

# Price list 2025

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## Wills

Wills take many shapes and sizes depending on your needs and the complexity of your estate and your wishes. All Wills are prepared on a fixed price basis and include: discussing your wishes, providing initial advice on inheritance tax, preparing the Will, minor amendments if needed for more complex Wills and ensuring that the Wills are properly executed and stored. Simple Wills are usually arranged by phone, email or Skype, all others by a home visit.

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| ➤ A simple Will for a single person leaving your estate to up to 8 named beneficiaries   | £295 plus VAT            |
| ➤ Simple 'mirror' Wills for couples leaving your estates up to 8 people  | £425 plus VAT            |
| ➤ More complex Wills for a single person containing a bespoke trust (sometimes used for inheritance tax planning or to protect disabled or vulnerable family members)  | £675 plus VAT            |
| ➤ More complex Wills for couples with children from different relationships, couples wanting to leave their estates in trust for their spouse, older people wishing to protect their estates from care home fees, inheritance tax planning Wills for unmarried couples and those who have been widowed/widowed more than once, Wills containing small businesses | £995 plus VAT per couple |
| ➤ Wills including tax planning for leaving a large business in your Will for a couple  | £1945 plus VAT           |

Additional services, if needed

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| Letters of wishes to accompany complex Wills  | £125 plus VAT |
| Severance of ownership to tenants in common, if needed for inheritance tax planning         | £195 plus VAT |
| Additional fee for home visits for simple Wills (visits are included in complex Wills' fee) | £125 plus VAT |

## Probate

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| ➤ Executors Grant Only Service with HMRC Return - I will prepare the application for the Grant of Probate and calculated the figures needed for the declarations to HMRC where you provide the valuations  | £1,800 plus VAT *   |
| ➤ Executors Grant Only Service with HMRC Account - as above but with a full HMRC account (usually when inheritance tax is to be paid)  | £3,950 plus VAT*  |
| ➤ Fixed Fee Full Administration Service - I will deal with obtaining the Grant and distributing the estate. This is appropriate where you are not familiar with the probate process of the estate, you do not have time to devote to administering the estate, a full inheritance tax return is needed, or where you are not going to inherit a large part of the estate | 1-1.5% of the value of the estate depending on complexity and value with a minimum fee of 4,250 plus VAT* |

There are some estates where the fees above may be more. These include estates:

- With significant assets abroad
- Which include business assets or farms
- With more than 10 separate holding of shares or similar assets
- With an actual or potential claim against the estate

\* There may be some estates where the fees above will be lower. This is where the estate is very simple, maybe just a property and/or a few bank accounts.

You will also need to budget for a probate fee from £310, land registry fees (£40-£120) if you are transferring property, valuations (e.g. for property, valuable antiques or large jewellery collections), tax

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returns to wind up income tax matters with HMRC, property sale costs, house clearance etc. I can advise on these when I prepare a quote for you and can link you to agents to help you.

## Powers of Attorney

Lasting Powers of Attorney full service including acting as a certificate provider and registering the powers ready for use £695 plus VAT for two powers for a single person, £895 plus VAT for four (two each for a couple)

A fee of £82 is payable to the Office of the Public Guardian for the registration of each Lasting Power of Attorney in addition to the fees above. If you are in receipt of certain benefits or have a low income, then these fees are reduced or waived. Just let me know if this applies.

## Court of Protection applications

Application to be a Deputy to manage the financial affairs of someone who has lost mental capacity and does not have a Lasting Power of Attorney £1,995 plus VAT

Other Court of Protection applications £1,995 plus VAT upwards

There is a Court application fee of £365 for all applications in addition to the fees above.

## Other services – a price range is given when it depends on complexity

- Declarations of Trust — these are bespoke legal documents to define property interests – or transfer of property £695 plus VAT
- Loan Agreements among private individuals or family members £425 to £725 plus VAT
- Loan Agreements with a charge on a property to secure your loan £1,450 plus VAT
- Preparing a family trust and advising on how to use it and registering with HMRC £1,350 plus VAT
- Change of name deed £300 plus VAT