Estate of Mr Jones, deceased

Mr Jones was a beef farmer. He left 3 children from his first wife (divorced) and 2 step-children from his partner of 20 years. By Mr Jones's Will his farm is to be split between his sons but with a life interest to his partner. His estate is valued at £2.3 million, including his farm, his managed portfolio and certificated shares. He had significant overdrawn bank accounts at his death, not having managed his affairs closely for some time. His executors are his eldest son and the partners with this firm.

There are many aspects to Mr Jones' estate, not least the possibility of significant Inheritance Tax and a revision of the available allowances and reliefs to mitigate this. We would need to complete a full tax return, an IHT400. A Grant of Probate will be required. There is also the possibility of Mr Jones' daughters bringing a claim as they have not been provided for. Mr Jones' partner has indicated she cannot continue living at the farm. With so much uncertainty at the outset, it would be difficult to accurately quote in advance as to how much time would be required to administer this estate. We would therefore calculate the value charge, based on the Court of Appeal rates, and then make an initial estimate of the time required, produce interim fee notes as the administration progresses and provide a regular update of any likely change to the initial time estimate. From experience, the overall time costs for an administration of this nature will be in the region of £12,000 + VAT and the value charge would be as follows:

Residence (farmhouse): £350,000 @ 0.75% = £2,625 plus VAT

Free Estate up to £1,000,000: £650,000 @ 1% = £6,500 plus VAT

Free estate over £1,000,000: £1,300,000 @ 0.33% = £4.290 plus VAT

Total value charge £13,415 – 30% = £9,391 plus VAT

The combined estimated fees for administering this estate would therefore be £21,391 plus VAT or approximately 1% of the value of the estate.

Disbursements

Each estate administration will also attract third party expenses ('disbursements'). A selection of typical disbursements is shown below but we would provide you with the predicted disbursements for your particular matter in our quotation or letter of confirmation of instructions.

<u>Disbursement Cost (as at July 2026)</u>

- Land Registry Title (electronic downloads) £7 each (VAT not applicable to this fee)
- Chartered Surveyor property reports (variable) £300 - £600 plus VAT
- Probate Registry Application Fees £526 (VAT not applicable to this fee)
- Sealed copies of the Grant of Representation £2 (each) (VAT not applicable to this fee)
- Executors' Legal Notices (variable) approximately £300 plus VAT
- Beneficiary bankruptcy checks £6 (each name checked) (VAT not applicable to this fee)