

Probate Price List

The administration of an estate can be a lengthy and complex process. Our lawyers can act on your behalf and deal with all the legal aspects from start to finish ensuring that your loved one's wishes are carried out in a time efficient manner saving you the unnecessary stress at this sad time.

How much does this service cost?

TOTAL: Fixed fee of 1.75% of the gross value of the Estate or a minimum of £850.00
VAT on legal fees currently set at 20%

Disbursements:

- Probate Court Fee £155.00 plus £0.50 per office copy. 1 Office Copy will be needed per financial institution that holds assets of the deceased.
- £5.00 swearing fee (per Executor/Administrator) plus £2.00 per exhibit i.e. Will and Codicil;
- £3.00 Land Registry fee – for Official copy of the Title Register – this confirms current ownership of property;
- £2.00 Bankruptcy search fee – to be undertaken per Executor/Administrator and Beneficiary;
- £70.00 Post in The London Gazette – protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors;
- £80.00 - £150.00 Post in a Local Newspaper – this also helps to protect against unexpected claims;
- £38.00 - £95.00 for Certainty Will Search – ensures latest Will, if any, is found to ensure distribution to correct beneficiaries.

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.

As part of our fixed fee we will:

- Provide you with a face to face meeting with your dedicated and experienced probate lawyer;
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries;
- Accurately identify the type of Probate application you will require;
- Obtain up to date valuations of all assets and liabilities in the Estate;
- Complete the Probate Application and the relevant Inheritance Tax Forms;
- Draft the legal oath for the Executors to swear;
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf;

- Obtain the Probate;
- Gather in all the assets of the Estate;
- Submit a full Estate Account to the Executors/Administrators for their approval;
- Distribute all assets as per Will or Intestacy Laws.

On average, estates are completed within a 3 – 6 months. Typically, obtaining the grant takes 1.5 – 2 months. Collecting assets then follows, which can take 2- 3 months. Once this has been done, we can draw up the Estate Accounts and distribute the assets, which normally takes 1 month. Please note if there is a property to sell, this can take longer.

The following are not included in our fixed fee:

- Income Tax Returns
- Conveyance of Property
- Deed of Variation.

Link to Inheritance Tax information

www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax