

PRICING GUIDE

UNCONTESTED PROBATE WHERE ALL THE ASSETS ARE IN THE UK

We can help you through this difficult process by obtaining the Grant of Probate on your behalf to include completion of compliance forms for HMRC Inheritance Tax and arranging payment of tax as appropriate. We can also collect and distribute assets and complete Estate Accounts. The solicitor handling your matter will be a qualified solicitor with over 10 years of experience on Probate matters.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS SERVICE COST?

Our fee can be limited to obtaining the grant of probate and completion of the HMRC IHT forms or deal with the entire probate process. Our fee will also depend upon the complexity of the estate and the deceased's affairs as well as the manner in which the estate is to be distributed.

The following estimate assumes

- There is a valid will appointing one or two executors who both wish to act
- The will leaves everything to the surviving spouse or two or three adult capable individuals or charities outright
- There is no Inheritance Tax to pay and no lifetime gifts to report and the simpler IHT 205 will be applicable
- The assets comprise up to 8 UK bank or NS & I accounts, or insurance based investments which pay into the estate and all account/policy details are to hand and the organisations act promptly and co-operatively
- No Income Tax return is required for the period to the date of death and administration period or an accountant will deal with such matters
- There is a freehold property to be sold or transferred
- There are no possible claims against the estate at all (so that delaying distributions for up to 10 months from the Grant will not be required).
- We will be carry out the work below

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS:

All of our firm's costs are subject to VAT payable at the current rate at the time of carrying out the work. The VAT rate is currently at 20%.

1. Estimate of legal fees £3250 to £10,000 on Estate up to £650,000 depending on the complexity of the case.
2. Plus VAT on legal fees
3. Anticipated Disbursements subject to change
 - Probate court fee of £155
 - 50p for each extra Court sealed copy of the Grant of Probate
 - Bankruptcy only Land Charges Department searches (£1 per beneficiary).
 - Post in The London Gazette – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors - varies
 - Depending on the paper - Post in a Local Newspaper – This also helps to protect against unexpected claims - varies
 - Land Registry fees – depending upon the value of any property to be transferred to any Beneficiary/ies

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.

NB This does NOT include bills such as funeral, utilities, tax etc. which will be specific to the estate.

AS PART OF OUR FIXED FEE WE WILL:

- Provide 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
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Obtain the Probate
- Carry out bankruptcy searches as advised
- Place the Statutory Advertisements for creditors as advised
- Assist in finalising tax affairs to the date of death as appropriate

- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate

OUR FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Advising on Deeds of Variation
- Completion of any deeds in connection with any underlying trusts under the will or intestacy
- Advising on any claims that may be brought against the estate
- Any conveyancing costs for selling a property or addressing any issues relating to the title of the property
- Inspecting or attending at the property in connection with valuations for property or contents or distribution of contents or their disposal.

HOW LONG WILL MY MATTER TAKE?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 4 to 6 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 10 to 12 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 3 to 4 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2 to 3 weeks.