

Probate

We can help you through this difficult process by obtaining the Grant of Probate on your behalf. We will also undertake the collecting and distributing of assets.

How much does this service cost?

If there is no inheritance tax

TOTAL: fixed fee of £3,000 to £5,000 plus VAT.

If there is inheritance tax to pay

TOTAL: fixed fee of £6,000 to £8,000 plus VAT

This includes: obtaining the grant, collecting assets and distributing them.

Disbursements:

- Probate court fee of £155 plus 50p per additional copy of the Grant or Letters of Administration.
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2 per beneficiary).
- £96 approximately Post in The London Gazette – 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.

As part of our fixed fee we will:

- Provide you with 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 and securely send two copies to you
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate

Average time to complete

Estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 6 to 12 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 3 to 4 months. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 2 to 4 months.

If inheritance tax is due then it could take 4 to 6 months to receive clearance from HMRC. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 1 to 2 months.

Potential additional costs:

If the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds) and has more than five bank accounts and four beneficiaries 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.

- CGT implications
- Preparation of Deed of Variation, Declaration of Trusts and Deed of Renunciation.
- Assets abroad
- Dealing with the sale of any property in the estate is not included.
- Requirement to claim Residential Nil Band
- Search for missing beneficiary's estate
- Foreign domicile issues