulting from the will is not included
- Any work done in drafting a Deed of Variation is not included
- Any work needed to obtain a grant of probate in a different jurisdiction is not included

FAQs

How long will this take?

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

this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 8 weeks.

However, this is just an estimate and in some cases the process may take longer depending on the co-operation of third parties.

Who will be dealing with my case

We have two members of the team who may work on your matter. Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised by Gendy Thomas, the firm's Managing Partner. For more information, please see our website.