

Probate and Estate Administration Fees

We support you through this difficult process by obtaining the Grant of Probate and administering the estate on your behalf for a fixed fee. Estates vary in size and complexity, and while we aim to provide clear and transparent costs, individual circumstances can affect the final fee.

How We Price

Many solicitors and legal advisers charge hourly rates, a percentage of the estate value, or a combination of both. We consider this approach to lack transparency and instead offer fixed fees based on the work required. Taxable estates generally involve more work than non-taxable estates, and second-death estates typically require more administration and therefore incur higher fees.

Fees for Grant Only

In some circumstances the fee may vary due to complexities, this will be discussed with you before any work commences.

	Simple Estates	IHT support - non-taxable	IHT support –Taxable
TOTAL FEE	£1,920	£2,940	£3,360
Fixed Fee (excl VAT)	£1,350	£2,200	£2,550
VAT	£270	£440	£510
Probate Court Fee	£300	£300	£300

Fees for Estate Administration

We aim to offer a fixed fee that reflects the work involved, rather than the value of the estate. Most estates fall between £3,500 (plus VAT) and £12,000 (plus VAT), although fees can vary depending on the estate's complexity. Below are two examples showing how complexity can affect pricing. For an accurate figure, we recommend contacting us for a no-obligation fixed fee quote.

Example 1

- Value of the Estate - £300,000
- Valid Will - 1st death
- Non-taxable
- Joint property
- 2 x bank accounts
- ISA
- Premium Bonds
- 2x shareholdings
- 1x beneficiary – surviving spouse

TOTAL FEE	£4,500
Fixed Fee (excl VAT)	£3,500
VAT	£700
Probate Court Fee	£300

Example 2

- Value of the Estate - £1,100,000
- Valid Will – 2nd death
- Taxable estate (IHT400)
- 1 x property
- 5 x bank accounts
- 2x ISAs
- Premium Bonds
- 5x shareholdings
- Lifetime gifts
- 4x money gifts/legacies
- 5x residuary beneficiaries

TOTAL FEE	£12,300
Fixed Fee (excl VAT)	£10,000
VAT	£2,000
Probate Court Fee	£300

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Fee Details

<p>Legal Fees and Disbursements:</p> <p>Note: 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.</p>	<p>Possible Other Disbursements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional copies of the grant £16.00 per copy (up to 1 copy of per asset may be required) • Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches £2 per beneficiary • Post in The London Gazette (if applicable) – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors circa £200 - £300. • Post in a Local Newspaper (if applicable) – Also helps to protect against unexpected claims circa £200 - £300. <p>We do not pay introducer fees in respect of any of our Probate business.</p> <p>*On estates where we are collecting the funds we ALWAYS pay interest accumulated while the funds are in the client account, and we NEVER charge a fee for calculating this.</p>
<p>What services does this fee include:</p>	<p>The following steps are included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries and establish the extent of the estate by identifying the various assets and liabilities. • Calculation of any taxes due • Prepare the Legal Statement to be signed by the executor(s) and submit it to the Probate Registry to apply for a he Grant of Probate • Once the Grant is received from the Probate Registry it is submitted to the various organisations with whom assets are held in order to start the process of transferring the assets into the beneficiaries' names. • Payment of all estate liabilities before the estate can be distributed among the beneficiaries. • Confirming that tax is paid up to date and there are no outstanding HMRC claims. • Preparation of the Estate accounts and distribution of the estate in accordance with the terms of the Will. <p>Potential costs not usually included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate • Asset Valuations such as property and jewellery
<p>Experience of the people who may carry out the work</p>	<p>Details of our advisers' experience can be found on www.pavilionrow.com/about/people</p>
<p>The typical timescales</p>	<p>On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 3- 6 months but may take longer if complexities arise.</p> <p>Typically, obtaining the grant of probate can take between 2-3 months. After this we can collect assets and distribute them. This normally takes another 1-3 months.</p>
<p>Type of things that can add to the cost</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invalid Will • Missing beneficiaries • Foreign assets • Dispute between beneficiaries • Inheritance tax • Unlisted stocks and shares and control holdings • Business assets • Farms, farmland or farm property • Claims against the estate • Assets in trust

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