



MOON BEEVER: PROBATE COSTS

Probate in relation to uncontested cases where all the assets are in the UK.

Talking to a solicitor with specialist knowledge of probate can help ease the process for you. We work endlessly to ensure that each case is given the personalised approach it deserves. Our lawyers work hard to deliver a quick, accurate and bespoke service for you. We will work hard to keep you updated on your case at all times. If you would like to speak to a member of our team, simply call 020 7400 7770 or email us [here](mailto:info@moonbeever.com).

Our fees (shown on the next page) will be determined by each individual case matter. For example, if there is one beneficiary and no property, costs will be lower. If there are multiple beneficiaries and multiple properties it is likely to be higher.

A simple case, like the one laid out below is estimated at £4,950 - £6,975 (not including VAT). The level of fees do depend entirely on each individual case.

AN EXAMPLE OF A SIMPLE CASE:

- There is a valid will
- There is no more than 1 property
- There are no more than 5 bank or building society accounts
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are 1-6 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 THE FEE

Probate application fee	£155
Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department Searches	£2 per beneficiary
Post in the local newspaper (helps to protect against unexpected claims) – Statutory advertisement fee	£140-£225

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS

If there is no will or the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds) there are likely to be additional costs which 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.

Additional copies of the grant	50p per sealed copy
Insurance	Buildings or Contents insurance might be needed if there is an empty property. Prices for this can vary but your solicitor can advise on best options.
Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property is not included. If required, our property team are on hand to assist you.	

HOW LONG WILL THE MATTER TAKE?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 5-10 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 8-12 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 5-12 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-4 weeks.

Of course, each matter is entirely different. To discuss your exact needs please call us on 020 7400 7770 or email us at info@moonbeever.com or rboulding@moonbeever.com



KEY STAGES:




The fees set out above cover all of the work in relation to the following key stages of a claim:

- Taking your initial instructions, reviewing the papers and advising you
- Collating details of the deceased's assets and liabilities
- Preparing the probate application and relevant HMRC forms
- Making the application to the probate registry on your behalf
- Obtaining the probate and providing you with a sealed copy
- Placing statutory advertisements and realising the deceased's assets and paying any liabilities
- Preparing the estate accounts for approval by the personal representatives
- Distributing the estate assets to the beneficiaries

The stages set out above are an indication and if some of stages above are not required, the fee will be reduced.

MEET THE PROBATE TEAM

All legal work is supervised by a qualified solicitor. Specific experience can be seen in the individual staff profiles found on our website in the 'our people' section.

Name & job title (In seniority)	Qualifications & years PQE	Hourly rate
 Richard Boulding Click here to view full profile.	Partner & Head of the wills, trusts and probate department. LLB, TEP 37 Years' PQE	£395 + VAT
 Charlotte Cooper Click here to view full profile.	Solicitor LLB Qualified in 2016	£250 + VAT
 David Toms Click here to view full profile.	Solicitor LLB Qualified in 2018	£250 + VAT
Herkiran Degan	Paralegal	£175 + VAT

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