

# LUCAS LAW SOLICITORS

Probate

Example template (range of costs with fixed fee for additional work)

## **Applying for the grant, collecting and distributing the assets**

We anticipate this will take between 4-12 months and charged at a fixed fee of between 1.5%-3% plus VAT and disbursements.

The exact cost will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter. For example, if there is one beneficiary and no property, costs will be at the lower end of the range. If there are multiple beneficiaries, a property and multiple bank accounts, costs will be at the higher end.

We will handle the full process for you. This quote is for estates where:

There is a valid will

There is no more than one property

There are no more than three bank or building society accounts

There are no other intangible assets

There are 1-5 beneficiaries

There are no disputes between beneficiaries on division of assets. 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 are no claims made against the estate

Disbursements included in this fee:

Probate application fee of £155

Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2 per beneficiary)

Post in The London Gazette – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors of approx. £90

Post in a Local Newspaper – This also helps to protect against unexpected claims of approx. £150 depending on location

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

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 quote once we have more information.

If any additional copies of the grant are required, they will cost [£1.50 \(1 per asset usually\)](#).

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

How long will this take?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 9-18 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 4-8 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 4-8 weeks.

Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-4 weeks.

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We can help you through this difficult process by obtaining the Grant of Probate on your behalf. We will also undertake the collecting and distributing of assets.

How much does this service cost?

TOTAL: fixed fee of 1.5%-3% plus VAT.

This includes: obtaining the grant, collecting assets and distributing them.

Breakdown of costs:

Legal fees plus VAT of 1.5%-3% of the gross value of the Estate subject to a minimum fixed fee of £1,000 plus VAT and disbursements.

Disbursements (estimate):

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As part of our fixed fee we will:

Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate **solicitor/lawyer** to work on your matter

Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries

Accurately identify the type of Probate application you will require

Obtain the relevant documents required to make the application

Complete the Probate Application and the relevant HMRC forms

Draft a legal oath for you to swear

Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf

Obtain the Probate and securely send two copies to you

Collect and distribute all assets in the estate

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Please note that the above are estimated costs and not to be relied upon without further detail from our lawyers. Please contact us to obtain a bespoke quote, tailored to your circumstances.

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