



PROBATE FEES

The death of a loved one or friend can be a difficult time for any person. This can be made even harder by the difficulty in administering your loved one's estate and having to navigate the complex world of probates.

The Bendles probate team has vast amounts of experience and will ensure that you don't have to worry about probate requirements. The Bendles team can offer services depending on how involved you wish to be; this could be us administering the estate from start to finish or assisting you with different parts of the Estate administration. We are here to help you.

If you have a probate query or general private client requirement such as making a Will or Power of Attorney please contact our team on 01228 522215 and ask for [Caroline Taylor](#) or [John Stevenson](#).

Fees

We like to offer a straightforward and clear pricing structure for our probate fees. At the outset of the administration, we will agree with you the basis of our charges for the administration. Our charges are:

Application for Grant of Probate	£750
Administration of the Estate	Minimum £750
Administration of the Estate (average)	1%-2% of the Gross Estate

Our costs exclude VAT.

Disbursements

These are expenses related to the estate that are payable to third parties, such as the probate office fees. Typical disbursements in probate matters are:

Probate Court Fees	£155
Additional Grant of Probate copies	£0.50 per copy
Executors Oath Swear Fees	£5 + £2 per additional document
Land Registry Fees (if applicable)	See Land Registry
Bankruptcy and insolvency checks	From £2.00 per person
London Gazette Fees	From £69.50 + VAT
Local media adverts	From £120 + VAT

Further disbursements may be required based on the assets to be administered.

Timescales

Completing a Probate can be a time-consuming matter.

The application for just the Grant of Probate can take around 4-8 weeks. This is dependent on the probate registry and their workload and all the information required from you being available.

For the administration of smaller straightforward Estates, the timescale is usually somewhere between three to six months but for larger Estates (which are often taxable) the time it takes to administer the Estate can take anything from six months to eighteen months and very occasionally for very large/complex Estates with a number of assets, beyond that. This includes protection for the executors against any claims made against the estate.

We will advise at an early stage the estimated time that we think the administration of the Estate would take.

Key Stages

Pre Grant of Representation	Post Grant of Representation
Initial meeting to review any Will/discuss intestacy rules and advise on the deceased provisions	Collect and receive monies or assets making up the Estate
Request all information required for application of Grant	Pay any liabilities such as any debts incurred by the deceased
Consider the executors and their roles/wishes	Correspondence with beneficiaries and provide updates to executors
Consider any Inheritance Tax payable	Asset of any assets
Consider any allowance such as Nil rate or reliefs in relation to the Inheritance Tax.	Prepare estate accounts
Preparation of the Oath	Preparing of Inheritance tax forms
Further meeting to sign the Oath	Pay any required inheritance tax
Application for Grant	Complete the administration of the estate and pay the balance of monies to the beneficiaries

Our charges would not include work such as:

- Trusts to be setup with the Estate assets;
- Beneficiaries searches;
- Property sales;
- Business advice in relation to the Estate Assets.

In relation to these matters we can provide you with a quote for our fees. Please contact us on **01228 522215** to speak to a member of the team.