

PROBATE – Pricing Information

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

How much does this service cost?

In the following circumstances we can offer a fixed fee service of £495.00 to £750.00 (plus vat at the current rate of 20% and disbursements). This is based upon written confirmation of all assets and debts being provided to us by you.

- There is a valid will
- There is no will but entitled applicant and beneficiary known.
- 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 - 3 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 dispute between those entitled to administer the estate if no will.
- There is no inheritance tax payable and the executors/administrators do not need to submit a full account to HMRC
- There are no claims made against the estate
- The estate is not insolvent

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.

- Probate application fee of £155.00
- Bankruptcy only Land Charges Department searches (£2.00 per beneficiary)
- Post in The London Gazette – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors. £100.00
- Post in a Local Newspaper – This also helps to protect against unexpected claims. In the region of £200.00 - £300.00 plus vat – precise figure will be obtained once Grant has been issued.
- If any additional copies of the grant are required, they will cost £1.50 per copy (1 per asset usually).

Example

TOTAL: fixed fee of £750.00 (plus vat at the current rate of 20% and disbursements).

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

Breakdown of costs:

Legal fees	£750.00
VAT on legal fees	£150.00
Disbursements	
Probate court fee of	£155.00
Copies of Grant (4)	£ 6.00
Total	£1,061.00

As part of our fixed fee we will:

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate solicitor to work on your matter
- Advise on the validity of the Will, and/or entitlement to apply for a grant.
- Accurately identify the type of Probate application you will require
- Prepare the IHT205 Return of Estate Information and claims for transferable nil rate/residence nil rate bands
- Complete the Probate Application and submit the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Obtain the Probate/Letters of Administration and securely send two copies to you

It does not include:

- Making any enquiries with any asset holder or creditor
- Checking the accuracy of the information provided by you.
- Collecting in assets, paying debts or distributing to entitled beneficiaries
- Preparing claims for relief against inheritance tax (other than as detailed above)
- This fee does not account for dealing with any claims made against the estate, against the validity or otherwise of a Will, or dealing with any matter preventing the issue of a Grant of Probate/Letters of Administration
- **Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included and will be charged at our conveyancing rates.**

How long will this take?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 4 - 6 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 8 - 12 weeks.

Full Estate Administration

If the estate does not fall within our fixed fee service, our fees will be charged at the hourly rate of £185.00 plus vat at the current rate of 20%. Routine letters and telephone calls are charged as 6 minute units and considering incoming letters at 3 minute units per page. Email

correspondence is treated as correspondence by letter. Conveyancing issues that are dealt with in the course of the administration of an Estate will be charged at these rates and not at the rates advertised for general conveyancing. A written estimate will be provided once full details of the estate are known.

Our full service includes:

- Advising on the entitlement to administer an Estate
- Identifying the Beneficiaries of an Estate
- Applying for a Grant of Representation where needed
- Gathering in/realisation of assets to include, as appropriate, the sale or transfer of land and buildings in the Estate
- Payment, from Estate funds, of debts and liabilities
- Reporting on and settling, from Estate funds, the Estate’s liability for Inheritance Tax, Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax
- Advising the Personal Representative(s) on their duties and responsibilities
- Advising on tax-efficient methods of distributing an Estate (e.g. appropriation of assets)
- Accounting to the Beneficiaries and distributing the Estate

The fee does not include

- Disbursements (payments made on your behalf to third parties, such as the Court fee).
- Dealing with any claims made against the estate, against the validity or otherwise of a Will, or dealing with any matter preventing the issue of a Grant of Probate/Letters of Administration.
- Advice and/or creation of documents altering the distribution of the estate (such as variations or disclaimers).

Who will be working on your case?

Solicitor	Qualifications	Status	Year qualified	Specialism
J.Mark Crowley	B.Sc (Econ)	Principal Solicitor Supervisor	1985	Wills Probate Crime Tax Licensing Powers of Attorney
Anna M Stewart	LL.B (Hons)	Solicitor Head of Conveyancing Supervisor	1991 FILEX (resigned) 1992 Licensed Conveyancer (resigned) 2002 Solicitor	Wills Probate Powers of Attorney Conveyancing