

Price Information for probate matters (where the matter is uncontested and all assets are in the UK)

Our Fees

Our fees for handling the administration of an estate may be based upon two factors: (a) the time taken, and (b) the Law Society's recommended scale charges in relation to estate matters. Because estates vary considerably, according to e.g. the assets involved, whether or not inheritance tax is payable, and the response times of third parties such as HMRC, charges can vary from perhaps a few hours' work for the simplest of estates to 2-3% of the gross estate assets. We will provide as best an estimate as we can once we have obtained initial information regarding the estate, and put this in writing.

Disbursements payable

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, Typically they will include payments to the Probate Registry, Land Registry and oath fees according to statutory scales, although there can be others. We will let you know about them and either pay them out ourselves and render an invoice for them, or request them in advance.

What is included within our fees?

- Taking your instructions regarding the assets and liabilities of the estate and gifts which are relevant for inheritance tax purposes;
- Checking this information with the relevant asset holders;
- Preparing the application for probate and relevant inheritance tax account;
- Liaising with you and beneficiaries or other interested parties as appropriate during this process;
- Obtaining the grant of probate and arranging for the encashment of the estate assets/payment of liabilities as appropriate according to your instructions;
- Preparing estate accounts and distributing the estate.

The fees stated do not include:

- Tax advice unless specifically agreed in writing.

What we need from you

We aim to act as promptly as possible following receipt of your instructions. These estimates assume that you will supply us with all information and fees and disbursements requested promptly, all documents supplied are in the correct format and without unnecessary reminders on our behalf.

How long will the matter take?

There is no hard and fast rule, as this will depend on how long it takes to acquire information, and time taken by third parties, particularly HMRC if the estate is taxable. It can take anything from 2 months to gather the initial information regarding the estate, and potentially longer, though for taxable estates an account has to be submitted to HMRC within 6 months of the end of the month of a death. The simplest estate will probably take 4 months from start to

finish; if a house sale is involved, that will affect the overall timetable; 6-9 months is a useful working timetable, though for complex taxable estates 1-2 years is not uncommon.

Who will handle the matter?

The administration of estates is handled by our Director of Private Client Services, Terry Cooper. Terry qualified in 1989 and has many years' experience of handling estates. You can see more details of his experience in his profile on our website

Need more information?

Please contact Terry Cooper on 0121 262 6893 or tcooper@egl-law.com.

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