COSTS FOR WILLS, TRUSTS, LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY, UNCONTESTED PROBATE AND ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

Estate planning is when you consider and specify how you want to transfer your Estate Assets to your intended beneficiaries before and after you pass away.

A well-prepared plan will ensure you do so, in the most tax-efficient manner and benefit those most dearest to you in the best way possible, bearing in mind their personal circumstances.

The cost of an effective estate plan will vary, depending on the complexity of your estate and your wishes.

For some guidance as to what you can expect to pay, please see our costs below.

For a tailored quotation
for your unique situation
please *contact us*

HOW MUCH DOES A WILL COST?

There are different types of Wills. The best one for you will depend on your unique circumstances. Our experienced solicitors and practitioners will advise you on the best option and explain what it means for you and your family.

Type	Cost £
Single / simple Will	400 +VAT
Mirror Wills	600 +VAT
Life interest Will - single	550 +VAT
Life interest Wills - mirror	800 +VAT
Discretionary Trust or Disabled Persons Settlement - single	800 +VAT
Discretionary Trust or Disabled Persons Settlement - mirror	1100 +VAT
Single codicil	275 +VAT
Joint codicil	350 +VAT

As part of the preparation of your Will we will meet with you to discuss your estate and testamentary wishes. We will take details of your assets which will allow us to advise you about your Inheritance Tax position. This will also depend upon how you have chosen to leave your estate. Should you require or benefit from additional tax advice, i.e. lifetime planning opportunities, a separate charge will apply based upon the solicitor's hourly rate.

Learn about Will writing services *here*

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HOW MUCH DOES A LIFETIME TRUST COST?

Like Wills, there are different types of Trusts, and it is important to choose the best solution for your specific circumstances. Our Wills, Trust and Probate team will advise you on the best Trust to meet your needs.

Our fees for the most common lifetime Trust documents:

Type	Cost £
Declaration of trust – simple confirming beneficial interests	450 +VAT
Declaration of trust – complex	Starting from 650 +VAT
Lifetime Discretionary Trust – incl advice about taxation and registration if applicable with HMRC's Trust Registration Service. (TRS)	Starting from 1500 +VAT
Lifetime Disabled Persons Trust - incl advice about taxation and registration if applicable at TRS.	Starting from 1500 +VAT
Trust administration documentation – change of trusteeship	450 +VAT
Trust administration documentation – Deed of appointment.	550 +VAT

Additional advice for tax implications relating to subsidiary Trust documentation, such as execution of a Deed of Appointment, will be charged at the solicitor's hourly rate.

HOW MUCH DOES A LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY COST?

A lasting power of attorney (LPA) means that you will appoint a trusted person or persons to make decisions about, or to assist with your affairs at a time when you are unable. There are two types, one that deals with financial affairs and one that covers health and welfare.

Number of LPA's	Price £
1 – including registration	550 +VAT
2 – including registration	750 +VAT
4 – including registration	1150 +VAT

For a tailored quotation for a LPA to meet your specific needs please *contact us*

- If you have an Enduring Power of Attorney the registration cost is £750 +VAT.
- If you need a General Power of Attorney prices start from £300 +VAT.

Please note the Office of the Public Guardian will charge a fee to register your LPA, from 17th November 2025 it is £92.00 per Power.

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HOW MUCH DOES A DEPUTYSHIP ORDER COST?

If you need authority to make important decisions on behalf of another who has already lost capacity, and does not have a Power of Attorney, you will need a Deputyship Order.

The cost to apply for a Deputyship Order on your behalf will start from £1,204 +VAT +Court fees.

HOW MUCH DOES PROBATE COST?

As a firm our probate and estate administration costs are only based upon the time we need to spend to administer the estate as opposed to a percentage value of the estate or combination of time and percentage value. We believe this is a much fairer way to ensure you are not spending more than is necessary. The time required will vary depending on the complexity of the estate. For a no obligation quotation for your specific needs please **contact us**.

The information below will provide you with a general idea of what you can expect to pay for an uncontested estate administration.

If you are contesting a Will (contentious probate) *click here*

Type	Cost range £
Full Estate Administration Stage 1 - pre-Grant up to Grant. • Ascertaining Estate assets, registering death with 3rd parties, valuing the estate, calculating Inheritance due, drafting, and submitting Inheritance Tax return and probate application to HMRC and The Court.	3,000 – 5,000 +VAT
Full Estate Administration Stage 2 - post-Grant. • Registering Grant with 3rd parties, closing accounts and selling/transferring shares and or investments, settling estate liabilities, dealing with income tax for admin period, drafting and preparing Estate Accounts and ultimately distributing the Estate.	7,000 – 10,000 +VAT
Grant only – • No Inheritance Tax, excepted estate preparation of application and submission to Court.	1350 +VAT
Grant only - Inheritance Tax return is required	From 2750 +VAT
Deed of variation	From 450 +VAT

HOW MUCH DOES PROBATE COST?

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Typical disbursements:

- Probate application fee - £300 (There's no fee if the estate is £5,000 or less).
- Copy of the grant - £1.50 each.
- Bankruptcy search per beneficiary - £3.90.
- Land Registry property title search - £2.90.
- Certainty National Will Register search - £95 +VAT.
- Asset search costs - from £155 plus Vat to £185 +VAT.

CHOOSING THE BEST WILL WRITER, LPA, TRUSTS AND PROBATE SOLICITOR

It is important to work with an experienced Wills, trusts and probate solicitor to ensure you receive the best advice and guidance for your estate.

Many of our solicitors are members of STEP and are acknowledged Trust and Estate Practitioners.

Our team are qualified to provide you with advice about inheritance and succession planning, the type of Will or trust that will suit your needs, administering estates and acting as trustees.

Learn about Wills, Trusts, LPA and probate experts ***here***