

Probate Fee Estimate Scale

Fees will be charged at the hourly rate of the fee earner responsible for your matter and we will provide you with full details. Value added tax at 20% is payable in addition to the fees charged. Each fee earner's hourly rate is as follows:

Senior Partner	-	£400
Partner	-	£325
Solicitor/Consultant	-	£300

As each estate is different, we aim to provide a realistic fee estimate based on how much time might be spent on each individual case.

It typically takes up to five months to get a grant of probate (or letters of administration if there isn't a will). Once this has been obtained, the whole process of administering the estate usually takes approximately one year for a simple estate. It can take longer depending on the complexity of the estate and the cooperation of the various parties involved.

If the estate is straightforward our fees would be between £2,500 - £6,000 plus VAT and Disbursements.

A "straightforward" estate would be where the deceased left a valid Will appointing executors; owned a property valued at less than £300,000 in either their sole or joint name; held up to 3 bank accounts with a balance of £75,000; left an estate to a single beneficiary; where no inheritance tax is payable.

If the estate is less straightforward our fees would be between £6,000 - £12,000 plus VAT and Disbursements.

This would be where the deceased left a valid Will appointing executors; had a property in their sole name valued at £700,000 and bank accounts and investments valued at £195,000; left the estate to their adult children; where no inheritance tax is payable after claiming the Transferable Nil Rate Band and the Residence Nil Rate Band.

If the estate is very complicated our fees would be between £12,000 - £24,000 plus VAT and Disbursements

In this instance the deceased would have left a valid Will appointing executors; held property valued at £950,000 in their sole name; held bank accounts and investments valued at £850,000; owned shares in companies listed on the Stock Exchange; owned personal effects valued at £25,000; made lifetime gifts to the value of £100,000; left the estate to their children and grandchildren as beneficiaries; the estate is liable in inheritance tax.

Disbursements

Probate Fee (where estate is £5,000.00 or less)	nil
Probate Fee (where estate is over £5,000.00)	£273.00
Additional Copies of the Grant of Probate	£1.50
Land Registry	£3.00
Telephone, Postage, Faxes, etc.	£65 plus VAT
Bank Transfer Fee (per Transfer)	£35 plus VAT
Electronic Onboarding	As per page 2 above

Electronic Onboarding

We offer an optional service which provides the convenience of allowing you to carry out the necessary checks and paperwork to formally instruct us from the comfort of your own home, this can be completed via any mobile device or computer. The costs are as follows:

Verification of ID and AML	£13.50 (per person) (inclusive of Vat)
Verification of Funds	£2.40 (per person) (inclusive of Vat)
Purchase/Sale Questionnaire	£7.80 (per person) (inclusive of Vat)
Personal Information form	£7.80 (per person) (inclusive of Vat)

