

Six Pump Court Chambers

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Public Access – Inheritance Act Advice

The Inheritance Act 1975 protects spouses (including former spouses), cohabitants, children and other dependants when a person dies without leaving sufficient money for the dependent's continued wellbeing. Grant Armstrong can provide you with written advice on whether you can make a claim under the Act. Grant Armstrong can also provide you with written advice when a person dies and you are a beneficiary of the estate, but someone else makes a claim under the Act.

The fee rate for direct access work is likely to be in the region of £200-£250ph on a time basis. A capped fee can be agreed in advance depending on the work.

Timescales

Timescales for your written advice may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the value and complexity of the deceased person's estate, your financial needs and those of any beneficiary of the estate. However, claims under the Act must be made within six months of the grant of probate, so as a guide your written advice will be available within two to four weeks where possible.

Fees

I may charge fixed fees, which means that you will be charged a set amount of money for the written advice. Below I have provided estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for my work, where the deceased person's estate is worth less than £300,000. All fees include VAT (where applicable).

If I charge fixed fees, these may be towards the higher end of the range if you need more detailed work and/or the deceased person's estate is more complex. If the deceased person's estate is particularly complex, your fees may also be higher than the estimate below.

Written advice	Range of fixed fees (estimate)
Written advice on making or defending a claim	£200-£250ph

Contact Us

All information is correct as of 1st January 2020, but fees are estimates only. For a quotation, please contact the clerks on 020 7797 8400 (or e-mail clerks@6pumpcourt.co.uk). Please also contact the clerks if the deceased person's estate is worth more than £300,000.

This example complies with the additional price and service transparency requirements as, in relation to the relevant Public Access service, it states:

- The pricing model (fixed fee, although other pricing models can be used. See the hourly rate example below);
- Indicative fees and the circumstances in which they may vary;
- Whether the fees include VAT (where applicable);
- Likely additional costs;
- The price information in the form of ranges for barristers in chambers (although price information can also be provided in the form of average fees for barristers in chambers, or in relation to individual barristers – see the mandatory rules on price transparency in section 2);
- The Public Access service in question and a description of the service, including a concise statement of the key stages (allowing consumers to sufficiently understand the service); and
- An indicative timescale for the key stages.

Hourly rate example

Written advice	Range of hourly rates (estimate)
Written advice on making or defending a claim	£200-£250ph approximately 3-5 hours

