

## **APPLYING FOR GRANT OF PROBATE AND DEALING WITH ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE – COMPLEX ESTATES**

More complex cases involve more work and time than a standard estate which makes it difficult to estimate the likely costs involved without having full information about the estate.

Examples of complex estates include cases where:

- inheritance tax is payable
- lifetime inheritance tax-planning by the deceased is reportable by the executors to HM Revenue & Customs
- the deceased owned foreign property
- the deceased had an interest in a trust at the date of death

Our hourly rate for such matters is £210 (inclusive of vat). Please contact us for a bespoke estimate of costs.

If we are appointed as professional executors of the will, we reserve the right to charge a value element of up to 1.5% of the gross value of the estate in addition to the hourly rate. This will be applied where appropriate on a case by case basis.

If you want help with both the probate application and the administration of the estate, we will:

- Obtain the relevant information required to make the probate application
- Complete the probate application and relevant HMRC form
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Collect and distribute all assets of the estate

### **Disbursements (additional costs related to your matter paid to a third party on your behalf)**

Probate court fee	£273
Additional copies of the grant	£1.50 each
HM Land Registry Office copies (if required)	£3 each
Trustee Act Notice in London Gazette and in local newspaper	£170 to £350
Bankruptcy only search – Local Land Charges	£2 per beneficiary

There may be additional disbursements if we are required to obtain valuations of assets such as property and shares.

### **How long will this take?**

Complex estates often take at least 12 months to be completed.

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