

Prices

Our fees

Probate can be very complex and the work required can vary dramatically due to many different complicating factors.

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 higher.

If there are any unforeseen or unusual issues relating to your Probate matter we may need to revise our fee estimate.

Additional work outside of the agreed scope will be charged at the hourly rate of the solicitor with conduct of your matter. These hourly rates range from £725 to £265 per hour plus VAT. We will notify you at an appropriate juncture if any additional work is required.

All references to VAT are to VAT at the standard rate.

Third party costs

We will be required to pay costs to third parties on your behalf. We anticipate that the following third party costs will apply in relation to your Probate matter. This list is not exhaustive and other third party costs may apply.

- **HMCTS Probate application fee** - £155 (as at 1 December 2018) plus 50p per additional court-certified copy required.
- **Swearing of Oaths** - generally £7 per executor.
- **Executor's unexpected creditor protection** - adverts in the London Gazette and a local newspaper - £100-£200.
- **Electronic money transfer fee** - £10.90 plus VAT per transfer.

What our work will cover - the stages involved

The precise stages involved vary according to the circumstances. However, below are some typical key stages:

- Identify the appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries.
- Ascertain valuations of assets and liabilities to complete the short-form Account for HMRC.
- Draft a suitable Oath for executors or administrators.
- Make the application to the Probate Registry for the Grant.
- Obtain Grant of Probate.
- Prepare suitable encashment instructions and collect all assets.
- Settle any liabilities.
- Distribute balance to the beneficiaries.