

Probate and Estate Administration costs

Marshalls Solicitors LLP provides clear, transparent pricing for probate and estate administration services. Below is information about our probate fees, services and typical timescales, in line with the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) Transparency Rules.

Our Probate Services

We offer two main probate services. Every estate is different, and we will always provide a written cost estimate before starting work. Our current hourly rates are as follows:

Partner / Consultant: £375 plus VAT

Managing Associate: £350 plus VAT

Senior Associate: £325 plus VAT

Associate: £275 plus VAT

Newly Qualified Solicitor: £225 plus VAT

Trainee: £175 plus VAT

Grant of Probate – Fixed and Estimated Fees

Our Grant-only probate service is suitable where the Personal Representatives wish to handle the estate administration themselves but require professional assistance with the probate application.

What is included

- Advice on the probate process
- Preparing and submitting the probate application
- Preparing inheritance tax forms
- Submitting papers to HM Courts & Tribunals Service

What is not included

- Collecting or distributing assets
 - Paying estate liabilities
 - Preparing estate accounts
 - Placing statutory notices
 - Making distributions to beneficiaries
 - Clearance from HMRC for income tax, capital gains tax and inheritance tax
- but any further work can be agreed and costed separately.

Example of our fees

Probate fees – Grant only

The final cost will depend on the complexity of the estate and whether a full inheritance tax return is required.

Example 1

A straightforward estate with:

- a valid Will

- assets all held in the UK
- no inheritance tax payable

Our fees are likely to fall between £2,000 and £3,000 plus VAT and disbursements.

Example 2

A straightforward estate with:

- a valid Will
- assets all held in the UK
- inheritance tax is payable or an IHT400 must be submitted in any event

Our fees are likely to fall between £3,000 and £10,000 plus VAT and disbursements

Timescales

- the IHT400 if required is usually submitted within 4–6 weeks of receiving full information to include in the account
- Grants are typically issued within 4-6 weeks, subject to Probate Registry processing times

Full Probate and Estate Administration

Our full estate administration service provides comprehensive support, tailored to the needs of the Personal Representatives.

What this service may include

- Identifying and valuing estate assets and liabilities
- Preparing inheritance tax and probate paperwork
- Collecting estate assets
- Paying debts, expenses and taxes (including liaising with the deceased's accountants)
- Preparing estate accounts
- Placing statutory notices
- Making distributions to beneficiaries

The exact scope of work is agreed in each matter.

More complex or higher-value estates may cost more. In some cases, a value-based element may apply and will be clearly explained in your estimate.

Example 1

A straightforward estate with:

- one property
- a small number of bank or investment accounts
- two or three beneficiaries
- no inheritance tax payable

Our fees are likely to fall between £4,000 and £7,500 plus VAT and disbursements.

Example 2

A straightforward estate with:

- one property
- a small number of bank or investment accounts
- two or three beneficiaries
- an IHT400 is required

Our fees for obtaining the Grant and administering estate could be between £7,500 and £15,000 plus VAT and disbursements.

Where inheritance tax is payable or the estate is more complex, fees may be higher and will be explained in your written estimate.

Timescales

- Most estates are completed within 6–18 months
- Estates involving property sales, tax issues or complexity may take longer

What Can Affect Probate Costs?

Probate costs may increase where:

- There is no Will
- Inheritance tax is payable
- There are multiple beneficiaries
- Assets are complex or located abroad
- There are disputes or tax issues

We do not deal with probate litigation.

We keep you informed about costs throughout the matter.

Probate Disbursements

Disbursements are payments made to third parties on your behalf. Common probate disbursements include:

- Probate application fee: £300 (non-vatable)
- Official copies of the Grant: £16 each plus VAT
- Statutory advertisements: approximately £250 plus VAT
- Property and asset valuations – specific to the matter
- Bankruptcy searches: £6 plus VAT per UK beneficiary more for non-UK residents
- Land Registry fees: £7 plus VAT per title or registered plan

Some disbursements attract VAT. We will confirm likely disbursements in your written estimate.

The above information is for guidance only and does not constitute a contract of any kind.

Regulation and Complaints

Marshalls Solicitors LLP is authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA number 830519).

If you have concerns about our service, please contact us so we can address them. If we are unable to resolve the issue, you may be entitled to complain to the Legal Ombudsman.

Speak to a Probate Solicitor

If you would like to discuss probate costs or estate administration, please contact our private client team.

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