

## LEGAL FEES AND THIRD PARTY EXPENSES (DISBURSEMENTS)

Timescale and costs will depend on the complexity of the estate and the type of service we have been asked to provide.

Before we commence each stage of the process, we provide you with an explanation of the work which will need to be done and advise you on the costs including third party expenses (disbursements).

Unless an alternative basis of charging for our services is agreed and confirmed in writing, our charges are calculated by reference to the time spent by our legal staff in carrying out your instructions.

Our fees are usually calculated on an hourly basis, with no value uplift. So that we know the amount of time being spent on your matter, time is recorded in six-minute units subject to a minimum of six minutes for any activity.

The hourly rates of the solicitors who will deal with your probate are for Partner/Senior Associate Solicitors (£370 plus VAT) Associate Solicitors (£345 plus VAT) Legal Executives (£300 plus VAT).

[Probate Team](#)

**EXAMPLES of our Prices Ranges** The following prices are indicative.

<b>(A)</b> If we are dealing with the <b>entire estate administration</b> , and:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the net estate is worth less than £325,000</li><li>there are no more than two beneficiaries</li><li>there are no more than 5 institutions/providers who we need to deal with (in terms of assets and liabilities)</li><li>there is a surviving spouse</li></ul>	
<b>Approximately:</b> Hours Timescale £ (including VAT at the rate of 20%) + disbursements	10 to 15 4 to 6 months £3,000 to £4,500 + disbursements

<b>(B)</b> If we are dealing with the <b>entire estate administration</b> , and:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the net estate is worth less than £325,000</li><li>there are no more than five beneficiaries</li><li>there are no more than 10 institutions/providers who we need to deal with (in terms of assets and liabilities)</li><li>there is no surviving spouse</li></ul>	
<b>Approximately:</b> Hours Timescale £ (including VAT at the rate of 20%) + disbursements	20 to 25 4 to 7 months £6,000 to £7,500 + disbursements

<b>(C)</b> If we are dealing with the <b>entire estate administration</b> , and:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the net estate is worth more than £325,000</li> <li>• there are more than five beneficiaries</li> <li>• there are more than 10 institutions/providers who we need to deal with (in terms of assets and liabilities)</li> <li>• a long form IHT Account – IHT400 with schedules is required</li> <li>• a claim for transfer of unused IHT NRB/RNRB</li> <li>• there are enquiries relating to lifetime gifts</li> </ul>	
<b>Approximately:</b> Hours Timescale £ (including VAT at the rate of 20%) + disbursements	25 to 40 10 to 18 months £7,500 to £12,000 + disbursements

<b>Typical additional third party expenses (disbursements)</b> Occasionally payments have to be made to others on your behalf. These will be charged in addition to our prices.	<b>Costs including VAT at the rate of 20%</b>
<b>HM Land Registry Fees:</b> Office Cope Entries for Property (register of title and plan)	<b>Link to Land Registry Service Fees</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hm-land-registry-registration-services-fees">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hm-land-registry-registration-services-fees</a>
<b>Principal or District Probate Registry:</b> Probate Application Fee Additional copies of the Grant Caveats	<b>Link to HM Courts &amp; Tribunals Service</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/applying-for-probate/apply-for-probate">https://www.gov.uk/applying-for-probate/apply-for-probate</a>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b> Valuations – personal possessions and shares Estate Agent / Surveyor valuations for property and land Legal Notices – The London Gazette and local newspaper Bankruptcy Searches for UK beneficiaries* Birth, marriage and death certificates  *If beneficiaries are based overseas, foreign bankruptcy searches will be required the cost of which will depend on the relevant country.  Where Carter Bells is acting as executor, the following additional disbursements may be incurred: Will Search via Certainty Asset Search Shares Valuation  <b>The above are provided by third parties whose cost may increase from time to time.</b>	Variable Variable In the region of £200-£250 £2 per person <a href="https://www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate">https://www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate</a>  In the region of £95 plus VAT at the rate of 20% In the region of £155 plus VAT at the rate of 20% In the region of £125 to £200 plus VAT at the rate of 20%

**When considering the above information and the prices indicated it is important to note the services that are not included within the above description and price range. Please refer to the 'What does our service not include?' section of this page for the services which if involved in the administration, may impact and increase the time and price.**

**We recommend that you contact us ([please click here](#)) to receive a tailored estimate of our charges and any disbursements we would expect for your specific case.**

#### **SERVICES INCLUDED FOR THE PRICE RANGES ILLUSTRATED ABOVE**

- Collecting in information on the value of the estate
- Arranging payment of funeral costs
- Advising you on buildings and contents insurance
- Liaising with all utility companies, council tax, TV licence, creditors, store card and club memberships
- Short form inheritance tax return (IHT205)
- Obtaining the grant of probate or grant of letters of administration
- Collecting in assets, payment of known debts and liabilities
- Advice relating to advertising for unknown creditors
- Payment of all cash gifts
- Finalising any estate income tax and capital gains with HMRC
- Preparation of a Final Estate Accounts (based on money coming in and out of the firm's client and office accounts)
- Distribution of the estate between the beneficiaries and obtaining receipt for payment