

**LEGAL FEES AND DISBURSEMENT COSTS FOR OBTAINING GRANT OF PROBATE
WHERE THE DECEASED HAS A VALID WILL**

Re: Current charging rates for both obtaining probate for uncontested estates where the deceased has a valid Will.

There are different rates which the Firm may apply and as follows:

1. In cases where there are no unusual circumstances or complexities the firm may work on the basis of a fixed price quotation. This is unlikely to be less than £1,000 plus VAT and disbursements or more than £1,750 plus VAT and disbursements.
2. If the matter is more complex or there are unusual circumstances, then the Firm charge purely on a time basis. The time will be dependent on what is required. The hourly rate will be the rate prevailing at the date of death. The minimum rate is currently £275 per hour plus VAT and disbursements.

The likely disbursements to be incurred are as set out below.

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties which we handle on your behalf. There are also some expenses that may have an element of our fees included and they are subject to VAT. VAT is only payable if stated.

Probate Court fee	£273
Sealed copies of the Grant	£1.50 (per copy)
Bankruptcy search	£2 (per person)
Statutory notice	£250
Bank transfer fee	£40 plus VAT of £8 (per transfer)
Electronic verification of identity	£15 plus VAT of £3 (per check)

Estimated total costs including VAT

based upon legal fees of £1,000: £1,792.50

The estimated total cost assumes we are instructed to solely obtain the Grant of Probate and there are no unusual circumstances or complexities.

Please note that the current rate of VAT is set at 20%

**LEGAL FEES AND DISBURSEMENT COSTS FOR OBTAINING PROBATE
WHERE THE DECEASED DOES NOT HAVE A VALID WILL**

Re: Current charging rates for obtaining Probate for uncontested estates where the deceased does not have a valid Will.

There are different rates which the Firm may apply and as follows:

1. In cases where there are no unusual circumstances or complexities the Firm may work on the basis of a fixed price quotation. This is unlikely to be less than £1,000 plus VAT and disbursements or more than £2,275 plus VAT and disbursements.
2. If the matter is more complex or there are unusual circumstances, then the Firm charge purely on a time basis. The time will be dependent on what is required. The hourly rate will be the rate prevailing at the date of death. The minimum rate is currently £275 per hour plus VAT and disbursements.

The likely disbursements costs to be incurred are as set out below.

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Bank transfer fee	£40 plus VAT of £8 (per transfer)
Electronic verification of identity	£15 plus VAT of £3 (per check)

Estimated total costs including VAT

based upon legal fees of £1,000: £1,792.50

The estimated total cost assumes we are instructed to solely obtain the Letters of Administration and there are no unusual circumstances or complexities.

Please note that the current rate of VAT is set at 20%

**LEGAL FEES AND DISBURSEMENT COSTS FOR DEALING WITH
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF AN ESTATE**

Re: Current charging rates for acting in the administration of an uncontested estate with only assets in the UK.

There are different rates which the Firm may apply depending on the circumstances as follows:

1. In cases where there are few assets and they are of little value the Firm may work on the basis of a fixed price quotation. This is unlikely to be less than £1,375 plus VAT and disbursements or more than £2,000 plus VAT and disbursements.
2. If the estate is more complex and has a large number of assets or assets with a high value, then the Firm charge on a time basis. The time will be dependent on what is required. The hourly rate will be the rate prevailing at the date of death. The minimum rate is currently £275 per hour plus VAT and disbursements. It is difficult to estimate, in advance, how many hours are likely to be needed to complete the administration of an estate but (generally) it is likely to be somewhere between 10 to 30 hours. In some cases a time limit can be imposed which cannot be exceeded by the Firm without prior authorisation.
3. Where an estate is particularly valuable, with numerous and/or complex assets and Inheritance Tax is payable, then a percentage of the gross value of the estate will be applied in addition to the hourly rate based on time spent. The percentage will generally vary from ¼% to 2% but may, in certain cases be slightly more. Both the percentage and hourly rate are subject to VAT at the usual disbursements.
4. If there is a continuing Trust, time spent dealing with the matter will be based on an hourly rate, currently £275 plus VAT. However, in larger or more complex matters, a percentage charge of between ¼% and 2 ½% of the Trust assets may apply. An estimate of the likely time to be spent (on an annual basis) will be given (where possible) at the outset.

The likely expenses and disbursements to be incurred are as set out below.

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Probate Court fee	£273
Sealed copies of the Grant	£1.50 (per copy)
Bankruptcy search	£2 (per person)
Bank transfer fee	£40 plus VAT of 8 (per transfer)
Electronic ID check	£15 plus VAT of £3 (per check)
Statutory notice	£250

Estimated total costs including VAT

based upon legal fees of £1,375: £2,242.50

Please note that the current rate of VAT is set to 20%