

## **Probate Fees**

The cost of dealing with a Probate can often depend on the complexity of the circumstances and the level of assistance you require from us. This page shows a guide to our fees. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information on our Probate fees or to discuss how we can help you.

### **Applying for the grant, collecting and distributing the assets**

We anticipate this will take between 8 and 20 hours work at £235 per hour plus VAT at 20%. Total costs are estimated at £1,880 - £4,700 (+VAT at 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.

We will handle the full process for you. This quote is for estates where:

- There is a valid will
- There is no more than one property
- There are no more than 4 bank or building society accounts
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are 2-4 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 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 in addition to the above fee (where applicable VAT is included at 20%):**

- Probate application fee of £300
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£6 per beneficiary)
- £117.60 Post in The London Gazette – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors.

- £157.06 Post in Bournemouth Echo Newspaper, cost may be different for alternative local newspapers – This also helps to protect against unexpected claims.

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as Probate 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 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 £1.50 (1 per asset usually).
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

### **How long will this take?**

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 4-8 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 2-4 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 2-4 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-3 weeks.

### **Who will be dealing with the matter?**

The Probate will be handled by one of our experienced private client team

Teresa Williamson Chartered Legal Executive with over 25 years legal experience

Laura Neerunjun Private Client Executive with over 17 years private client experience

Regardless of who is working on your case the matter will be supervised by Chris Clifford a Solicitor with 23 years' private client experience.