

Probate Fees from April 2011

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| Application In all cases where the net estate (ie the amount remaining in the deceased's sole name after funeral expenses and debts owing have been deducted) is over £5,000 (see example 1 below). Note: Joint assets passing automatically to the surviving joint owner should not be included when calculating the fee. | £105 |
| If the net estate as above is under £5,000 (see example 2 below). | No fee |
| Application for a second grant in an estate where a previous grant has been issued. | £20 |
| Additional Copies Official (sealed) copies of the Grant of Representation if ordered when you lodge your application for a Grant of Representation. Note: You should decide how many copies you will need and add the cost to your application fee – this will give you the total amount payable. See examples below. It can save you a lot of time when collecting in the deceased's assets if you have a few extra copies of the grant to produce to the organisations holding the assets. | £1 per copy |
| 'Sealed and certified copy' – if assets are held abroad you may need one of these. Please check with the appropriate organisations before ordering. | £1 per copy (including Will and Grant) |
| Additional copies (consisting of grant including a copy of the Will, if applicable) ordered after the Grant of Representation has been issued. | £6 for first copy then £1 per additional copy |

| Example 1 | | | | Example 2 | | | |
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| Net estate of £75,000 | = | Fee | £105 | Net estate of £2,000 | = | Fee | Nil |
| 4 copies of grant at £1 each | = | Fee | £ 4 | 1 copy of grant at £1 each | = | Fee | £1 |
| | | <u>Total Fee</u> | <u>£109</u> | | | <u>Total Fee</u> | <u>£1</u> |

Please send a cheque or postal order (no cash) made payable to 'HM Courts & Tribunals Service', together with your application forms, to the Probate Registry to which you are applying. You should state the number and type of copies you need on the checklist on page 4 of the PA1 (application form). Please print the name of the **deceased person** on the back of the cheque.

Please ensure you order sufficient copies for your needs, when you send in your application.

Please note: Appropriate post must be paid. (Standard rate postage may not be sufficient. If your forms weigh over 60g they may need to be weighed at your local Post Office.)

What if I cannot afford to pay a fee?

If you cannot afford the fee, you may be eligible for a fee remission in full or part. The combined booklet and application form EX160A - Court fees - do I have to pay them? gives all the information you need. You can get a copy from any Probate Registry or from our website www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk.

Your application will not be processed until the fee is paid (or an application for refund/remission has been successful).