

Probate Pricing

Probate: Range of costs quotation (with fixed fee for additional work) and fixed fee applying for the grant, collecting and distributing the assets

We anticipate that this work will typically take between 8 to 12 hours at an hourly rate of £250 – 450 plus VAT per hour. (VAT is currently 20%)

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. A mix of these factors and our fees will be in the middle range of the table below.

Please note costs referred to as “EXCLUDING VAT” the rate will be the amount applied according to legislation at the time. The current rate is 20% (April 2023)

		Table of our fees all shown exclusive of VAT: We will handle the full process for you. The quotes above are for estates where:
Lower Range	Middle Range	
£2,500.00	£4,250.00	

- There is a valid will
- There is no more than one property

- There are no more than 1 to 3 bank or building society accounts
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are 1 to 3 beneficiaries
- There are no disputes between beneficiaries on the 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 (i.e. expenses), included in our fees:

- Probate application fee of £273.00 **(As of April 2023)**
- £20.00 to £50.00 Swearing of the oath (per executor)
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£4.00 per beneficiary)
- £93.00 to £95.00 Post in The London Gazette – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors.
- £450.00 to £500.00 Post in a Local Newspaper – This also helps to protect against unexpected claims.

Disbursements (i.e. expenses), 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 are likely to be additional costs. This will depend 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 per copy.
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included

How long will this take?

First stage	Second stage	Final stage
Obtaining the grant of probate	Collecting the assets	Distributing
6 to 8 weeks	6 to 8 weeks	2 to 4 week

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 4 to 6 months.

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 collection and distribution of assets.

How much does this service cost?

TOTAL: fixed fee of £5,000.00 (excluding VAT) plus disbursements

This includes: obtaining the grant, collection and distribution of assets.

Breakdown of costs:

Legal fees £5,000.00

VAT on legal fees £1,000.00

Disbursements (£720.00 in total):

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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
- Draft a legal oath for you to swear
- Submit 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

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Estates liable to Inheritance Tax

If the estate is liable for inheritance Tax, our fees could range between £7,500.00 to £15,000.00 excluding VAT, plus disbursements (as stated above).

If an estate has no liability for inheritance tax, but a redistribution of the assets is to be considered through a Deed of Variation, the costs could be in the range of £7,800.00 to £16,000.00 including VAT, plus disbursements (as stated above).

If Counsel (i.e. a barrister), is engaged for their expert opinion to advise and draft the Deed of Variation, then Counsel's costs (probably in the range of £2,800.00 to £3,400.00 excluding VAT), will need to be added.

Our probate team includes Mahtab Aziz and Kas Hussain (Both are Partners of the firm

