

PROFESSIONAL FEES

Making a welfare and/or continuing power of attorney



The below information sets out our pricing guidance for the preparation of Welfare & Continuing Power of Attorney.

Legal Fees

Our standard charge for the preparation of a single Power of Attorney fee is £250 (excluding VAT). A couple making standard Powers of Attorney together will benefit from a discounted rate of £450 (excluding VAT) if they instruct us to draft standard Powers of Attorney at the same time.

The above range does not include:

- VAT (currently charged at 20%) which will be added to the invoice; and
- Any disbursements incurred on your behalf (see anticipated disbursements below).

Fee Assumptions

Various factors can affect the complexity of a Power of Attorney. Our standard fee estimate assumes that:

- You wish to include both Welfare & Continuing Powers
- You do not wish to appoint more than two Attorneys
- You do not wish to include any bespoke springing clauses and (in cases where you do not intend the Power of Attorney to be activated immediately) wish your capacity to be assessed on the basis of your Attorney(s) forming the reasonable belief that you have lost capacity
- You do not wish to add any bespoke powers

If you feel that your Power of Attorney requirements may be more complex, please contact us and we would be delighted to provide you with a bespoke estimate.

What is included in the fee?

Our standard fee above is intended to cover all necessary work required to complete your Will. This may include some or all of the following:

- Taking your instructions by meeting with you in person, on a video call or on the telephone
- Drafting the Power of Attorney in line with your instructions
- Sending a draft of the Power of Attorney to you for approval
- Making any necessary adjustments to the Power of Attorney
- Meeting with you to sign the Power of Attorney or sending it to you for signing with your Doctor
- Submitting the Power of Attorney to the Office of the Public Guardian for registration (if applicable)
- Storing the signed Power of Attorney (and registered Power of Attorney, if applicable) in our strong room (if you wish) and providing a copy to you



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Anticipated disbursements

Disbursements are costs from third parties (e.g. a fee to register a document) and these do not form part of our Legal Fees. We can arrange payment of the disbursements on your behalf but will require you to put us into funds to do this. We would normally expect to incur the following disbursement:

Registration Fee of £81 (at time of writing) payable
to the Office of the Public Guardian for registering
a Power of Attorney (£162 at time of writing where
a couple both make Powers of Attorney). This fee
is subject to change by the Office of the Public
Guardian and is reviewed by them on an annual basis.



How long does it take to complete the Will?

We estimate this matter take up to two months to complete, assuming that you provide your instructions promptly in relation to any queries we may have, and that all other parties involved in this matter will also act or respond promptly as matters progress. This timescale is indicative only, though, and may be considerably shorter or may change due to unexpected complexity or developments, or through factors that are beyond our control.

The Office of the Public Guardian can take up to 16 weeks to register the document and provide an extract registered copy. This timescale is indicative only, though, and may change because of unexpected delays at the Office of the Public Guardian and this is beyond our control.

Private Client Team

Our dedicated Private Client Team will prepare your Power of Attorney. If you instruct us, you will be provided with the names of the individuals who will be acting for you, including the Partner responsible for the overall supervision of your file. the individuals who will be acting for you, including the Partner responsible for the overall supervision of your file.



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