

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

	Single LPA from	Both LPAs from
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.