

PROBATE PRICE LIST

Our fees

We offer a free, one hour, no obligation consultation to gain an understanding of your specific probate requirements and to explain the probate process.

Our fees will depend on the specific services that you require and the complexity of the estate. The fees are based on the time we spend, and are not based on the value of the estate.

Our average hourly rate for probate services is £175 plus VAT.

Indicative fees are as follows:-

Obtaining the grant only

This service may include the following:-

- Preparing and submitting the inheritance tax return to HM Revenue & Customs.
- Preparing the Probate Application and submitting it to The Probate Registry.

For a simple estate where there is a valid Will, the assets are principally the family home and bank/building society accounts and there is no inheritance tax to pay, a short-form tax account can be produced. Typically our fees would be in the region of £1,000 to £2,500 plus VAT.

For a more complex estate where the estate has an inheritance tax liability then a full inheritance tax account must be produced. Typically our fees will be between £2,000 and £5,000 plus VAT.

Full estate administration

This service includes the following:-

- Ascertaining the assets of the estate,
- Preparing and submitting a full inheritance tax account to HM Revenue & Customs.
- Arranging for payment of any inheritance tax.
- Completing the Probate Application and submitting it to The Probate Registry.
- Collecting in and distributing the estate assets to the beneficiaries.

Our fees would typically be between £4,000 and £8,000 plus VAT.

Please note that the above are estimates and our costs are likely to be higher in the following circumstances:-

- Where there is not a valid Will.
- Where the deceased had multiple assets and investments.
- Where the deceased held foreign assets and investments.
- Where we are required to obtain valuations of estate investments.
- Where the deceased made regular lifetime gifts in excess of annual exemption limits.
- Where there are multiple beneficiaries.
- Where there are resulting trusts to deal with.
- Where there is protracted correspondence with HM Revenue & Customs.

Complex estate administration might attract fees between £8,000 to £20,000 plus VAT.

Disbursements

- Probate court fees - £155 (plus £1.50 for each office copy required)
- Statutory adverts – Approximately £350
- Bankruptcy search fees - £2 per beneficiary for each distribution
- Valuation fees (for investments and properties). These fees will vary depending on the nature of the asset being valued. A valuation of personal possession approximately £200.

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