

**Our estimated likely fees for services provided by Bates Weston Probate LLP are as follows:**

As at April 2021:

**Will Writing Fees**

Our fees in respect of this engagement will be as follows:-

Initial meeting [first 30 mins]	No charge
Initial meeting up to 1 hour	£100
Initial meeting up to 2 hours	£300
IHT lifetime and Will planning	Time costs at £260 per hour
Basic Will drafting	From £250
Mirror wills for couples	From £375
Complex will drafting	Time costs at £260 per hour
Will storage per annum	£25

**Other Services**

There are many other areas where we can be of assistance and we shall be pleased to discuss any matters with you. These other services include:

- advice on financial matters;
- advice and assistance with the creation of Lasting Powers of Attorney including registration with the Office of Public Guardian and provision of certificate holder.

**Fees in relation to Lasting Powers of Attorney start from:**

With one meeting

	<b>Single LPA from</b>	<b>Both LPAs from</b>
One person	£150	£175
Two people	£175	£300

With two meetings

One person	£225	£250
Two people	£250	£375

There is a court application fee of £82 per application to register the documents with the Office of the public Guardian.

## Probate and Estate Administration Fees

The nature of these assignments can vary widely depending on the answer to various questions such as:-

- Is there a surviving spouse or civil partner?
- Is there a will, and do you know of its location?
- Are there any executors to the will, and if so, how many are there?
- Did the deceased grant a power of attorney to anyone?
- Was anyone financially supported by the deceased at the time of their death?
- How many beneficiaries are there?
- Ascertain the value of assets: – Is there any loose cash? – Are there any bank or building society accounts? – Are there any private pension arrangements? – Are there any securities such as gilts, bonds or unit trusts? – Are there direct equities and if so, how many holdings? Are there any assets held offshore?
- Ascertain the value of estate: – Did the deceased own any properties? – What is the value of the property and is it occupied? – Is the estate taxable?
- Ascertain the value of any gifts given within seven years before the death of the deceased.
- Will a separate probate be required to administer assets held overseas in a foreign jurisdiction?

Therefore, as a guide to costs, fees would be charged at an hourly rate of £260 up to a maximum charge of 2% of the estate value.

The cost of disbursements would be additional and would include the cost of Death Certificates, Probate Court Fees, Copies of the Grant, Oath fees, Statutory notices etc.