

Our Costs for Applying for the Grant, Collecting and Distributing the Assets (uncontested)

We anticipate this will take between 10 and 15 hours work at £275 per hour plus VAT. We would estimate our average costs range from £2750 to £4250 plus VAT plus any disbursements such as probate court fees (see below).

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. However, if there are multiple beneficiaries, a property and multiple bank accounts then 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 2 bank or building society accounts.
- There are no other intangible assets.
- There are 1-4 beneficiaries.
- There are no disputes between beneficiaries (or any other person) regarding 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

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as Court fees. We handle the payment of disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

In addition to our legal costs, the following disbursements are /may be payable: -

- Probate application fee - currently £300
- Official copies of the Grant of Representation – currently £1.50 per copy.
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches - £7 per beneficiary
- Office Copy Entries - £7 per title
- Advertisement fee for posting in The London Gazette (protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors) – approximately £90.00 - £375.00
- Advertisement fee for posting in local newspaper (protects against unexpected claims)

What we will do

- Identify the legal appointed executors/administrators and beneficiaries.
- Identify and prepare the Probate Application required.
- Take relevant instructions from you and provide any steps needed to be taken.
- Complete the Probate Application and HMRC Forms.
- Prepare the legal oath.
- Submit application and HMRC Forms.
- Obtain Probate and report back to you.

What we will not do/additional costs

- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate.
- If there is no Will or the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds).
- Trusts arising from the estate.
- Court proceedings e.g. enforcement action.

- Tracing assets.
- Assets outside the jurisdiction of England & Wales.
- Contested wills claims.
- Any claims brought by the deceased during their lifetime.
- Care fees claims.

We can give you a more accurate quote once we have more information as costs can range significantly depending on the estate and how it is to be dealt with.

How long will this take

On average, estates that are straightforward and without complication are dealt with within 3-12 months. Typically, obtaining the Grant of Representation takes 8-16 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 8 – 12 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2– 4 weeks. The time estimate could vary and often we are reliant about third party responses which we have no control over. If there are any unavoidable delays we will keep you updated.