

Wills & Probate Fees and Timescales 2024

WILLS

Estimated Fees are as follows:

- Simple single Will: £270 to £370 plus VAT
- Simple mirror Wills: £370 to £470 plus VAT
- More complicated Wills are charged at an hourly rate of £250 plus VAT

The above costs include taking instructions, the preparation of drafts and the execution of the document.

Our hourly rate of £250 plus VAT will apply in the case of more complicated instructions, for further new advice following the initial meeting, or for substantial amendments.

Our hourly rate will also apply pro rata if you decide not to proceed with the instructions at any time after the initial discussion.

We are obliged by our Regulators to consider the cost effectiveness of our charges and we judge that in order to meet your objectives the costs outlined are appropriate and proportionate.

We may also charge for disbursements including, but not limited to, Land Registry Office Copies for any property that is owned. VAT may be added to certain disbursements such as fees for Office Copies.

Timescales are expected to be:

- Prepare and send draft will within 1-2 weeks of receiving complete instructions.
- Subject to client instructions we aim for wills to be ready for signature within 1 month of receiving complete instructions.

LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY

There are two kinds of Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA): one for property and finance, the other for health and welfare.

Estimated Fee for one LPA is £400 plus VAT.

Estimated Fee for two LPAs is £600 plus VAT.

Estimated Fee for four LPAs (eg for married couple) is £1000 plus VAT.

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Our hourly rate will also apply pro rata if you decide not to proceed with the instructions at any time after the initial discussion.

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We will also charge for disbursements including the Office of Public Guardian fee of £82 per Lasting Power of Attorney.

Timescales are expected to be:

- Prepare and send draft Lasting Power of Attorney within 1-2 weeks of receiving complete instructions.
- Subject to client instructions we aim for Lasting Power of Attorney to be ready for signature within 1 month of receiving complete instructions.
- Lasting Powers of Attorney need to be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian after signing. Please note that their timescales may vary.

PROBATE MATTERS

The charging rate for Probate matters is by the hour at £250 plus VAT.

Guide prices for obtaining Probate in most estates will be approximately 3 hours' work (£750 plus VAT) depending on the complexity of the estate. We will be able to advise you if this guide price will vary in your case.

After the Grant of Probate has been received guide prices for administering the estate will usually be approximately 4 hours' work (£1000 plus VAT) depending on the complexity of the estate. We will be able to advise you if this guide price will vary in your case.

Our hourly rate will apply pro rata if estates are more complex and/or if you decide not to proceed further at any time after instructing us.

We are obliged by our Regulators to consider the cost effectiveness of our charges and we judge that in order to meet your objectives the costs outlined are appropriate and proportionate.

We will also charge for disbursements including Probate fee of £273 for estates valued at more than £5,000 plus £1.50 for each copy of the Grant of Probate supplied.

Other likely disbursements may include:

- Land Registry copies – typically £3 + VAT
- Formal advertisements required by law – please contact us for details.

Timescales are expected to be:

- Prepare and submit application for a Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration within 1-4 months of receiving complete instructions.
Please note that timescales for processing Grants of Probate by the Probate Office may vary and are not under our control.
- Make initial distribution at the earliest opportunity, normally within 3 months of Grant of Probate.
- Make final distribution if possible within 1 year of date of death subject to tax requirements, third party timescales and complexity of the Estate.

CERTIFIED COPIES

Certified copies of Lasting Powers of Attorney will cost £20 + VAT for each copy.

WHO WILL DEAL WITH YOUR MATTERS

Solicitors with at least 5 years' experience will handle your case under the supervision of a solicitor with at least 20 years' experience.

For further information, please see our [Terms of Business](#).