

Probate

The work will be carried out by Gareth Edmondson who is a fully qualified solicitor with 25 years of post-qualification experience and Simon Owen who is a fully qualified solicitor with 19 years of post-qualification experience, and they are assisted by Tia Meecham a trainee legal assistant with 4 years of probate work experience.

Applying for the grant, collecting and distributing the assets

Please note that where VAT is chargeable the current rate is 20%

We anticipate this will take between 11 and 32 hours work at £200 per hour plus VAT.

Total costs estimated at £2,000.00 - £6,000.00 plus VAT.

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 3 bank or building society accounts
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are 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 are:
 - Probate application fee of £273.00 and £1.50p per copy no VAT payable
 - Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2.00 per beneficiary) no VAT payable
 - Between £180.00 and £200.00 plus VAT. Post in The London Gazette and Post in a Local Newspaper – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors.

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.

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.
- 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 6-12 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 12-16 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 4-8 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 8-12 weeks.