



### Public Access – Inheritance Act Advices

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. Some of our barristers can provide you with written advice on whether you can make a claim under the Act. Our barristers 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.

### Timescales

Timescales for your written advice may vary depending on factors such as a barrister's availability, the value and complexity of the deceased person's estate, and 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

We do not charge fixed fees i.e. a set amount of money for the work. The price we charge for work is calculated on the basis of the amount of work needed, the hourly rate of the barrister concerned and the complexity of the case. Our barristers' hourly rates range from £200 to £750. Below, we provide estimates based on the ranges of hourly fees for barristers at Three Stone Chambers. VAT must also be paid on all fees (where applicable) Fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or the matter is more complex. If the matter is particularly complex, your fees may also be higher than the estimate below. There are also likely to be additional costs for example in respect of Court fees – please see <https://www.gov.uk/court-fees-what-they-are>).

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<b>Written advice</b>	<b>Range of hourly rates (estimate)</b>
Written advice on making or defending a claim	£200 - £750 per hour plus VAT (where applicable) at approximately 6 to 12 hours

### Contact Us

All information is correct as of March 2021, but fees are estimates only. For a quotation, please contact the Clerks on 020 7242 4937 (or by email at [Clerks@threestone.law](mailto:Clerks@threestone.law)). Please also contact the Clerks if the deceased person's estate is worth more than £300,000.

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