

# **Later Life Planning**

## **Our fees**

All of our fees are subject to VAT at the rate of 20%. In the case of disbursements, where we have indicated that VAT is chargeable on them, the rate of VAT will be 20%

Please note that whilst our prices are as accurate as possible the amount could decrease or increase. Each matter we act on is individual and some cases can be substantially more complex or have unexpected issues. Details will be provided if and when they arise and we will agree any additional fees with you first.

Wills	Our Fees
Simple Will for a Single Person	£225 plus VAT
Simple Mirror Wills for a Couple	£350 plus VAT
Codicil for a Single Will	£150 plus VAT
Codicil for a Couple's Wills	£200 plus VAT

If a will is going to be more complicated i.e. numerous beneficiaries we are happy to provide a quotation on request.

## **Lasting Powers of Attorneys**

Sadly, injury and illness can happen to anyone of any age at any time. A Lasting Powers of Attorney means that your wishes are known and can be carried out if you no longer have capacity to make decisions.

For each Lasting power of attorney a fee of £82 is payable to the Office of the Public Guardian

	<u>Our Fees</u>	OPG rees
LPA Health & Welfare <b>OR</b> Property and Financial	£ 500 plus VAT	£82
LPA Health & Welfare and Property & Finance	£ 750 plus VAT	£164
LPA Health & Welfare OR Property and Financial (couple)	£ 750 plus VAT	£164
LPA Health & Welfare and Property & Finance (couple)	£1500 plus VAT	£328
Enduring Power of Attorney Registration	£250 plus VAT	£82
LPA – certifying copy for non-clients	£30 plus VAT	n/a

Trusts		Our Fees
Life Interest Trust in	ı Will (on Death)	£600 plus VAT
Lifetime Interest Tru	ust Deed (Now)	£1000 plus VAT
Property Trust	A land registry registration fee will apply, see here	£1000 plus VAT
Declaration of Trust		£350

#### **Probate**

Probate is a term commonly used to describe the administration of a person's estate after they die. At Sandersons we understand that for bereaved relatives and friends, the process of obtaining probate can be worrying.

Probate – Grant Only (Non-Taxable Estate)	Our tees	£1200 plus VAT
Fixed Fee (does not include collecting assets	Probate Registry Fee	£273
and distribution)	Land Registry Office Copies	£1.50
	Bankruptcy Search Fees	£2.00
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As part of our fixed fee we will:

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate solicitor to work on your matter
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries
- Accurately identify the type of Probate application you will require
- Obtain the relevant documents, provided by the executor, required to make the application
- Complete the Probate Application and the relevant HMRC forms
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Obtain the Probate and securely send two copies to you

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 3-6 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 20-24 weeks.

### Probate – Administration of Estate

We anticipate this will take between 15 and 35 hours work at £195.00 per hour plus VAT. Total costs estimated at £3000.00 - £7000.00 + VAT for a non-taxable estate and £5000.00 - £10000.00 + VAT for a taxable estate.

The exact cost will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter. For example, if there is no beneficiary and no property, costs will be at the lower end of the range. If there are multiple beneficiaries, a property and multiple bank accounts, costs will be at the higher end.

We will handle the full process for you and this quote is for estates where:

- There is a valid will
- There is one or more properties
- There is one or more Bank accounts
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are unlimited beneficiaries
- There are no claims made against the estate

Disbursement are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as Probate registry fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process, the following are included in our fees (where applicable VAT is included)

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Land Registry Office Copies	£1.50

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#### Potential additional costs

- If there is no will or the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds) there is likely to be additional costs that 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.
- If any additional copies of the grant are required, they will cost £1.50 (1 per asset usually)
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 6 to 12 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 20-24 weeks. Collecting assets then follows which can take between 2-10 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-4 weeks.

Property Sever Joint Tenancy Property Transfer Document Right to Occupy (Single) Right to Occupy (Two people)	Our Fees £80 plus VAT £850 plus VAT £250 plus VAT £350 plus VAT
Other Services  Assent A land registry registration fee will apply, see <a href="here">here</a> Court of Protection — Deputyship Order Court application fee £371 Deed of Appointment/Variation Deed of Gift General Supervision Fee (cost per year) Security Bond	Our Fees £500 plus VAT £950 plus VAT £500 plus VAT £850 plus VAT £320 plus VAT £1000 plus VAT
(The court tells most deputies to get a 'surety bond' (also called a 'security bond'). The bond is insurance that protect the assets of the person whose affairs and property the deputy is managing. This fee is decided by the court.)  Medical Assessment Fee by Doctor  Home Visit (mileage and/or hourly rates will be charged in addition to the visit charge)	£350 plus VAT £100 plus VAT

