

# Fast fixed fee probate

It's always nice when something new comes along, particularly in the slow moving world of probate law. We decided to liven the probate market up for the benefit of our clients by introducing a new **fast fixed fee probate service**.

More and more people are obtaining grants of probate themselves and are finding the process complicated, time consuming and, more importantly, upsetting.



Executors often turn to this option because of a fear of legal fees being excessive. Our **fast fixed fee probate service** means you know from the outset the cost involved. For example for an estate valued at under **£300,000** our charges are normally fixed at **£3000 + vat**.

Why not compare our costs and service with others. Other solicitors will charge an hourly rate for as long as it takes and even a percentage of the value of the estate on top. Banks base charges on the size of the estate. (Prices correct as of 2009)

Company	Fee breakdown	Cost on an estate of £300,000
Barclays	£750 + 3.5% on the first £250,000 then 1.5% on the next £750,000	£9,500 + vat
HSBC	4% on the first £250,000 + 1% on anything over £250,000	£10,500 + vat
Lloyds TSB	4% on the first £500,000 and then 3% up to £1,000,000	£12,000 + vat
Natwest	4% below £250,000 and then 2% on anything above £250,000	£11,000 + vat
<b>Gard &amp; Co.</b>	<b>Fixed fee</b>	<b>£3,000 + vat</b>

Gard & Co.'s **fast fixed fee probate service** covers all aspects of administration and includes:

- applying for a grant of probate
- dealing with the home and any other land and property
- dealing with banks, building societies and other investments
- dealing with business and agricultural assets
- paying debts
- dealing with H. M. Revenue and Customs, especially for inheritance tax (death duties)
- distributing legacies
- distributing the remainder of the estate to the people entitled to it

At the end of the administration we provide full estate accounts to the executors showing exactly what assets are in the estate and how they are to be passed onto the beneficiaries.

There are no hidden costs. Everything is done for you so there is nothing for you to worry about!

As you can see the financial benefits are significant. The Wills and Probate department of Gard & Co. also pride themselves on their friendly and professional approach with all work being carried out by specialist lawyers.



If you would like further information or advice please contact Robert, Jane or Glenn who will be happy to assist you or visit [www.gardandco.com](http://www.gardandco.com).



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