

## Pricing Information

This information is to provide you with a guide of the legal fees and other costs incurred during the administration of an estate. Each matter will be different and we will provide you with a specific quote for your matter however, the information below will explain the basis of that quote. There is also information about our service and timescales.

We anticipate the average estate will take between 10 and 25 hours work at £180 per hour. The work will be carried out by our solicitor Emily Dushynsky ([click here to link to her profile](#)) The total legal fees are therefore estimated at £1,800-£4,500. This is exclusive of VAT which will be charged if due (currently not VAT registered)

The exact cost will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter. For example, if there is one beneficiary and no property, costs will be at the lower end of the range. If there are multiple beneficiaries, a property and multiple bank accounts, costs will be at the higher end.

We will handle the full process for you.

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 1-4 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 inheritance tax payable and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC
- There are no claims made against the estate

Disbursements to be included in this fee:

- Probate application fee of £155 +£0.50 for each court sealed copy
- £7 Swearing of the oath (per executor)
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2 per beneficiary)

- £250-300 Notice in The London Gazette and the Local Newspaper – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors.

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

It does not apply for estates:

- If there is no Will
- If the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds)
- If the estate has shares
- With agricultural, business or foreign assets
- Requiring inheritance tax or capital gains tax advice
- With beneficiaries requiring advice about varying the estate
- If there are claims against the estate

There will be additional fees if these factors apply and we can give you a more accurate quote once we have more information.

### How long will this take?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 8-14 months. Typically, the time needed to collect the information need to obtaining the grant of probate takes 3-6 months. Collecting assets then follows and estate liabilities are settled, this can take between 3-8 months. If there is a property to sell, this stage may be dependent on how long it takes to obtain a sale. Once this stage has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-4 months.