

Obtaining a Grant of Probate / Letters of Administration and Administering an estate

No one estate is the same as the next. Everyone has assets in different places, some people leave a Will, some people die Intestate (without a Will), some have a very small number of beneficiaries, others have many beneficiaries or if a person dies Intestate sometimes we must search for potential beneficiaries.

The below information we hope gives you a range of the estate charges that could apply to you or your loved one's estate depending on a number of factors outlined.

The best way to get a quote for the circumstances of the estate you are administering is to telephone us on 0191 3881778 and select Option 2.

Our "Grant Only" Package - IHT 205

This is suitable for families who require us to provide services to obtain the Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration Only and then they wish to onwardly administer the estate themselves. This is also suitable in situations where a deceased dies in the middle of a conveyancing sale and the grant is needed to progress the sale.

This involves you providing to us a list of all assets and liabilities in the estate with supporting evidence and then we generate the IHT 205 and HMCTS Oath for the Executors / Administrators Signature and submission to the Probate registry.

£450.00 plus VAT

This quote is for estates where:

- There is a valid will or simple intestacy (less than 5 beneficiaries)
- There is no more than one property
- There are no more than 5 bank or building society accounts / investments
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are no known disputes. If disputes arise this is likely to lead to an increase in costs.
- There is no inheritance tax payable and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC
- There is no foreign property
- There are no claims made against the estate
- We will not communicate to any financial institutions / beneficiaries within this package either before or after the Grant application and on granting of the Grant it will be forwarded to the Executors/Administrators for onward estate administration

Disbursements also payable:

- Probate application fee of £155.00 plus 50p for every copy of the Grant needed.
- £5 Swearing of the oath (per executor/administrator) plus £2.00 (if there is a Will per executor) and an additional £2.00 per additional Codicil (per executor)
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2 per deceased and Executor)

- £250-350.00 Trustee Act Notice - Post in The London Gazette & Local Newspaper – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors. This disbursement is determined by the Newspapers.

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Out “Grant Only” Package - IHT 400

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This involves you providing to us a list of all assets and liabilities in the estate with supporting evidence and then we generate the IHT 400 and HMCTS Oath for the Executors / Administrators Signature and submission to the Probate registry.

£995.00 plus VAT

This quote is for estates where:

- There is a valid will or simple intestacy (less than 5 beneficiaries)
- There is no more than one property
- There are no more than 3 bank or building society accounts / investments
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are no known disputes. If disputes arise this is likely to lead to an increase in costs.
- There have been no lifetime gifts of any nature
- There are no trust assets
- There is no foreign property
- There is Inheritance tax payable and the Executors do not need our assistance to arrange payment of the Inheritance tax
- There are no claims made against the estate.
- We will not communicate to any financial institutions / beneficiaries within this package either before or after the Grant application and on granting of the Grant it will be forwarded to the Executors / Administrators for onward administration

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