

Grant Only Application

Our fixed fee for obtaining a Grant of Representation is:

Fee -	£500
VAT -	£100
Total -	£600

There will also be other charges such as the Probate Court fee of £155.00 (and 50p for each additional copy of the grant) and a fee of between £5 and £7 per Personal Representative when swearing the Oath.

This quote is for estates where: -

- There is a valid will (original)
- There is no will but there is a clear line of beneficiary i.e surviving spouse, children, grandchildren etc
- There is no inheritance tax payable and there is no requirement to submit a full account to HMRC
- The deceased's assets are based in England and Wales only
- There are no claims made against the estate

In order to prepare the application for the grant, we will need you to provide us with certain information regarding the estate. For example, we will need to know the probate value of any property, date of death balances of any bank accounts and date of death valuations of any stocks and shares. There may be other information needed which is relevant to the matter, but we will of course talk you about this in detail before we start to prepare the application.

Potential Additional Costs

If there is only a copy will or there are complications as to who will act as a Personal Representative, then additional costs will apply, and these can be discussed with you before work on the application begins.

Likewise, if the estate is subject to inheritance tax and / or an application for the Residential Nil Rate Band is needed then additional costs will apply. We will be able to provide you with a more accurate quote once we have more information.

Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included, but costs can be provided where necessary.

How long will this take?

On the basis that we have all the information needed to draft the application for the grant, the whole process should not take any longer than six weeks to complete. This estimated time scale includes the application being approved and granted by the Probate Registry, so if the Registry is experiencing delays or busy periods then we will inform you of this.

Obtaining the Grant and Dealing with the Administration of the Estate (estate not taxable)

If the estate is not subject to inheritance tax i.e the estate is worth £325,000.00 or below, or it is worth over £325,000.00 but there is no tax to pay because of a spouse or civil partner exemption, then we anticipate that our fee will be in the region:

Fee -	£2,000 - £3,000
VAT -	£400 - £600
Total -	£2,400 -£3,600

There will also be other charges such as the Probate Court fee of £155.00 (and 50p for each additional copy of the grant) and a fee of £5 and £7 per Personal Representative when swearing the Oath.

The exact costs 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, one or more property, and multiple bank accounts or shareholdings, costs will be at the higher end.

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- There is no inheritance tax payable and there is no requirement to submit a full account to HMRC
- The deceased's assets are based in England and Wales only
- There are no disputes between beneficiaries on the division of assets. If disputes arise this is likely to lead to an increase in costs
- There are no claims made against the estate

As part of our fixed fee we will:

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate solicitor to work on your matter
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries
- Accurately identify the type of Probate application you will require
- Obtain the relevant documents required to make the application
- Complete the Probate Application and the relevant HMRC forms
- Draft a legal oath for you to swear
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate
- Provide you with a final set of estate accounts

Potential Additional Costs

Additional costs may apply where: -

- There is only a copy will or there are complications as to who will act as a Personal Representative
- Further assets are uncovered, such as additional bank accounts, life insurance policies or shareholdings
- In some cases, there may not be any tax to pay on the estate but there is still a requirement to submit a full account to HMRC.
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included, but costs can be provided where necessary.

In all the above cases, we will ensure that any additional costs are explained to you in a clear and comprehensive way before any additional work is carried out on your behalf.

How long will this take?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 6-8 months. Typically, obtaining the grant takes between 10-12 weeks. Collecting the assets then follow, which can take between 4-6 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets.

The above time scales will be extended if a sale of property is required.

Obtaining the Grant and Dealing with the Administration of the Estate (taxable estates)

If the value of the estate means that inheritance tax is payable, then we will ensure that a full account is lodged with HMRC and the administration of the estate is dealt with as swiftly as possible.

Our charges will not only reflect the time spent dealing with the administration but will also take in consideration the complexity of the case.

In most cases, our charges will be based upon an hourly rate of £210.00 plus VAT which will include attendances upon you, telephone calls, the preparation and reviewing of documents and sending and receiving letters. Our charges may also include a value element of between 0.5% and 1.5% of the gross value of the estate.

There will also be other charges such as the Probate Court fee of £155.00 (and 50p for each additional copy of the grant) and a fee of £5 and £7 per Personal Representative when swearing the Oath.

The exact costs will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter, but a clear and comprehensive quotation will be provided to you prior to us beginning any work.

The work would be for estates where: -

- There is a valid will (original)
- There is no will but there is a clear line of beneficiary i.e surviving spouse, children, grandchildren etc
- Inheritance tax is payable and there is a requirement to submit a full account to HMRC
- The deceased's assets are based in England and Wales only
- There are no disputes between beneficiaries on the division of assets. If disputes arise this is likely to lead to an increase in costs
- There are no claims made against the estate

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If there is only a copy will or there are complications as to who will act as a Personal Representative, then additional costs will apply, and these can be discussed with you before work on the application begins.

Likewise, if further assets are uncovered, such as additional bank accounts, life insurance policies or shareholdings, there is likely to be additional costs that could range significantly depending on the estate and how it is to be dealt with. We will be able to provide you with a more accurate quote once we have more information.

Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included, but costs can be provided where necessary.

How long will this take?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 9-12 months. Typically, dealing with the HMRC formalities and obtaining the grant can take up to 6 months. Collecting the assets then follow, which can take between 4-6 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets.

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