

PRIVATE WEALTH DEPARTMENT FEES

Fixed Fee Uncontested Probate

A Guide for Clients

We can help you through this difficult process by obtaining the Grant of Probate on your behalf. We will also undertake the collecting and distributing of assets.

How much does this service cost?

Fixed fee of £3,150 (plus vat at 20% where no IHT is payable. This includes obtaining the grant, collecting assets and distributing them.
Fixed fee of £4,200 (plus vat at 20%) where IHT is exempt with completion of forms for transferable relief.
Fixed fee of £4,900 (plus vat at 20%) where IHT is payable.

Where work exceeds the value of the fixed fee our time is charged on an hourly rate basis of £475 (for a Partner), £375 (for a Senior Consultant), £250 (for an Associate Solicitor) plus vat and disbursements. In addition, for the administration of full estate, we additionally charge 1.5% uplift of the gross value of the estate plus vat. Therefore fees will depend upon the amount the estate is worth.

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. We handle the payment of disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

Disbursements (approximately £500 in total):

Court fees will depend on the amount the estate is worth:

You may have to pay a fee to apply for probate. Whether you need to pay depends on the value of the estate.

If the value of the estate is over £5,000, the application fee is £526.
There is s no fee if the estate is £5,000 or less.

You can order extra copies of the probate document for £2 each. This means you can send them to different organisations at the same time.

If probate has already been granted, it costs £22 to make a second application. For example, if you want to apply as an executor after holding 'power reserved' on the first application. You'll have to pay the fee even if the value of the estate is £5,000 or less.

Bankruptcy - only Land Charges Department searches (£7.80 per beneficiary). For an overseas beneficiary fees are approximately £200 - £300 per beneficiary depending upon individual requirements.

£200 -£300 plus vat at 20% to post a statutory advertisement in The London Gazette and a local newspaper – this protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditor

As part of our fixed fee we will:

- Provide you with a dedicated an 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 Probation Application and the relevant HMRC forms;
- Draft a legal oath for you to swear;
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf;
- Obtain the Probate and securely send two copies to you; and
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate.

On average, estates that fall within this range are deal with within 6-12 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 8-12 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 2-4 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which usually takes 1-2 weeks.

Contact

Should you require any further information or guidance on our fees, please contact our Private Wealth Department on 0207 625 6003 or by email info@fgdlaw.co.uk