

Probate

When someone dies the executors of their Will are responsible for collecting the estate in and distributing it in accordance with the Will. Executors are formally appointed, by the deceased, in their Will.

The exact cost of administering an estate will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter. For example, if there are one or two beneficiaries, no property, a limited number of bank accounts, no inheritance tax to pay and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC costs will be in the region of £1,500- £2000 plus vat. If there are multiple beneficiaries, a property, multiple bank accounts, and a full account to submit to HMRC costs will usually be in the region of £2000- £3000 plus vat. This is in addition to the below disbursements:

Disbursements

Person	Hourly Rate (Inc. VAT)
Probate Court fee	£155.00
Office copy of the Grant (1 per asset usually)	£0.50 (per copy)
Trustee Act Notices (if applicable)	£160 – £250 (plus VAT)
Swearing of the oath	£5.00 (per executor)
Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches	£2.00 (per beneficiary)

Potential Additional Costs

If there is no will or the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds) there is likely to be additional costs that could range significantly depending on the estate and how it is to be dealt with. We can give you a more accurate estimate of the costs once we have more information.

Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

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Key Stages and Timescales

Key Stage	Timescale (in months)
Administration of estate (non-taxable)	6 – 12
Administration of estate (complex)	12 - 24

Our Professionals

Alana Faal

Solicitor Advocate and Partner

Qualifications (TBC)

Areas of Law Practiced	Hourly Rate (exc. VAT)	Experience
Probate	£201.00 per hour	13 years

Kaysie Aljarrah

Solicitor

Qualification (TBC)

Areas of Law Practiced	Hourly Rate (exc. VAT)	Experience
Probate	£175.00 per hour	6 years

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