



Probate (Uncontested) Costs Information

Our firm's charges for acting in probate cases (uncontested) are based on the following:

- 1) Time spent dealing with the transaction including meetings, considering, preparing and working on documents relating to the matter, correspondence and telephone calls. The hourly rate is currently £285 plus VAT.
- 2) A minimum charge may also apply based on the value of the estate:
 - 2i) Where we are NOT acting as Executors/Trustees the minimum charge is 0.5% of the gross value of the estate
 - 2ii) Where we ARE acting as Executors/Trustees the minimum charge is 0.75% of the gross value of the estate

Every case is different and total fees will vary, however we have provided an average fee guide below. Once we know the full extent of the Estate, a more accurate estimate can be provided.

Stage of Case		Average number of hours	Our fees (excluding VAT)
Stage 1	Up to the extraction of the Grant of Probate, including obtaining values of assets and liabilities, liaising with beneficiaries etc	8 - 12 hours	£2,280 - £3,420
Stage 2	Collecting assets, paying liabilities, distribution of state and finalising estate accounts	8 - 12 hours	£2,280 - £3,420
Average Total		16-24 hours	£4,560 - £6,840

Factors that would lead a case to be at the higher end of the above hours:

- The estate is liable to pay IHT
- 10% of the estate is going to charity
- Foreign Assets
- Wide range of assets
- Insolvent estate

- Quick succession of spousal deaths
- Death of a second spouse where no administration was done following the first spouses death
- Trust
- Minor beneficiaries
- Missing beneficiaries
- Life time gifts made by the deceased
- Business assets
- Agricultural assets
- Large number of beneficiaries
- No Will
- Partial intestacy

Factors that would lead a case to be at the lower end of the above hours:

- The estate is not liable to pay IHT
- Executors - well organised and collect in valuations and liaise with beneficiaries throughout the administrations
- A valid Will
- No legacies
- Small number of beneficiaries

Disbursements

Disbursements (payments to third parties) are all payable by the Estate and typically can include the following:

£273 Grant of Probate fee (if the estate is over £5,000) plus £1.50p per additional copy of the Grant

£300 (approximately) Statutory Notice

Inheritance tax payable to HMRC (if applicable)

Outstanding sums owed by the deceased for example council tax, overpaid pensions and so on.

How long will my matter take?

The time that it takes from taking your initial instructions to finalising the Estate depends on a number of factors (number of agencies and organisations that need to be liaised with; number and location of beneficiaries; nature of assets and liabilities etc.). In all cases, all reasonable endeavours will be exercised to attempt to finalise an estate within 12 months. This is just an estimate and we will of course be able to give you a more accurate timescale once we have more information and as the matter progresses.

The solicitor dealing with your matter will be Shamit Rooproy. Please see our **About Us/The Team** section for information regarding their qualifications and experience.

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