



WILLS & TRUSTS

# Probate Costs

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## **Probate Costs**

It is difficult to provide accurate estimates of what the administration of an estate will cost because the cost will vary based on different aspects. These will include:

- The extent of the assets within the estate, what they are and where they are situated
- The extent of the liabilities within the estate
- Whether there are properties within the estate and what is to be done with them
- The terms of the Will, who the beneficiaries are and whether there are any trusts
- Whether the estate will be liable to Inheritance Tax
- Whether there is the potential for any dispute between any of the beneficiaries, or whether any other party may be making a claim against the estate
- Any other matters which may complicate matters, including whether there are foreign assets to be dealt with

You can instruct us to assist you with undertaking either part or all of the administration process. Aspects we can assist on include:

- Reporting to you on the terms of the Will or advising on the Rules of Intestacy, as appropriate
- Contacting asset and liability holders to ascertain details of the estate
- Preparing the Inheritance Tax return and submitting this to HMRC
- Preparing the application for the Grant of Probate and submitting it to the Probate Registry
- Taking out statutory notices to protect the Executors against potential claims
- Assisting with the collection and encashment or transfer of assets to the beneficiaries as appropriate
- Assisting with the settlement of liabilities of the estate
- Assisting with the settlement of Inheritance Tax
- Undertaking distributions to the beneficiaries
- Preparation of Estate Accounts

This list is not exhaustive and we would be pleased to assist you on other matters which may arise. Please contact us to discuss this in more detail.

## Estimates

*To obtain Grant of Probate only for an estate where:*

- The deceased was UK resident and domiciled
- The deceased left a valid Will
- The assets and liabilities in the estate are straightforward to deal with
- There are no disputes or other complications in the estate

Legal costs (fixed fee):		£4,500 plus VAT
Disbursements:	Probate Court fee	£155
	Copies of Grant of Probate	£1.50 (each)
	Swear fees	£7 (per Executor)
	Dormant Assets search	£135 plus VAT
	Statutory Advertising	£200 plus VAT (estimated)

*Following receipt of the Grant of Probate*

Legal costs (fixed fee): £1,800 plus VAT

Other costs in the estate may include:

- Funeral expenses
- Fees to secure and manage the property
- Fees to deal with the sale or transfer of property
- The settlement of any Inheritance Tax
- Bank charges
- The payment of liabilities
- Accountancy fees to deal with tax returns

If our services are required on additional matters throughout the administration, we will provide you with a tailored fee estimate at the time.

Our services are carried out primarily by Charlotte Taheri, an experienced Legal Executive who specialises in Probate. She will be assisted by other members of the team as appropriate.



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