

APPLYING FOR GRANT OF PROBATE AND DEALING WITH ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE – COMPLEX ESTATES

More complex cases involve more work and time than a standard estate which makes it difficult to estimate the likely costs involved without having full information about the estate.

Examples of complex estates include cases where:

- inheritance tax is payable
- lifetime inheritance tax-planning by the deceased is reportable by the executors to HM Revenue & Customs
- the deceased owned foreign property
- the deceased had an interest in a trust at the date of death

Our hourly rate for such matters is £225 (inclusive of vat). Please contact us for a bespoke estimate of costs.

If we are appointed as professional executors of the will, we reserve the right to charge a value element of up to 1.5% of the gross value of the estate in addition to the hourly rate. This will be applied where appropriate on a case by case basis.

If you want help with both the probate application and the administration of the estate, we will:

- Obtain the relevant information required to make the probate application
- Complete the probate application and relevant HMRC form
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Collect and distribute all assets of the estate

Disbursements (additional costs related to your matter paid to a third party on your behalf)

Probate court fee	£273
Additional copies of the grant	£1.50 each
HM Land Registry Office copies (if required)	£3 each
Trustee Act Notice in London Gazette and in local newspaper	£170 to £350
Bankruptcy only search – Local Land Charges	£2 per beneficiary

There may be additional disbursements if we are required to obtain valuations of assets such as property and shares.

How long will this take?

Complex estates often take at least 12 months to be completed.

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