



## 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 whatever is 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:

- Closing bank accounts and paying debts
- Dealing with shares and investments
- Redirecting post
- Re-homing pets
- Selling property and assets
- Dealing with Inheritance Tax and Income Tax forms
- Dealing with specialist legal work

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.

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### Talk to us today

We can provide a quote for our estate administration service in just a few minutes and help you understand your options.

## We take care of estate administration

Quickly and completely. It's all we do every day.

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 pet re-homing, 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 distributed over £1 billion in inheritance. It's a considerable amount, but there is a family just like yours behind every single estate.

So we handle every estate with the upmost care.



### Complex situation? We can handle it.

We've helped thousands of families receive their inheritance from estates 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.

### With us, everything's included in the price.

We'll tell you what we'll charge up-front. And our guaranteed fixed pricing comes without the small print. So if you ever want to ask a question, call us. We'll never be watching the clock. In fact, we'll give you all the time you need.

### Personal service. Online access.

We believe that you deserve a dedicated, personal estate adviser to answer your queries and offer advice. And while we embrace technology, we're not bound by it. So we can send you text updates, if you like. And you can track our progress online, if that works for you.



"Everything went through very quickly and efficiently. Could not fault the service. Would highly recommend Kings Court Trust."

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