



## FEE SCALE – NON CONTENTIOUS PROBATE – SINCLAIRS

### *Applying for a grant of probate or letters administration, collecting and distributing assets comprised in the Estate.*

We anticipate this will take between 8 and 10 hours work at £285 +20% VAT per hour. Total costs estimated at £2,120 to £2,160 (+20 % VAT).

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 and properties, multiple bank accounts or other investments, costs will be at the higher end.

We will handle the full process for you. It may be more expensive to administer estates where:

- There is no valid will
- There is more than one property
- There are several bank or building society accounts
- There are intangible assets
- There are a large number of beneficiaries (in excess of 3)
- There is a dispute between beneficiaries on division of assets. If a dispute arises this is likely to lead to an increase in costs
- There is inheritance tax payable and the executors need to submit a full account to HMRC
- There are claims or potential claims of which we become aware made against the estate

**In addition to the fees noted above, we will also incur disbursements included on behalf of the estate. Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. Subject to receiving appropriate money on account when requested, we handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process**

- Probate application fee of £215 +VAT if the value of the estate is £5,000 or over – there is no fee if the estate is under £5,000. This is subject to change from time to time. We normally obtain at least six extra copies of the Grant when applying for the original.
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2.90 +20% VAT per beneficiary)
- Advertisement in The London Gazette – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors and a post in a Local Newspaper – This also helps to protect against unexpected claims- approximately £200 plus VAT

VAT

The current rate of VAT is 20%. This means that an hourly rate of £250 plus VAT will mean a total fee, inclusive of VAT, of £300. VAT rates vary from time to time. We are required to charge the applicable VAT at the time the work undertaken. We will notify you in writing to any changes to the VAT rates

*Our fees are reviewed on 1 January each year.*