1. Wills, Probate and Power of Attorney

For an estate of £325,000.00 and below or otherwise on an excepted estate, costs are estimated at between £2,000.00 to £6,000.00 (plus VAT*) based on the hourly rate of the person or persons dealing with your matter.

Partner up to £335.00 plus VAT
Associate £295.00 plus VAT
Solicitor £275.00 plus VAT
Trainee Solicitor £150.00 plus VAT

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 10 bank or building society accounts
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are 1-6 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 in addition to this fee:

- Probate application fee of £300.00
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£6.00 + VAT plus £1.50 provider fee per beneficiary)

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

- If there is no will or the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds) there is likely to be additional costs that could range significantly depending on

the estate and how it is to be dealt with. We can give you a more accurate quote once we have more information.

- If any additional copies of the grant are required, they will cost £1.50 (1 per asset usually).
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

Stages in the Probate Process

- Identifying all of the legally appointed Executors or Administrators and Beneficiaries
- Contacting the various institutions to obtain valuations of all of the assets in the estate and balances of any liabilities.
- Completing the Probate Application and the relevant HM Revenue and Customs forms for approval
- Making the application to the Probate Registry on your behalf
- Upon receipt of the Grant of Probate, collecting in the assets and discharging any liabilities
- Drafting a full set of Estate Accounts for the Executors and Beneficiaries approval
- Distributing the estate to the beneficiaries

Timescales

We estimate that a straightforward excepted estate will be completed within 12 to 18 months. We estimate that more complex estates take between 1 to 3 years to complete. These estimates are on the basis that the matter does not become unduly complicated or protracted or involve the sale of property. We will keep you updated on the progress of your matter throughout.

* VAT refers to the VAT rate in force from time to time – this rate is currently 20% (2026)