

Probate Costs

To apply for the grant of probate and to distribute the assets we anticipate it will take between 2.5 and 10 hours work at £250.00 per hour plus VAT at 20%.

Total costs are estimated at between £625.00 and £2500.00 (+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 1-4 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 are payable in addition to estimated costs (where applicable VAT is included at 20%):

- Probate application fee of £155.00 + £1.50 for each copy
- Bankruptcy and Land Charges Department searches (£2 per beneficiary)
- £70 Post in The London Gazette – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors.
- £120 Post in a Local Newspaper – This also helps to protect against unexpected claims.

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 are 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.

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 4-8 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 3-6 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take up to 6 months. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-4 weeks.

Please contact Brian Knipe or Julie Allen at Knipe Woodhouse-Smith for an a more accurate estimate of how much our probate services will cost.