

## **UNCONTESTED PROBATE FEE SCHEDULE**

We are committed to providing you with clear and easy to understand information of our fees from the outset.

Our fees are payable on account in advance of the work being carried out. The terms and conditions of our services include our fees policy and is provided to you when we are instructed.

The below is our fee estimate and we will provide an accurate fee quote after our initial consultation. These costs could be on a fixed fee or hourly rate depending on the circumstances of your case. We will agree our fee structure with you before we begin working on your case.

The below fee estimates do not include VAT. There will be VAT payable on our fees at a rate of 20%.

We consider our fees are competitive and are happy to discuss a fee structure on an individual basis with you after considering the circumstances of your case.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Private Client Team to discuss your payment options.

### **Disbursements**

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as Probate fees. The nature and amount of disbursements to be paid will depend on the circumstances of your case.

Disbursements are in addition to the fees below and are paid to the third party. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

The disbursements which we anticipate can apply are set out below. This list is not exhaustive and other disbursements may apply. We will advise you on the relevant disbursements for your case depending on the circumstances of your case before any costs are incurred.

Disbursements may include:

- Trustee Act Notices in a local newspaper and the London Gazette: approximately £300
- HM Court Service Probate Fee: £155
- Sealed Office Copy Grant: 50p
- Unclaimed Assets Register Search: £25
- Land Charges / Bankruptcy Search: £2 each
- Office Copy Register Entries: £6

### **Time Estimate**

The length of your case will depend on the individual circumstances of your matter. Each case is individual and can differ in the time it takes to settle. Generally, a Grant of Probate can be obtained within 2 to 3 months, estate administrations can take between 6 to 12 months and Grant of Representations can take approximately 3 months.

## **GENERAL FEES**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Our Fees</b>
Consultancy Service	£200 - £300 per hour
Advice or Review Service	£200 - £300 per hour
Challenging a Decision or Appeal	£200 - £300 per hour

## **PROBATE APPLICATION FEES**

This fee estimate includes completing the probate application process. It will not include investigating or valuating the assets or administering the estate after probate has been granted.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Our Fees</b>
Probate Application: Tax Free Estate	£800
Probate Application: Taxable Estate	£1,000

## **FEES FOR OTHER SERVICES**

As every estate is different and there can be several complicating factors, we provide our probate services on an hourly rate or provide an estimated fixed fee after our initial consultation when we will fully consider all the circumstances of the case and understand the work involved.

As a guide, please see below our guide as to the costs that can be involved:

<b>Complexity of Case</b>	<b>Our Fees</b>
Simple Case	£1,000 - £5,000 Time estimate: 2 – 15 hours
Medium Complexity Case	£5,000 - £25,000 Time estimate: 15 – 30 hours
High Complexity Case	£25,000 - £50,000 Time estimate: 30+ hours
Hourly Rate	£200 - £300 per hour

## **Key stages of the Case**

The following key stages will be completed during your case and are included in the above fee estimates:

- Reviewing papers and providing advice at the outset;
- Checking the validity of any Will;
- Ascertaining the beneficiaries under the Will or intestacy;
- Ascertaining the value of the assets and liabilities;
- Payment of any Inheritance tax;
- Preparation of legal documents and probate papers or grant applications
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- Arrange for any inheritance tax to be paid;
- Arrange for the deceased's accounts to be closed;
- Obtaining the Grant of Representation;
- Distributing the assets; and
- Submitting the appropriate HMRC documents.