



What is estate administration?

Estate administration (sometimes referred to as Probate or Confirmation in Scotland) is the process of dealing with a person's legal and tax affairs after they've died.

All estates need to be administered to some extent. This normally means dealing with all of their assets (such as property and personal possessions) and liabilities (such as outstanding debts) before transferring what's left to the beneficiaries.

What's involved?

If you are named as an Executor in a Will, or the next of kin if there is no Will, you may need to think about:

- Gathering all information
- Applying for the Grant of Probate
- Closing bank accounts and paying debts
- Ensuring the family tree information is correct
- Dealing with shares and investments
- Redirecting post
- Selling property and assets
- Dealing with Inheritance Tax forms
- Completing Income Tax work
- Dealing with Capital Gains Tax
- Dealing with specialist legal work
- Contacting all people due to inherit
- Producing estate accounts

These are just some of the tasks that you may need to consider.

How long will it take?

Estate administration is a long and complex legal process, so expect it to take months rather than weeks. As each estate is different, it is almost impossible to tell how long the process will take without knowing more about the specific nature of the estate.

What are my options?

Some people decide to administer the estate by themselves but this can take a significant amount of time and effort, especially if you've never had to go through the process before.

If you decide to undertake the work yourself, you should also be aware that you are personally liable for any mistakes made during the process, such as when completing tax returns and legal paperwork. For these reasons, many people prefer to appoint a specialist legal firm to do the work on their behalf.

"Kings Court Trust have dealt with my late father's estate in a professional and caring way. We were contacted regularly on the progress and any issues that arose were dealt with promptly. We cannot thank them enough for all the work they have done in helping us."



We take care of estate administration, quickly and completely.

When it comes to estate administration, we can handle everything you can think of (and all the things you might not have considered). From self assessment tax returns and shares to setting up Trusts in a Will, you'll find we've got everything in place to take care of your specific needs.

We are proud to be one of the UK's leading estate administration specialists, having supported over 35,000 estates in whole or part and distributed many billions of pounds in inheritances.



Complex situation? We can handle it.

We've helped thousands of families receive their inheritance from estates both big and small. Our specialist tax and legal teams can advise on any situation. Estate administration is what we do, every day, for families in all sorts of circumstances.



We're transparent and tell you the price upfront.

Our fixed pricing comes without the small print. Once we know the details of the estate, we will be able to provide you with a price to complete the estate administration, giving you complete transparency from the outset. This fixed price means if you ever want to ask a question, we are here to help. We'll never be watching the clock.



Personal service. Online access.

We believe that you deserve a dedicated Personal Estate Manager to answer your queries and offer advice. And at any time of the day, you can log on to our online tracking system so you can monitor the progression of the estate.

Talk to us today

We can provide a quote for our estate administration service in to help you understand your options.



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