



## Probate Fees from April 2014

	Fee
<b>Application</b> 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 <b>over £5,000</b> (see example 1 below).  <b>Note: Joint assets passing automatically to the surviving joint owner should not be included when calculating the fee.</b>	£215
If the net estate as above is <b>under £5,000</b> (see example 2 below).	No fee
Application for a second grant in an estate where a previous grant has been issued.	£20
<b>Additional Copies</b> Official (sealed) copies of the Grant of Representation <b>if</b> ordered when you lodge your application for a Grant of Representation.  <b>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.</b>	50p 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.	50p 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.	£10 for first copy then 50p per additional copy

<b>Example 1</b>	<b>Example 2</b>
Net estate of £75,000 = Fee £215	Net estate of £2,000 = Fee Nil
4 copies of grant at 50p each = Fee £ 2	1 copy of grant at 50p each = Fee 50p
Total Fee £217	Total Fee 50p

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 12 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](http://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).