



We can help you through this difficult process by obtaining the Grant of Probate on your behalf.

As part of our fixed fee we will:

- Provide you with a dedicated probate lawyer to work on your matter
- Identify the legally appointed executors and beneficiaries
- 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 Probate
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate

How much does this service cost?

Total: fixed fee of **£9000** (incl. VAT).

VAT is charged at 20%.

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 1-2 beneficiaries and no trusts arise
- 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
- The estate is not considered "complex" by HMRC

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 12 months. Typically, obtaining the Grant of Probate takes 16-20 weeks once the application is submitted to the Probate Court. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 2-6 months (excluding a property sale). Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 4-8 weeks.

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Breakdown of costs

- Legal fees £6,500
- VAT on legal fees £1,625
- Disbursements including but not limited to:
 - Probate application court fee of £273 (approx.)
 - Anti-money laundering search fee £15 plus VAT per executor
- Bankruptcy searches (£2 per beneficiary and executor).
- Section 27 Notice to Creditors placed in The Gazette and a local newspaper of approximately £150 – £250 + VAT. We can provide a full quote before organising this search. The search helps protect against liability on the executors should unknown creditors or beneficiaries make a claim once estate funds have been distributed.
- Assets and Liabilities Search – there are three options available:
 - Credit and liabilities Search – £25 plus VAT
 - Financial Profile (standard) – £155 plus VAT
 - Financial Profile (premium) – £185 plus VAT

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 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
- Unexpected claims
- Assets/liabilities that only come to light after the Probate application has been submitted

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