

Our charging structure

Whilst the more traditional method of charging for Probate services by banks and solicitors was a fixed percentage fee of the estate value, being central London accountants we made a conscious decision to charge based on time spent at our hourly charge out rates. Given an individual's highest value asset is usually their home and property values in London and the surrounding areas continue to rise rapidly, we felt this was a much fairer and transparent approach to take.

Our 2026 hourly charge rates, which are updated annually, are as follows:

Partner	£300*
Tax Manager	£244*
Supervisor	£144*
Tax Assistant	£120*

*All rates quoted are subject to VAT. In addition any disbursements paid such as probate registration fees, postage and other costs would also be charged on the account.

Every probate case will vary in relation to the time taken to complete the process as it depends on a wide variety of factors including nature and complexity of assets, correspondence with third parties, the need to undertake valuations for specific assets, complications in the process with HMRC or the Probate office and locating beneficiaries to name but a few. However we firmly believe that as accountants with extensive tax and probate knowledge we are best placed to prepare probate work in a quick efficient manner thus helping to keep the overall costs down.

Whilst we cannot give specific quotes for reasons mentioned above, we have provided some illustrations of our charges based on previous probate cases and our experience. Please bear in mind these charges are just an indication and each case will differ depending on the complexity of each estate:

1. If the executors/next of kin gather all information for the deceased estate and prepare the Inheritance Tax form along with the probate application form then would like our firm to review the schedule of assets, relevant forms and IHT calculations

Our fees would usually be in the range of £2,000 to £2,500 + vat;

2. If the executors/next of kin gather all information for the deceased estate and would like our firm to review the schedule of assets, prepare the Inheritance Tax form along with the probate application form, calculate Inheritance Tax liability and submit the returns to HMRC & the Probate office

Our fees would usually be in the range of £3,500 to £6,000 + vat;

3. If the executors/next of kin would like our firm to gather all information for the deceased estate, prepare the schedule of assets along with Inheritance Tax form and the probate application form, calculate Inheritance Tax liability and submit the returns to HMRC & the Probate office

Our fees would usually be in the range of £6,000 to £11,000 + vat;

4. If the executors/next of kin would like the full suite of services including everything in 3. above along with Estate administration including the collection of assets, payment of liabilities and distributions to beneficiaries

Our fees would usually be in the range of £8,000 to £18,000 + vat;

If the estate is deemed a complex estate with multiple assets, complicated issues and multiple beneficiaries our fees could be in excess of £20,000 + vat. In the instance we are dealing with a complex estate this is likely to be known from the outset and we will advise you of this as soon as we can.

We do not deal with contentious probate cases but we can refer you to a solicitor who will be able to assist you in such cases.

To view our licence with ICAEW (reference number C005302274) please visit <https://www.icaew.com/regulation/probate-services> and click on ICAEW probate register.

We aim to provide all our clients with an exceptional level of service. However in the event you are dissatisfied with the service we are providing to you please contact our Head of Legal Practice Jennifer Tolmie who will endeavour to handle your complaint in a timely fashion and to your satisfaction.

In the unlikely event that she is not able to satisfy your complaint you can ask Richard Hill (another partner in our firm) to look into your complaint, you can make a complaint to ICAEW <https://www.icaew.com/regulation/complaints-process/make-a-complaint> or you can make a formal complaint to the Legal Ombudsman <https://www.legalombudsman.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

Our firm has professional indemnity insurance in place in accordance with the requirements of ICAEW and details of our cover will be provided in our standard terms of engagement. In addition the ICAEW has a Probate compensation scheme <https://www.icaew.com/regulation/probate-services/information-for-consumers/probate-compensation-scheme-arrangements>