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Estate Administration Timeline

How long does it take?

1 Week

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This time scale is dependant on client

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Instructions given to deal with the administration of an estate.

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NFL will confirm your instructions and provide Terms of Engagement – we will confirm our charges.

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Client provides instructions to proceed.

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NFL will ascertain the value of the deceased's estate in order to prepare the application for the Grant. Values of the deceased's assets, liabilities, funeral expenses and lifetime gifts will be declared on the application for the Grant which is submitted to HMCTS.

NFL will contact all legatees and residuary beneficiairies to inform them of their entitlement.

We aim to obtain the Grant within 6 months of being instructed.

The Probate Registry are currently taking up to 16 weeks to issue Grants.

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Grant issued. NFL will collect in all assets and pay all liabilities.

As there is a statutory period of 6 months from the date of issue of a Grant in which a will can be contested NFL's advice is not to distribute the estate until this period has expired.

NFL's advice is that Statutory Notices are published in the London Gazette and a local newspaper. If Statutory Notices are published and any future claims are made against the estate the Executors would not be weeks personally liable to settle such claims.

NFL will deal with the payment of legacies and distribution to the residuary beneficiaries.

NFL will prepare Estate Accounts detailing all assets, liabilities, expenses, legacies and distributions.

Up to 6 months
Up to 16 weeks

6 months
Up to 1 month