



HI LEGAL / CLIENT PRICING GUIDE

Probate & Estate Administration

Clear legal fees, scope of work and likely timescales.

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Fees in this guide are taken from HI Legal's fee schedule. Your individual client care letter will confirm the fee and scope of work agreed for your matter. HI Legal is not VAT registered; no VAT is added to our professional fees. Third-party charges may attract VAT.

Service fees and information

5. Probate and estate administration

This section covers uncontested probate where all of the assets are in the UK. We offer two options: obtaining the grant only, or dealing with the full administration of the estate.

Service	Basis	Our fee
Grant only	We prepare and submit the probate application and any inheritance tax forms for an estate where no inheritance tax is payable. You then collect and distribute the assets yourself.	£1,500 – £2,000 fixed fee
Full estate administration	We obtain the grant, collect in the assets, pay the debts, prepare estate accounts and distribute the estate to the beneficiaries. Charged at our hourly rates.	£4,500 – £9,000 estimated

No VAT is added to our fees.

Our estimates assume that

there is a valid will

there are no more than 4 beneficiaries and no disputes between them

there is no more than one property and up to 6 bank or building society accounts

no inheritance tax is payable and the estate does not need a full IHT400 return

there are no claims against the estate

If any of these do not apply, we will give you a separate written estimate.

What is included in full administration

a meeting to take instructions and identify the executors and beneficiaries

valuing the estate and identifying assets and debts

preparing and submitting the probate application

collecting in the assets once the grant is issued and paying any debts

placing statutory notices to protect the executors from unknown creditors

preparing estate accounts and distributing the estate in line with the will

What is not included

disputes over the will or the estate

selling or transferring a property in the estate (we can quote separately)

assets held outside the UK

setting up or running trusts created by the will

deeds of variation, and tax advice beyond inheritance tax

Disbursements

Disbursement	Cost
Probate application fee (estates over £5,000)	£526
Additional sealed copies of the grant	£2 each
Notice in The Gazette (deceased estates)	approx. £100
Notice in a local newspaper	approx. £150 – £300
Bankruptcy search against each beneficiary	£2 per beneficiary
HM Land Registry official copies	£7 per document

Factors that could increase the cost

there is no will, or the will is unclear

the estate includes shares, business assets or several properties

inheritance tax is payable or a full IHT400 is required

beneficiaries cannot be traced or disagree

Timescales

Obtaining the grant usually takes 8 to 16 weeks from receiving all the information we need. Collecting assets then takes around 4 to 8 weeks, and distribution a further 2 to 4 weeks. A straightforward estate is usually completed within 6 to 12 months.

Who will handle your matter?

All work is carried out or supervised by our solicitors. Your client care letter will name the person handling your matter and their supervisor.

Name and role	Qualification and experience	Rate grade
Haroon Iqbal	Principal Solicitor. Admitted as a solicitor of England and Wales in May 2020. Supervises all matters handled by the firm.	Grade B
Irfan Sheikh	Senior Solicitor with 19 years' experience.	Grade A
Paralegals and caseworkers	Legally trained staff who prepare applications, bundles and documents under the direct supervision of a solicitor.	Grade D

These rates apply to hourly work, and to any work outside the scope of an agreed fixed fee.

Grade	Who this covers	Hourly rate
Grade A	Solicitors and chartered legal executives with more than 8 years' experience	£300

Grade	Who this covers	Hourly rate
Grade B	Solicitors and chartered legal executives with more than 4 years' experience	£250
Grade C	Other solicitors and legal executives, and fee earners of equivalent experience	£200
Grade D	Trainee solicitors, paralegals and other fee earners	£150

No VAT is payable on these rates. Time is recorded in units of 6 minutes.

Payment and complaints

We may ask for a payment on account before starting work, and for disbursements before we pay them.

If a matter ends early, we will charge for the work done at our hourly rates, up to the agreed fixed fee.

If you have a concern about our fees or service, please see our Complaints Procedure at hi-legal.co.uk/complaints-procedure. You may also be able to complain to the Legal Ombudsman.

Contact us for a quote

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Website: <https://hi-legal.co.uk/> | Complaints: <https://hi-legal.co.uk/complaints-procedure/>

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