

SCHEDULE OF FEES

**Register of Wills
County of Chester**

Letters Testamentary Letters of Administration			
Cost includes Recording of Pages			
Cost is based on Valuation of Gross Estate as provided in the Petition for Grant of Letters. {See Note # 1}			
Note: Other usual fees charged at probate are marked with @ @			
Valuation of Gross Estate {Note #1}			Cost
0	to	10,000	125.00
10,001	to	50,000	175.00
50,001	to	100,000	225.00
100,001	to	200,000	275.00
200,001	to	300,000	325.00
300,001	to	400,000	375.00
400,001	to	500,000	425.00
500,001	to	600,000	475.00
600,001	to	700,000	525.00
700,001	to	800,000	575.00
800,001	to	900,000	625.00
900,001	to	1,000,000	675.00
...For each succeeding \$100,000 or fraction of, add			75.00

Additional Probate {Note #1}	*****
Affidavit of Death	25.00
Affidavit for Small Estate	25.00
Amended Petition	30.00
Answer, Reply, Response	20.00
Appeal to Orphans' Court	75.00
Automation Fee (for initial/first filings)	10.00
Bond	20.00
Caveat - Formal	100.00
Caveat - Informal	25.00
Certification of Notice {charged only at Probate} @ @	10.00
Certification of Record by Deputy Clerk	10.00
Certification (Formal) of Record by Elected Official	50.00
Claim-Filing	20.00
Commission executed for a Jurisdiction	25.00
Commission sent to a Jurisdiction	50.00
Copy {Per Page}	1.00
Disclaimer	20.00
Exemplification Certificate	75.00
Exemplification from another Jurisdiction	50.00
Inheritance Tax Certification	5.00
Inheritance Tax Return {charged only at Probate} @ @	20.00
Inventory-Estate {charged only at Probate} @ @	10.00
JCS/ATJ/CJEA – State Fee @ @	40.25
Miscellaneous Transactions {Note #2}	*****
Name Change Certificates {includes BOTH offices}	25.00
Name Search	15.00
Petition	50.00
Petition for Citation	75.00
Receipt & Release	30.00
Register of Wills Hearing	100.00
Renunciation - Each Name	5.00
Returned Check	30.00
Short Certificate @ @	10.00
Status Report {charged only at Probate} @ @	15.00
Subpoena	10.00
Subsequent Petition for Letters	50.00
Tax Only Estate ("No Letters" Estate) (no State fee charged)	50.00

Note #1: *** ADDITIONAL PROBATE FEE *******
 At the time of filing the Petition for Grant of Letters an **estimate** of the **gross probate value** of the Estate is made. The fee for Letters is based on that estimated value. When the Inheritance Tax Return and Inventory are filed, the **actual** gross probate value of the estate is calculated. If the actual gross probate value of the estate is greater than the estimated gross probate value of the estate, an additional probate fee is charged. **No** refund is issued if the actual gross probate value is less than the estimated gross probate value.

Note #2: ***Miscellaneous Transactions*******
Instruments not specifically listed will be charged at a rate comparable to this schedule for a like instrument.

The **JCS/ATJ/CJEA** is a PA State fee imposed on the **INITIAL/FIRST** filing of a Petition in the Register of Wills/Clerk of Orphans' Court, including but not limited to, Petition for Grant of Letters, Petition for Citation, Small Estate Petition, Petition for Adoption, Petition for Termination, Petition for Appointment of a Guardian.

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Clerk of the Orphans' Court
County of Chester

ADOPTIONS	
Adoption Investigation	850.00
Adoption Investigation Review	125.00
Adoption Petition for Domestic & Foreign - includes amended petitions and certification of final decree	150.00
Attorney for the Minor { Separate Check }	150.00
Counseling for Natural Parents { Separate Check }	75.00
Foreign Adoption Registration - includes amended petitions and certification of final decree	100.00
Identifying Adoption Search	300.00
Non-Identifying Adoption Search	150.00
Report of Intention to Adopt	25.00
Termination Petition - includes citations, amended petitions, motion for appointment of counsel and certification of final decree	75.00

GUARDIANSHIP OF INCAPACITATED PERSON	
Appointment of Guardian for Incapacitated - includes emergency and permanent petitions, amended petitions, citations, motion for appointment of counsel, certification of final decree, stipulation to extend emergency appointment and inventory	150.00
Certificate of Guardian Appointment	25.00

MARRIAGE LICENSES	
Certification of No Marriage	25.00
Certified Marriage Record	15.00
Exemplification of Marriage Record	40.00
Marriage Application	75.00
Non-Resident Marriage Affidavit	10.00
Replacement of Marriage License	10.00
Waiver of 3 Day Waiting Period	25.00

ACCOUNTS FILED FOR FORMAL AUDIT			
Cost is based on valuation of Gross Estate, i.e. Gross Principal Receipts plus Gross Income Receipts as provided on account face sheet.			
Valuation of Gross Estate			Cost
0	to	100,000	200.00
100,001	to	250,000	300.00
250,001	to	500,000	400.00
500,001	to	750,000	500.00
750,001	to	1,000,000	600.00
1,000,001	to	1,250,000	700.00
1,250,001	to	1,500,000	800.00
1,500,001	to	1,750,000	900.00
1,750,001	to	2,000,000	1000.00
...For each succeeding \$500,000 or fraction of, add			200.00
Also add Cost for Recording of Account at 5.00 per page			

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Agreement	20.00
Amended Petition	30.00
Answer, Reply, Response	20.00
Appeal to Superior/Supreme Court {Note #3}	125.00
Award of Real Estate	30.00
Automation Fee (for initial/first filings)	10.00
Bond	20.00
Certificate of Trustee Appointment	25.00
Certification of Record by Assistant Clerk	10.00
Certification (Formal) of Record by Elected Official	50.00
Claim-Filing	20.00
Copy - Per Page	1.00
Deed of Real Estate	30.00
Deed of Trust Recording	30.00
Disclaimer	20.00
Exemplification Certificate	75.00
Family Exemption Claim	30.00
Family Settlement Agreement	30.00
Informal Accounts	50.00
Joinder	20.00
JCS/ATJ/CJEA – State Fee	40.25
Miscellaneous Transactions {Note #4}	****
Motion {with Order}	20.00
Name Change Certificates {includes BOTH offices}	25.00
Name Search	15.00
Objections	20.00
Petition	50.00
Petition for Citation	75.00
Power of Attorney	30.00
Praecipe {with Order}	20.00
Receipt & Release	30.00
Returned Check	30.00
Satisfaction of Awards	30.00
Schedule of Distribution	50.00
Small Estate Petition – includes Inheritance Tax Return and Certification of Decree. Add \$40.25 for JCS Fee and \$10.00 for Automation Fee, if first filing	90.00
Spousal Election	30.00
Stipulation	20.00
Subpoena	10.00
Surety/Fiduciary Registration	10.00

SPECIAL SERVICES: Poundage - 5 cents for each dollar up to \$1000 + 2 cents for each dollar over \$1000.

Note # 3:**SUPERIOR COURT FEE & POSTAGE FEE******
 Must include a SEPARATE check for \$90.25, payable to Superior Court of PA, to be sent with the Notice of Appeal by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court. Also, an Invoice for Postage will be sent out for the cost of mailing the case file to Superior/Supreme Court.

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