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# Notes to help you fill in form C1(2021) Confirmation Inventory and form C5(2006) HM Revenue and Customs Return

These notes only apply when you're filling in form C1(2021) 'Confirmation Inventory' and form C5(2006) HM Revenue and Customs Return' and the deceased died:

- on or after 1 September 2006
- on or before 31 December 2021

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## Some definitions

In this guide we refer to the person who's died as 'the deceased'.

A 'spouse' is someone who is legally married to someone else. In this guide it is used to refer to the husband or wife of the person who's died. Where a surviving partner has raised an action of declarator of marriage through cohabitation with habit and repute, the exemption normally granted to a spouse will only be extended when a decree has been granted by the court.

A 'civil partner' is someone who's legally registered a civil partnership with another person.

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Cymraeg o ffurflenni a chanllawiau.

## C1(2021)

These notes will help you fill in form C1(2021) for deaths on or after 18 March 1986.

## C5(2006)

Use this version of these notes only when the deceased died on or after 1 September 2006 and you're filling in form C5(2006) with a version date of 01/11 or later. You'll find the version date on the bottom right of form C5(2006).

If the deceased died on or after 1 September 2006 and you have a form C5(2006) with an earlier version date, to get the correct version of the form:

- go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- phone our helpline on 0300 123 1072

If the deceased died before 1 September 2006, you'll need the correct form C5 and booklet C3 for the date of death. These are also available from our website and helpline.

Read these notes carefully as they will help you fill in the forms correctly. You may make yourself liable to financial penalties if the information you give in the forms is incorrect, incomplete or false.

These notes will help you fill in forms C1(2021) and C5(2006) and help you to follow the correct procedure to apply for Confirmation.

These notes should answer most of your questions but it's not meant to cover all situations. If you need more help about Confirmation, please phone your local Sheriff Clerk's Office. To find your local Sheriff Clerk's Office go to [www.scotcourts.gov.uk](http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk)

For help with form C5(2006) or IHT:

- go to [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax)
- phone our helpline on 0300 123 1072
  - if calling from outside the UK, phone +44 300 123 1072

Once you've filled in the Inventory, these notes will take you through the informal return, form C5(2006), which will also let you know if the estate is one which requires submission of a formal account instead.

Form C1(2021) is only for deaths on or after 18 March 1986. If the person died before this date, you'll need to fill in form A3 available from the helpline.

Inheritance Tax (IHT) is administered by HMRC Trusts and Estates, Inheritance Tax.

If you need to write our address is:

Inheritance Tax  
HM Revenue and Customs  
BX9 1HT

## Where do I send the forms

### Non-accepted estates

If the estate is not an accepted estate or an exempt accepted estate you should send form C1(2021) and form IHT400 'Inheritance Tax account' to HMRC Trusts and Estates at the address above. Guidance on filling in form IHT400 and the procedures to follow are in the IHT400 notes, available from our website and helpline.

### Accepted Estates

If the estate is either an accepted estate, including accepted estates with transferable nil rate band or an exempt accepted estate, you should send both the C1(2021) and the C5(2006) to the appropriate Sheriff Clerk or Commissary Office (see page 4).

Do not send forms for accepted estates C5(2006) and C1(2021) to HMRC Trusts and Estates.

# Introduction

If you have decided not to consult a solicitor and wish to administer the estate yourself, you can obtain a useful guide 'What to do after a death in Scotland' from the Scottish Government or, if you have access to the internet you can download it from the website at [www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot)

Before you can act as an Executor of any estate in Scotland you normally need to obtain Confirmation. If the deceased was domiciled (see below) in Scotland, this enables you to administer the assets throughout the United Kingdom.

If, however, the deceased died domiciled in England or Wales or in Northern Ireland you'll need to obtain probate there. For guidance in obtaining probate please contact the Probate Helpline 0300 303 0648.

Confirmation is granted by one of the following:

- the Sheriff Court of the Sheriff Court District in which the deceased was domiciled at the date of death
- the Commissary Office, 27 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LB if any of the following apply
  - the deceased was domiciled in the Edinburgh Sheriff Court District
  - the deceased was not domiciled in the United Kingdom (UK)
  - the deceased had no fixed or known domicile except that they were domiciled in Scotland

## Where do I start

You should begin by making a thorough search of all the papers about the deceased's financial affairs. Make a list of the assets, investments and other financial interests as well as the debts they owed when they died.

If the deceased had to fill in Self Assessment tax returns, there may be records amongst the papers to help fill in those forms and these may give you some pointers. Bank statements and building society pass books will help you to know which institutions to contact and may help you to discover whether any gifts of money were made. Remember that although certain assets such as ISAs are not liable to income tax, they are liable to IHT.

You may also find it useful to ask others what they know of the deceased's financial affairs.

People who might be able to help can be:

- any solicitor or accountant who dealt with the deceased's affairs
- anyone named in the will who might have knowledge of the deceased's finances
- any close business associates of the deceased.
- the deceased's close family (especially to discover gifts) – although gifts should not be listed on form C1(2021), they must be added in to calculate the gross estate for IHT
- the deceased's bank, stockbrokers or other financial advisors (the bank may have papers or other valuables lodged with them for safekeeping)

When checking with a bank or building society about a known bank account remember to ask whether the deceased held any other account (or items in safe custody) with them. Remember also to ask about standing orders. This may alert you to other bank accounts (or gifts for IHT purposes), policies for which these payments were premiums or to debts for which they represented repayment instalments.

You'll need to make detailed enquiries so that you can find out everything that made up the deceased's estate. It's very important that you as Executor provide full and accurate information. You may make yourself liable for a financial penalty if you provide information about the assets or their values that is incorrect, incomplete or false.

Before you can obtain Confirmation, you must pay any IHT which is due, or be able to show that there's none payable. If there's tax to pay, or if the affairs of the deceased do not meet certain conditions, you'll have to make a formal return of the estate to us. However, in most estates this is not necessary. Form C5(2006) together with these notes will take you through the various conditions that apply and help you to decide whether or not you need to send in a formal account to us.

# Obtaining Confirmation

## What form should I use

You must fill in a form C1(2021) in order to obtain Confirmation. We tell you below how to fill in form C1(2021). If the deceased's death occurred before 18 March 1986 you should use a form A3. Please contact HMRC Trusts and Estates on 0300 123 1072 for a copy of this form and for help filling it in, if necessary.

## Form C1(2021)

If the gross total value of the following:

- the heritable and moveable (and real and personal) estate of the deceased, wherever that is situated
- the deceased's share of property jointly held with another person, but **not** property where the title is held to pass to 'the survivor'
- assets that have been nominated to another person during the deceased's lifetime, but which are part of the estate, for example, friendly society funds or a death benefit

is less than £36,000 you can obtain Confirmation under the Small Estates Act. The Sheriff Clerk will help you to fill in form C1(2021) if you ask him or her.

## Filling in the Inventory form C1(2021)

Please use only black ink or type your answers.

The information on pages 1 to 3 plus any supplementary pages is part of the public document of the Certificate of Confirmation, but pages 4 and 5 will not be made public.

### Page 1

Fill in the name, address and reference (if appropriate) of the person to whom the form should be returned.

### HMRC reference

Please leave this blank unless you've had previous correspondence with us about this estate and have been given a reference.

## Title, surname and forenames

'Title' is for example, 'Mr.', 'Mrs.', 'Dr.', 'Rev.' Give only the first 2 forenames of the deceased and their last name. Any further names should be given at box 1 on page 2. If the deceased was known by a name other than that shown in the will, please show it here, for example John Smith otherwise known as Jack Smith.

## Address

Only the last known address is needed.

The address should be set out in the following way and the postcode included in the space provided

24 My Street  
Anytown  
FIFE  
KY28 5FR

Any former address referred to in the will or codicil must be shown in the Declaration in the box at the top of page 2.

## Dates of birth and death

These should be shown as numbers. For example, 8th March 1949 becomes 08/03/1949.

## Occupation

Please give the deceased's occupation and say whether or not they were retired. If they were retired please give their previous occupation (retired). If the deceased did not have an occupation, please say 'none'.

## Testate or Intestate

If the deceased died having made a valid will, the estate is testate and the assets listed for Confirmation usually pass according to the deceased's wishes. If there was no will, the estate is intestate and will pass according to certain rules laid down by statute. You can obtain a guide setting out these rights of succession from the Scottish Government, or if you have access to the internet, by downloading the guide 'What to do after a death in Scotland - practical advice for times of bereavement: revised 11th edition 2016 (web only)'. For more information, go to [www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot)

## Total estate for Confirmation

Please show the gross value of the estate for which Confirmation is required.

This is the total value of the estate shown in the Inventory part of the form.

## Executors

Please include the names and current addresses of all the Executors.

‘Nominate’ means appointed by the will. If no person who is named in the will is to act as executor, or if the deceased died without leaving a will, the Executors will be Executors Dative as appointed by the Sheriff Court.

## Page 2 - Declaration

Please enter the full name and address of the executor who is applying for Confirmation (the declarant). This must be the executor who signs the form at the foot of page 2.

## Paragraph 1

Show here the full name of the deceased, including any forenames omitted on page 1 of the form. The name should correspond to the name used in the will.

## Domicile

If the domicile is in Scotland, give the name of the Sheriffdom and add ‘...in Scotland’, or if the residence and therefore the Sheriffdom is uncertain write ‘Without any fixed or known domicile, except that the same was in Scotland.’ If you’re uncertain of the Sheriffdom, phone the local Sheriff Clerk.

Do not say that the deceased simply ‘died domiciled in Scotland’.

If the domicile was outside Scotland give the name of the country and state or province.

## Paragraph 2

Fill in here the full title of the Declarant Executor and describe the documents (for example, the will) which appointed him or her. All the relevant deeds must be sent to the Sheriff Clerk.

Please say whether the Declarant is Executor Nominate, Executor Dative (in which case give the capacity and the date and description of the decree) or is making the Declaration in some other capacity. If it’s made by an attorney, or, for example, an authorised officer of a company on the executor’s behalf, describe the document giving that authorisation.

If there are any other executors, add ‘...along with ...’ and give their full names, current addresses and all previous addresses as given in, for example, the will in the order shown in the will or deed which appoints them.

If any executors have died, please say so. If any of the executors have declined to act as executors, please give details of any writings relating to their declining to act.

Please describe the will, that is, give the date and, if there were any codicils or associated documents, say what they are and give their dates. If such deeds were recorded, please say when and where.

All wills, Codicils, Informal Writings that you mention in this paragraph must be sent to the Sheriff Clerk, or, if any of the documents have already been recorded, extracts of them must be produced. All such documents must be docquetted as follows – ‘Referred to in my declaration of this date to the Inventory of the estate of the late... (full name of the deceased)’ and have the docquet signed by the Declarant.

## Paragraph 3

State the full names of any other executors. If there are none, leave this box blank.

## Paragraph 4

Make sure that all documents relating to the deceased’s estate are described in paragraph 2 and send them to the Sheriff Clerk.

## Paragraph 5

Enter the number of the last page of the Inventory of the estate, that is, the last page of the list of the deceased's assets ignoring pages 4 and 5. Continuation sheets (forms C2) should be, for example numbered C2/1, C2/2, C2/3. No part of this paragraph should be deleted.

## Paragraph 6

Enter the gross value for Confirmation in this box. This is the total value of the UK assets listed in the Inventory part of the form and should be the same figure as shown on page 1.

## The Declaration

Before the Declarant Executor makes the declaration and signs the form, the Executors must make full enquiries and be satisfied that the estate has been fully and correctly returned in the Inventory and that the information given on pages 4 and 5 is correct. If they do not do so, they may be liable to pay financial penalties.

## Page 3 and continuation sheets (C2)

These pages make up the Inventory of the deceased's estate. You should list all items of the deceased's estate, even those which have been or can be ingathered without Confirmation. For example, assets passing by nomination or where the investment organisation concerned offers a low cost indemnity to enable the heirs to encash the asset. The assets should be listed in the order described at the top of page 3. If there's not enough room in the main form use continuation sheets (C2) numbered C2/1, C2/2.

## Property that the deceased owned

You must include all the assets which were part of the deceased's estate as at the date of death.

### Deeds of Variation

Although this sounds obvious, we say it because where 2 people die in close succession, it's possible for the beneficiaries of the second to die to alter the devolution of the estate of the first to die by executing a Deed of Variation within 2 years of that earlier death. The effect of that is to direct assets away from the estate of the second to die.

This does not, in reality, alter what that person owned at the date of death nor what should be confirmed to. So, where a deed has been executed, it's the gross value of the second estate, ignoring the Deed of Variation, which must be included for Confirmation.

## Property owned with someone else

### Heritable property held in common

If the deceased owned heritable property with someone else and the title is written in the name of the deceased and someone else without further qualification or as 'and their respective heirs and assignees', only the deceased's share and its value should be shown in the Inventory.

You should consider whether there was a gift by the deceased to the other person when the property was put into joint names and, if appropriate, take this into account when filling in the HM Revenue and Customs form later.

Where there's a special destination, that is, there are words of survivorship in the title to the property, the property will normally pass to the survivor without the need for Confirmation and you should return the appropriate value on the HM Revenue and Customs form. Again, for IHT, you should consider whether both parties provided equal funds or whether there was a gift by one party to the other when the title was taken into joint names.

## Jointly held moveable property (for example, shares, bank accounts, furniture, policies)

Where 2 or more people each provide funds to purchase an asset, each person's share of the asset equates to their respective contributions.

If there's no special destination, the deceased's share passes under the will or under the rules governing intestacy and you should include that share in the Inventory.

In Scotland, when one person opens a bank or building society account in joint names unless they specify at the outset that they are actually making a gift at the time, the addition of a second name operates only for the bank's administrative purposes; it authorises the bank to deal with someone other than the investor. It also means that the survivor can operate the account after the deceased's death, but it does not give them legal title to the deceased's share. It does not mean that the funds belong to the named individuals jointly.

So where the funds in a joint account have been wholly provided by the deceased, we would expect to see the whole funds as part of the estate. But, if the other joint owner had put in all the funds, none of the account would belong to the deceased and would not be included as part of their estate. Where the funds are provided jointly, the current balance reflects the proportionate share of the provider and where withdrawals are made for the benefit of any of the owners, their share is reduced proportionately.

If any withdrawals have been made by or for the benefit of anyone other than the owners, there may have been a gift by the deceased to be taken into account when filling in the C5(2006) or IHT400 later.

If the deceased provided more than an equal share of the funds to purchase any other asset in joint names there may have been a gift which needs to be taken into account for IHT. Please read the guidance notes for the C5(2006) (later in these notes).

Where, for example, a grandparent opens an account in their own name in trust for a grandchild, although that grandchild may be named on the passbook or title of the account, unless the grandparent has taken additional steps to make an effective gift of the account, the funds are still within the control of the grandparent and no effective disposal has been made. The value of the account should be included for Confirmation.

If there has been an effective gift, you may include just the deceased's share as part of the estate.

Where there's a survivorship destination and either the funds were provided equally or there was an effective document of gift at the time the asset was put into joint names, you should not include the asset here, but include the value of it on the HM Revenue and Customs form. This will be dealt with later in filling in the C5(2006).

If the deceased owned an insurance policy jointly with someone else, you should include the deceased's share of the policy as a joint asset. If the policy is known as 'joint life and survivor' policy, you should still include the deceased's share of the policy. The insurance company should be able to give you an estimate for the value of the whole policy at the date of death, so you can work out the value of the deceased's share.

## Valuing the assets

For both Confirmation and IHT you have to value all the assets at their 'open market value', that is, as if each item had been sold on the open market at the date of death.

You should be able to value some of the estate assets, for example, money in bank accounts or stocks and shares, quite easily. In other instances, you may need the help of a professional valuer. If you do decide to employ a valuer, make sure that you make it clear that you require an open market value.

When you list the values of the assets, you can round down to the nearest pound.

There's more help in valuing different types of assets later in these notes.

If you cannot find out the exact value of an asset, you should not put off applying for Confirmation just because of this. You may use an estimated figure. You should not guess at a figure, but should try to work out a reasoned estimate based on the information available to you. You should also make it clear in the description that the value is estimated.



# The Inventory

## Heritable estate in Scotland

Please list each item of heritable estate (for example, land or houses) in Scotland, giving sufficient detail in the description to allow each item to be recognised as a separate part of the estate. If the property includes fishing or sporting rights you should mention these and show them also at their market value.

## Valuing houses, land and buildings

Valuing houses, land and buildings can be complicated and you're strongly advised to use a professional valuer. If you do decide to use a professional valuer you must tell him that you require an open market value.

You should ask the valuer to take account of the state of repair of the property (which may decrease its value) and any features that might make the property attractive to a builder or developer, such as large gardens, or access to other land that is suitable for development (which may increase its value).

If you get several valuations which give a range of values for the property, it's probably best to adopt a value that is somewhere in between the highest and the lowest values that you've got.

If, having obtained a valuation and before you apply for Confirmation, you find out about other information that casts doubt on the value, you must reconsider it. For example, if you hear of a sale of similar property at a significantly higher value or, having marketed the property, you receive offers over the valuation that suggests that the open market value for the property is likely to be more than the valuation, you must reconsider it taking into account the length of time since the death and movements in the property market, and revise your valuation as necessary.

If the property is licensed or used in a business, please say so and indicate what type of business is carried on, for example hotel, shop, factory.

If a debt or other liability is secured on the heritable property, you should state:

- the name of the creditor
- when the debt was incurred
- the amount of the debt

You should then show only the net value of the heritable estate in the fourth column.

You should add the amount of the debt back in working out the gross value for Confirmation on page 4, because you'll then identify it and deduct it as one of the deductions to be made against the estate for IHT. Remember that if the property was jointly owned, you may only deduct a share of the amount of the mortgage due.

## The rest of the estate

Please list the rest of the estate in the order and under the headings given at the top of page 3 of the form. Where the estate includes real (freehold or leasehold) property in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, please describe it, and arrive at a value for it, in the same way as for heritable estate in Scotland.

The following notes relate to particular assets which may have belonged to the deceased. The list is not exhaustive. There may be other types of asset which are not specifically described here.

## Stocks, shares, debentures and other securities

You should include the following:

- UK Government securities such as Treasury Stock, Exchequer Stock, Convertible Stock and Consolidated Stock
- all stocks, shares, debentures and other securities listed on the Stock Exchange Daily Official List
- Unit trusts
- Investment trusts
- Open-Ended Investment companies (OEICs)
- shares in an Individual Savings Account (ISA)
- foreign shares which are listed on the London Stock Exchange
- all UK municipal securities, mortgages, debentures, and stock in counties, cities or towns, dock, harbour and water boards, Port of London Authority, Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Northern Ireland municipal stock
- unlisted shares and securities in private limited companies
- shares held in a Business Expansion Scheme (BES) or in a Business Startup Scheme (BSS)
- stocks and shares listed on other markets – go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for 'Designated recognised stock exchanges'
- dividends, interest, capitalisation and rights issues due to the deceased at the date of death

The value to be shown for quoted stocks and shares is either:

- one quarter up from the lower to the higher limit of the prices quoted
- halfway between the highest and lowest bargains recorded for the day, but excluding bargains at special prices

## How to value stocks and shares

The Stock Exchange Daily Official List shows the market price for stocks and shares. It shows a range, giving the higher and lower limit. For example, if the quotation is 98-108, the market price is 98p plus 2½p (1/4 of 10p) = 100½ p.

Financial pages of a daily newspaper will show only one price, which is the halfway price for bargains on the day. If you're using a newspaper to value the shares, remember to use the prices given in the paper published on the day after the deceased died. If, however, the deceased died on a day when the Stock Exchange was closed, you may take the price for either the next day or the last day when the Stock Exchange was open. For example, if the deceased died on a Sunday, you may take the price for each holding for either the Monday after or the Friday before, whichever gives the lower valuation.

For unit trusts, investment trusts and open-ended investment companies (OEICs), the newspaper may show 2 prices. Take the lower of the 2 prices. If there was no price published for the day the person died, take the last price published before the date of death. Often, fund managers will provide a valuation if you ask them. Newspapers do not show dividends due on unit trusts and so you must ask the fund managers for a letter showing you what you should include as the declared dividend.

If the deceased owned an ISA, you should include the shares and value them in the same way as other shares. You should include any uninvested cash with the value of the shares. ISA Managers will inform you of the values if you write to them.

You should take particular care with the 'unit of quotation' shown in the Stock Exchange List. Because of company reorganisations the units on the share certificates, for example £1 ordinary shares, may be different from the unit quoted at the date of death. If this is the case, the company should be able to tell you how many shares of the new unit the deceased owned.

With unit trusts, listed in the financial pages of newspapers take care to find the right management group. Many companies will be listed more than once because they offer a wide variety of investments. Please enter the full name of the unit trust, for example 'AXA Equity and Law Unit Trust Managers, Pacific Basin Trust Accumulation Units'.

To find prices for stocks and shares defined as listed or not listed for HMRC purposes go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for 'Designated recognised stock exchanges'

The following markings should be taken into account:

- XD (ex-dividend) – the dividend that is due remains payable to the deceased and the net value should be included as a separate asset
- IK (gilts plus interest) – the interest that has accrued is part of the value at the date of death. Include the net interest that has accrued from the date interest was last paid up to the date of death
- IK...X (gilts minus interest) – interest due from the date of death to the date of payment of interest is deducted from the value at the date of death – take away from the value of the stock the net interest that has accrued from the date of death to the date interest was paid (if a separate interest payment has been received, include it as a separate asset)
- IM and IM...X (fixed interest securities, loan and debenture stock plus interest) – these are the same as IK and IK ...X but apply to a different type of security (treat these in the same way as IK and IK...X)
- XC (ex-capitalisation) – include the new shares
- XR(ex-rights) – account for the value of the new shares or rights
- XE (ex-entitlement) – include the new shares or warrants, if any

If you do not know how many new shares, rights or warrants to include, the company registrars should be able to tell you. Include them with the original holding.

For UK Government stock you can find out the value by contacting your local bank or stockbroker or go to [www.dmo.gov.uk](http://www.dmo.gov.uk)

## Shares not listed on the Stock Exchange

You should include:

- shares listed on a recognised stock exchange, provided the deceased had a control holding
- shares listed on a market that does not meet the definition of 'listed' for HMRC purposes
- shares not listed on any stock exchange

For a list of the markets that are defined as 'listed' or 'not listed' for HMRC purposes go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for 'Designated recognised stock exchanges'

For private company shares, you should give an estimate of the open market value of the shares. You may need to contact the company's secretary or accountant to get this value. You should not include just the nominal value of such shares (for example the nominal value for 1,000 £1 ordinary shares is £1,000) unless that genuinely reflects your estimate of the open market value of the shares.

## Premium Bonds

Show the total value of all Premium Bonds. Remember to include any unclaimed or uncashed prizes.

## National Savings Investments

These include:

- National Savings Certificates
- National Savings Capital or Deposit Bonds
- National Savings Income Bonds
- Pensioners' Guaranteed Income Bonds
- Children's Bonus Bonds
- First Option Bonds
- Save as You Earn Contracts
- Year Plans

You can get help with finding out the value of all National Savings investments:

- online at [www.nsandi.com/help/deathclaims](http://www.nsandi.com/help/deathclaims)
- by phoning the National Savings Enquiry Line 0500 007 007

If the reply gives separate figures for capital and interest owed, but not paid, up to the date of death, please show them separately.

## Bank and Building Society Accounts

List each account or investment separately and show separate figures for capital and interest.

Types of account include:

- current, deposit, high interest, fixed interest, term, bond and money market accounts with a bank, building society, mutual, friendly or co-operative society
- accounts with supermarkets or insurance companies
- National Savings Bank accounts
- travellers cheques
- cash held in a cash-only ISA

The bank or building society will be able to give you the figures to be shown at the date of death. Sterling travellers' cheques should be included at face value. If the cheques are in one of the major foreign currencies, you should convert them to sterling using the closing mid-price at the date of death from the 'Pound Spot Forward against the Pound' table in the Financial Times. Otherwise, convert them at the rate shown in the 'FT Guide to World Currencies' which is published every Monday in the Financial Times.

## Cash (other than cash held in a bank or building society)

This should include:

- any cash kept at the deceased's home or elsewhere, such as a safety deposit box
- any cash held for the deceased by someone else, for example a stockbroker
- any uncashed cheques made out to the deceased

## Mortgages and other debts owed to the deceased

These include:

- any money the deceased had lent to someone which had not been repaid at the date of death (whether it was secured by a standard security or mortgage or not)
- money for which the deceased held a promissory note or IOU
- money owing to the deceased from a director's loan account or current account with a company
- money which the deceased had lent to trustees linked to a life insurance policy held in trust

For each debt give the name of the borrower, the date of the loan, the original amount of the loan, the amount outstanding at the date of death and any interest due at the date of death. Only the amount outstanding with interest should be extended to the fourth column.

## Income due to the deceased

This includes:

- money due to the deceased from the sale of heritable, real and leasehold property where the missives (or contract for sale) had been filled in before the death but the money had not been handed over by the time the deceased died (remember that where the transaction is not settled but the sale price is included as cash, the heritable property should be listed at a 'nil' value)
- accrued income, that is, income from property held in trust where the trustees had received the income, but had not paid it over to the deceased before the date of death
- apportioned income, that is, income that had arisen on property held in trust between the date when income was last paid to the deceased and the date of death – most modern trusts are now drawn so that apportionment is not necessary, but you may wish to check
- any money owed in salary, wages or director's fees
- other benefits owed from pensions or annuities
- payments under guaranteed annuities
- benefits or arrears of pension due but unclaimed from the Department for Work and Pensions.
- rents due to the deceased from property which was let but had not been paid at the date of death (you should list the property from which the rent was due separately under heritable estate in Scotland or real estate if it's elsewhere)
- refunds from private health schemes
- refunds of gas, electricity, insurances or licences

## Life insurance policies

These include sums payable to the estate:

- from insurance policies, including bonuses
- under mortgage protection or endowment policies
- under unit linked investment schemes which pay 101% of the unit value on death
- under investment plans, bonds or contracts with a financial services provider which pay out on death
- which reflect the value of insurance policies under which the deceased was a life insured, but which remain in force after death
- from insurance policies held in an ISA
- which reflect the value of insurance policies on the life of another person but under which the deceased was to benefit. These policies may have been bought from a company specialising in the sale and purchase of policies
- under investment or re-investment plans, bonds or contracts with a financial services provider which pay out on death

## Private health schemes

Enter any payments due to the deceased or the estate under private medical insurance to cover hospital or other health charges incurred before death.

## Pension benefits

If the deceased was receiving a pension from a pension scheme or pension policy, the payments may have been guaranteed for a certain period of time. If the guarantee period ends after the death, the payments will continue to be made to the estate, and the right to receive those payments is an asset of the estate. If you have access to the internet, you can download the software 'Guaranteed Annuity Calculator' that will work out the value of this. Go to [www.gov.uk/topic/personal-tax/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/topic/personal-tax/inheritance-tax) Otherwise add up all the payments that still have to be made and deduct 25% to give a reasoned estimate. You should ignore any pension that continues to be paid **directly** to the deceased's surviving spouse or civil partner from the pension provider.

If the deceased died before taking their retirement benefits, a lump sum may be payable under the pension scheme or pension policy. See Appendix 2 on how to return the lump sum.

## Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax repayments

Include any Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax repayment actually repaid to the estate after death (or a reasonable estimate of any sum which may be due to the estate) for the period up to the deceased's date of death. An income tax repayment may be due if the deceased died early in the tax year and received a pension or other income where tax is deducted at source. Payments which have been made to account may also be due to be repaid to the estate.

## Household goods and personal effects

These include all household and personal goods such as furniture, pictures, china, jewellery, books, stamp, coin and other collections, cars, boats, caravans. The value shown should be the open market value, that is, the price which the items would fetch if they were sold on the open market; this might be at auction or through the local paper.

You should show the gross proceeds of sale (without deduction of the costs of sale) of any items which have already been sold as a separate figure from the value of any items remaining unsold.

## Interest in another estate

Where the deceased had the right to a legacy or a share of an estate of someone who died earlier and the deceased died before receiving the full legacy or share to which they were entitled you should include the value of the interest still to be received.

If the deceased's interest in any asset or estate was subject to the life interest of a third party, that is, it was an interest in expectancy, or reversionary interest, you should include the commercial value for Confirmation, but unless:

- the deceased had acquired it either from a third party for valuable consideration or from the settlor or the settlor's spouse or civil partner
- it represents the reversionary interest of a lease which was determined from the outset as a lease for the lifetime of an individual

you do not need to include a value for IHT later.

The need to consider a reversionary interest most commonly occurs when property is held by someone for their life and then must pass to the deceased in terms of a will or deed and the deceased dies before the person enjoying the lifetime benefit. If you're in doubt as to whether you need to include a value, please contact our helpline.

## Business interest

If the deceased was a sole trader, you should list all the assets of the business as separate assets and include the business liabilities in the total figure for liabilities on page 4 of the form C1(2021).

If the deceased had an interest in a partnership, please show the value of that interest as a single item in the Inventory. Ideally, accounts of the business should be prepared at the date of death and it will be the total of the deceased's capital and current accounts that will be the starting point. Remember to make any adjustment necessary to reflect the open market value of the business assets, and if the accounts are prepared prior to death, to make adjustments for movement in the period between.

If the deceased was an Underwriter at Lloyds, you should list all the holdings individually, but clearly identify those which are comprised in the underwriting interest.

## When you have listed the items for which Confirmation is required

After you've listed the items for which Confirmation is required, you should show a summary of the amounts to be confirmed to as below. The summary should be contained in the second column and no values carried into the fourth column.

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Estate in Scotland          | £ |
| Estate in England and Wales | £ |
| Estate in Northern Ireland  | £ |
| Total for Confirmation      | £ |
| Estate elsewhere            | £ |

If you've already obtained probate to the deceased's estate elsewhere and are simply requiring Confirmation to the estate in Scotland, you only need to list that Scottish estate and the summary should reflect only that estate.

# Pages 4 and 5 of form C1(2021)

None of the information on this page of the C1(2021) is part of the public record but you should fill in all the boxes unless directed otherwise. If you cannot find the answer, please insert 'not known'.

## Box 11 - Value for Confirmation

This is the total for Confirmation. Do not include the value of 'estate elsewhere' in this figure, but include it on form C5(2006) or IHT400. If you've deducted the mortgage or standard security from the value of the heritable property in the Inventory proper, you should add it to find the gross value of all the assets.

## Box 12

Please give the total amounts deducted for each category. You may include in the funeral expenses a reasonable deduction for mourning expenses of the deceased's close family. You may also deduct the cost of a headstone marking the site of the deceased's grave.

## Box 13

You should deduct here the value of the outstanding mortgage or standard security or the deceased's share of any mortgage or standard security over property that the deceased owned with anyone else. (If there was a mortgage protection policy, the money which the policy paid out should be returned in the Inventory on page 3 and the amount of the debt should be deducted here.)

## Box 14

You should only include in this box debts which the deceased actually owed when they died. For example, household bills, uncleared cheques for goods and services provided before the death and credit card debts. Do not include fees for professional services carried out after the death, such as solicitors' or valuation fees. Foreign debts should not be included on the form C1(2021).

If the person who's died had written a cheque to make a gift before they died and the cheque had not cleared by the death, you must not treat the cheque as a deduction and you must include the value for the deceased's bank account without deducting the cheque.

The amount of a guarantee made on behalf of another's debt may only be deducted if or when it has been called in by the creditor.

## About the deceased

If you're filling in an IHT400 you do not need to fill in boxes 17 to 20.

## Marital or civil partnership status

Please tick the appropriate box. (Remember that a spouse is a person who is legally married to the deceased or where there's a declarator of marriage by cohabitation with habit and repute.)

## Surviving descendants

Please tick the appropriate boxes for surviving spouse or civil partner, parents and siblings but state the number in each case of children and grandchildren surviving. We need to know this for the purposes of calculating legal rights, if this becomes appropriate.

## Tax district and reference

If you cannot find the information, please enter 'not known'.

## About the estate

### Gross value of the estate for Inheritance Tax

The gross value of the estate for Inheritance Tax (IHT) may differ from that for Confirmation.

The gross value for IHT is the total of the following:

- property for which Confirmation is being sought (with the amount of any secured debt deducted in the body of the Inventory added back to the total)
- joint property passing by survivorship
- nominated property
- settled property treated as part of the deceased's estate in which the deceased had an interest in possession (heritable or moveable property held in a trust in which the deceased had a right to benefit)
- gifts within 7 years of the date of death, unless otherwise exempt
- any asset given away, which the deceased, their spouse or civil partner kept an interest in

## Net value for Inheritance Tax

The net value for IHT is the value after deduction of liabilities, but without deduction of any exemptions and reliefs.

## Net qualifying value

The net qualifying value is the gross value of the estate less liabilities and any relief due as a result of benefits passing on the death to either the surviving spouse or civil partner or to a qualifying charity (but of no other reliefs or exemptions which you may consider due). To work out the amount of spouse or civil partner, or charity exemption for the purposes of the excepted estates regulations, where there are people entitled to claim legitim, you'll have to work out the amount of the legitim fund and then adjust the amount which would be payable to the spouse or civil partner or charity if the legitim fund were claimed in full after taking account of any legitim claimed or renounced before the application for Confirmation is made.

### Box 24

Before filling in box 24 you should move on to fill in form C5(2006). This will help you decide the category of the estate and, if necessary, will direct you to fill in an one of the IHT account form IHT400.

## What is an excepted estate

You may have obtained Confirmation under the Small Estates Acts because the estate for Confirmation was below £36,000. However, for IHT the value of the estate for Confirmation is only one component of the gross estate. It's most likely that the estate will also qualify as an excepted estate but if the deceased made substantial gifts during life or received an income from substantial assets which they were not free to dispose of, you should read the following to decide whether the estate was one for which you need to provide detailed information on form C5(2006) or to fill in a formal account, an IHT400.

For the different rules governing excepted estates from 1 April 1991 to 1 September 2006 and from 1 January 2022 you should go to our website or phone our helpline.

## UK domicile

Where the deceased was domiciled in the UK at death, the estate is an excepted estate where either:

### Excepted estate

- the gross estate for IHT does not exceed the excepted estates limit

Or if one of the following applies:

### Excepted estate with transferable nil rate band

- the gross estate for IHT does not exceed 2 times the excepted estate limit and you're claiming a transfer of unused nil rate band on form IHT217 from the estate of a spouse or civil partner who died before, (for deaths on or after 6 April 2010 only)

### Exempt and excepted estate

- the gross value of the estate is less than £1,000,000 and because all or part of the estate passes to the deceased's spouse or civil partner who is also domiciled in the UK, or a qualifying charity or other body qualifying as exempt from IHT, after deducting liabilities and those exemptions only the estate is less than the excepted estate limit

and (for all categories):

- if there are any 'specified transfers' (see page 16), their total chargeable value does not exceed £150,000
- if the deceased had made a gift of land or buildings, it was made to an individual and not to trustees of a trust or to a company and it did not exceed £150,000 in chargeable value
- if the estate for IHT includes assets held in a trust that are treated as part of the deceased's estate, there's only one trust and the total value of those assets does not exceed £150,000 (unless the estate is an exempt excepted estate when the value limit is waived)
- if the estate includes any foreign assets, the total gross value of these does not exceed £100,000
- the deceased did not give away any property whilst retaining the benefit of it
- the deceased elected that the income tax charge should not apply to
  - assets they previously owned, in which they retained a benefit or
  - the deceased's contribution to the purchase price of assets acquired by another person but in which the deceased retained a benefit
- the deceased did not benefit from an alternatively secured pension fund
- the deceased did not benefit under a registered pensions scheme where
  - the benefit was unsecured and
  - they became entitled to the benefit as a relevant dependant of a person who died aged 75 or over

## Specified transfers

To qualify as 'specified transfers' the assets given away can only be:

- cash
- quoted stocks and shares
- household and personal goods
- houses, land or buildings

Gifts of houses, land or buildings only qualify if they were outright gifts from one individual to another. If the gifts were to a trust, or a company, or the deceased kept back any kind of benefit from the property or was entitled to use it, they cannot qualify as specified transfers.

## What is the excepted estate limit

The excepted estate limit is normally the same as the amount above which IHT is payable (the IHT nil rate band). The nil rate band is currently £325,000 for the tax years 2009 to 2026, but you can find the most up to date excepted estate limit on the website, go to [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax)

The IHT nil rate bands for earlier years are:

- £285,000 for tax year 2006–07
- £300,000 for tax year 2007–08
- £312,000 for tax year 2008–09

## What do you mean by 'domiciled'

Your domicile is the country where you intend to live for the remainder of your life. It's the country whose laws decide, for example, whether a will is valid, or how the estate of a person who's not made a will is dealt with when they die.

The fact that someone was born in the UK and have lived here for most of their life, or had moved to the UK permanently many years ago gives a good indication that they might be domiciled in the UK, but this can be a complicated legal issue. You can get more information about domicile on our website, go to [www.gov.uk/guidance/inheritance-tax-double-taxation-relief](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/inheritance-tax-double-taxation-relief)

If you're unsure about the deceased's domicile status, you might want to seek professional advice.

# Transfers of unused nil rate band from the estate of a spouse or civil partner who died before

## What is a transfer of unused nil rate band

Since 9 October 2007, it has been possible for spouses and civil partners to transfer their unused nil rate band. This means that any part of the nil rate band that was not used when the first spouse or civil partner died can be transferred to the surviving spouse or civil partner for use by their estate on their death.

New rules mean that if the whole of the nil rate band is available to transfer to the estate of the second spouse or civil partner to die and you need to claim the transferred nil rate band you may still use the excepted estates procedures if certain rules apply. These rules are that:

- the person who's died now, died on or after 6 April 2010
- their spouse or civil partner who died before them died on or after 13 November 1974
- when the spouse or civil partner died their estate did not use up any of the nil rate band available to it, so the whole of the nil rate band is available to transfer
- the estate of the person who's died now is valued at less than 2 times the excepted estate limit and C5(2006) is being filled in

An example of when the whole of the nil rate band is available to transfer.

Ralph died leaving a widow, Rita. All of Ralph's estate valued at £300,000 passed to Rita under the terms of Ralph's will. As everything that passes to a surviving spouse or civil partner is exempt from IHT, all of the nil rate band is available to transfer to Rita's estate when she dies.



## What does this mean for excepted estates

If the whole of the nil rate band is available to transfer that means that the estate of the spouse or civil partner who dies second has double the nil rate band before any IHT becomes payable.

It also means that the excepted estate limit for the estates that qualify is effectively doubled to £650,000.

If this applies to the estate you're dealing with you should fill in form C5(2006) and IHT217 to claim the transfer.

An example of when the whole of the nil rate band is not available to transfer.

Morag died on 1/5/2021 (when the nil rate band was £325,000) leaving a surviving civil partner, Alison. Morag's estate was valued at £400,000. In her will Morag left £100,000 to her daughter Gemma and the rest of her estate to Alison. Alison has now died leaving her estate valued at £500,000 to Gemma. As the £100,000 that passed to Gemma on Morag's death was not exempt from IHT, £100,000 of the IHT nil rate band (£325,000 in 2021–22) was used up.

You'll need to fill in form IHT400 and IHT402 instead of form C5(2006) if you want to transfer the unused nil rate band and the whole of the nil rate band is not available.

For copies of the forms IHT400 and IHT402:

- go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- phone our helpline on 0300 123 1072

## Assets passing to a spouse, civil partner or to a qualifying charity

### Why does it matter whether the estate passes to the spouse, civil partner or to charity

Broadly, assets which pass to the deceased's spouse, civil partner or to a qualifying charity are exempt from IHT. So if most of the assets pass to the deceased's spouse, civil partner or to a qualifying charity, it's likely that there will be no tax to pay. If there's no tax to pay because of these exemptions (ignoring any other reliefs or exemptions) and the estate meets the other conditions that apply (mainly that the gross value does not exceed £1,000,000) you'll not have to fill in a formal IHT account. Please see the notes for net qualifying value on page 15 of these notes.

### What do we mean by 'qualifying charity or other qualifying body'

By qualifying charity, we mean a charity established in the European Union (or other specified country) which would qualify as a charity under the law of England and Wales, which is regulated as a charity in the country of establishment (if appropriate) and which has managers who are fit and proper persons to be managers of a charity. Other qualifying bodies include UK national organisations such as the National Trust for Scotland and the National Galleries of Scotland. If you're not sure if an organisation is a qualifying charity or UK national body you should ring the helpline on 0300 123 1072.

### Assets which pass to the spouse or civil partner

Where assets pass to the deceased's spouse or civil partner, both the deceased and the spouse or civil partner must have been domiciled in the UK throughout their lives.

If you would like more information about 'domicile' go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for 'RDR1'.

It does not matter whether the assets pass directly to the spouse or civil partner, or whether they pass to a trust from which the spouse or civil partner is entitled to benefit.

If either the deceased or the spouse or civil partner does not meet these conditions and the gross estate is likely to be more than the excepted estate limit, do not fill in form C5(2006). You'll need to fill in form IHT400.

### Assets which pass to a qualifying charity

Assets that pass to a qualifying charity are exempt from IHT. The benefit must also pass directly to the organisation; it must not be held in trust for the organisation or have any conditions attached to it.

If an organisation benefiting under the will does not meet these conditions, you must not deduct charity exemption for the benefit it receives in working out whether form IHT400 must be filled in.

### What if the deceased was domiciled outside the UK

Where the deceased died domiciled outside the UK, to qualify as an excepted estate:

- the deceased's UK estate must consist only of cash and/or quoted shares passing under a will or intestacy or by survivorship
- the gross value of the deceased's estate in the UK including the deceased's interest in any jointly owned assets (only cash or quoted shares) must not exceed £150,000
- the deceased's domicile of origin must not have been the UK
- the deceased must not have been domiciled for income tax purposes at any time in the 20 years ending with the year of assessment in which the death occurred
- the deceased must not have been resident in the UK for income tax purposes at any time in the 20 years ending with the year of assessment in which the death occurred

If the estate qualifies as an excepted estate of someone domiciled abroad, tick a box at 24 on page 5 of the C1(2021) and fill in form C5(2006)(OUK). Notes on the back of that form will help you.

This option does not apply where the deceased died before 5 April 2002. In the case of an earlier death, even where the above criteria applied, the estate was not an excepted estate and you should submit a formal account IHT400.

### The estate doesn't seem to be an excepted estate, or an excepted estate with transferable nil rate band, or an exempt excepted estate

Where:

- no part of the estate passes to the surviving spouse or civil partner and/or qualifying charity and the gross estate for IHT exceeds the excepted estates limit, (or 2 times the excepted estates limit where a transfer of unused nil rate band is being claimed)
- part of the estate does pass to the spouse, civil partner or qualifying charity but the gross estate exceeds £1 million
- or part of the estate passes to the spouse, civil partner or qualifying charity and the value after deducting liabilities and the spouse or civil partner or charity exemption exceeds the excepted estates limit

you should fill in a form IHT400. Guidance in filling in that form can be found in our form IHT400 Notes or on our website. When you've filled in the form, tick the appropriate box on page 5 of the C1(2021).

Send the IHT400 and a copy of the C1(2021) to Inheritance Tax, HM Revenue and Customs, BX19 1HT and if no tax is payable, we'll send you a Certificate of Confirmation for you to send to the Sheriff Clerk or Commissary Office for Confirmation. If there's any IHT to pay, you should send the IHT400 and a copy of the C1(2021) to Inheritance Tax, HM Revenue and Customs, payment of the tax due must be made at the same time. Please do not enclose any payments with your account. For details about how to pay IHT, go to [www.gov.uk/paying-inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/paying-inheritance-tax)

They will send you a Certificate of Confirmation to you to send to the Sheriff Clerk or Commissary Office for Confirmation.

### Filling in form C5(2006)

Form C1(2021) contains a lot of information and there's no need to repeat it on form C5(2006). We do need to be sure, however, that you've taken into account all the circumstances affecting IHT.

You should fill in a C5(2006) if the estate qualifies as either an excepted estate, or an excepted estate with transferable nil rate band, or an exempt excepted estate. When working through the C5(2006) you may find that there are other conditions which mean that the estate does not qualify and that you have to stop and fill in a formal account, an IHT400.

## About the person who's died

### Part 1

Please repeat this basic information in case the C5(2006) becomes detached from the Inventory.

## About the estate

### Question 2

If the deceased had made any gifts (or other transfers of assets) during their lifetime, you may need to take these into account in working out whether there's any IHT to pay.

### Gifts and transfers

A gift or transfer will be relevant for IHT if, having made the gift or transfer, the value of the deceased's estate has gone down. So this will include straightforward cash gifts or a gift of a particular asset. Other transactions such as the sale of a house for less than its full market value, or a gift of shares that results in the deceased losing control of a company will also be relevant. If you're not sure what the effect of a transaction is for IHT, please call our helpline and ask their advice.

Remember that where the deceased has provided all the funds to purchase an item which is then put into joint names with someone else, or into the sole name of someone else, this will be a gift.

If the deceased moved into a nursing home and the proceeds of their house were paid into an account in someone else's name, this may also be a gift unless the proceeds were used for the deceased's benefit.

### Question 2(a)

You can answer 'No' to this question if the only gifts the deceased made did not exceed £3,000 each year or were gifts which did not exceed £250 in any one tax year to any individual.

If the deceased did make gifts (or other transfers) that exceeded £3,000 in any one year, you can deduct certain exemptions from the gifts. Appendix 1 to these notes tells you more about these exemptions. These are the only exemptions that you can deduct in working out whether the estate qualifies as an excepted estate.

You can still answer 'No' to this question if the only gifts the deceased made were either:

- all made more than 7 years before the death
- fully covered by the exemptions

### Question 2(b)

We explain what a trust is for IHT in the notes for question 4 on page 22.

If you answer question 2(b) 'Yes', the deceased is treated as if they had made a transfer or gift of the trust assets in which their right to benefit ceased. This means that the trust assets must conform to the rules that apply to gifts and should be added to any other gifts or transfers that the deceased had made themselves.

### Specified transfers

If you answer 'Yes' to either part of question 2, the gifts and transfers must qualify as 'specified transfers' and the total value of all the gifts at the time the gifts were made, after taking away any of the exemptions in Appendix 1 that are due, must be less than £150,000.

You should show what was gifted, the name of the persons receiving the gift and the individual value of each at box 12 for all the gifts which have a value after deducting the allowed exemptions. If the transfers are because the deceased gave up their right to benefit from a trust, also write the name of the person who set up the trust and the date it was set up in box 12. Use page 4 if you need more space. You should include the value of all the gifts and transfers in box 11.4.

### Gifts of houses, land or buildings

Gifts of houses, land or buildings can only qualify as 'specified transfers' if they were outright gifts from one individual to another. If the gift does not meet this condition, stop filling in form C5(2006) – you'll need to fill in form IHT400.

If the value of all the gifts and transfers, after deducting any exemptions, is more than £150,000, or the assets given away were not of the type listed above (specified transfers), stop filling in form C5(2006) – you'll need to fill in form IHT400.

## Gifts made more than 7 years before death

In most cases, you can ignore gifts and transfers that were made more than 7 years before the death. But you should not ignore such gifts or transfers where either:

- the deceased kept back some benefit or interest in the assets given away or was entitled to use the assets given away (when you should answer question 3 'Yes')
- the deceased had made a gift or transfer within 7 years of death and within 7 years previous to that gift the deceased had transferred assets to a discretionary trust or to a company

In the second situation, you do not need to tell us about the gift or transfer made more than 7 years ago. But the person who received the gift or transfer made within 7 years of the death may have a separate liability to IHT.

If you're aware that these circumstances apply to the deceased, we recommend that the person who received the gift or transfer should phone our helpline to discuss their circumstances.

## Allowable exemptions that can be deducted

You can take away certain exemptions from any gifts or lifetime transfers made by the deceased. If all the gifts or lifetime transfers meet the conditions for the exemptions and the total of all gifts is less than the cash limits given, you can still answer 'No' to question 2.

### Small gift exemption

Gifts to any one person which do not exceed £250 in any one tax year to 5 April are exempt. This exemption covers gifts at birthdays and other festive occasions.

You cannot use small gift exemption in conjunction with any other exemption.

This exemption can only be used if all the gifts made to the same person in one tax year do not exceed £250.

## Annual exemption

Gifts not exceeding £3,000 in any one tax year to 5 April are exempt. This can apply to one gift or the total of a number of gifts to which the small gift exemption does not apply. If the gifts made in one year fall short of £3,000, any surplus can be carried forward to the next year (but no further) and can be used once the exemption for that year has been used up in full. But the exemption cannot be carried back to earlier years.

## Gifts made out of income

Gifts that are made as part of the deceased's normal expenditure are exempt from IHT, provided you can show that they:

- formed part of the deceased's normal expenditure
- were made out of income
- left the deceased with sufficient income to maintain their normal standard of living

'Normal expenditure' means that the payments were a regular part of the deceased's expenditure. An example would be where the deceased was making a monthly or other regular payment to someone else. A one-off payment, even if it was out of income, will not be exempt.

If the deceased made any gifts out of income, they meet these conditions and do not exceed £3,000 in total each year, you can answer 'No' to question 2.

If the gifts made out of income are more than £3,000 per year, you should answer 'Yes' to question 2, give details of the gifts in box 10 and enter the value of the gifts at box 11.4 of form C5(2006).

## Deaths on or after 1 March 2011

Where the deceased died on or after 1 March 2011 and made gifts out of income that exceed £3,000 per year, you must not deduct the exemption for the years concerned. The full value of the gift must be added to all the other gifts in box 11.4 to arrive at the total value for gifts.

If this means that:

- the total for gifts exceeds £150,000, or
- the gross estate is more than the excepted estate limit (or 2 times the excepted estate limit where you're claiming a transfer of unused nil rate band) and no assets pass to the deceased's spouse or civil partner or to a qualifying charity do not fill in any more of form C5(2006) – you'll need to fill in form IHT400.

The deceased made gifts out of income to his grandchildren totalling £5,000 for each of the 3 tax years before he died. He also made annual gifts to his children totalling £3,000 for each of those years. He died on 3 March 2011 leaving an estate of £320,000 to his unmarried partner.

### Example 1

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Total gifts            | 24,000                                 |
| less annual exemptions | 9,000 (£3,000<br>for each<br>tax year) |
| Chargeable value       | <u>15,000</u>                          |

As the gifts out of income exceed £3,000 each year the full value of the gifts must be entered at box 11.4. For the purposes of determining if the estate is an excepted estate, no exemptions for gifts out of income can be deducted from the value of the gifts.

The gross value for IHT (box H) is £335,000, (£15,000 gifts plus £320,000 estate) which is above the excepted estates limit of £325,000, so this estate cannot qualify as an excepted estate and an IHT400 will need to be filled in instead of a C5(2006).

### Gifts with reservation of benefit

#### Question 3

If the deceased had a made a gift where they have one of the following:

- kept back any kind of benefit in the assets given away
- are entitled to continue to use the assets given away
- the person receiving the assets has not taken full and exclusive ownership of them

the gift is known as a 'gift with reservation of benefit'. An example is when a person gives their house to someone else, often their children, but carries on living in the house, or purchases a house and has the title put into the names of their children but lives in it themselves.

If the asset given away was a house, but either the deceased or their spouse or civil partner continued to benefit from, or have use of, the property through a lease or trust or similar right or arrangement, the gift may be regarded as a gift with reservation.

If anything like this applies to the deceased, and you're not sure whether the arrangements should be treated as a gift with reservation, you should call our helpline. Depending on the complexity of the arrangements, we may not be able to give a definitive answer over the phone. In these circumstances we recommend that you answer question 3(a) 'Yes'.

### 3(c)

An income tax charge, on pre-owned assets, was introduced in the 2005–06 tax year. This charge generally applies to assets that a person disposed of but continued to obtain benefit or enjoyment from. It can also apply when a person contributed to the purchase of an asset for another person, and they subsequently obtained benefit or enjoyment from that asset. The legislation gave the taxpayer the option to elect to have the assets in question treated as part of their estate for IHT purposes, under the reservation of benefit rules. So long as the election remained in place, the taxpayer would not have to pay the income tax.

You should answer 'Yes' if the deceased received benefit from a pre-owned asset and elected to pay the IHT charge, under the reservation of benefit rules, rather than pay the pre-owned assets income tax charge. To make this election, the deceased must have submitted a form IHT500 before 31 January following the end of the year in which the charge first arose, or exceptionally at a later date. It's not possible for an election to be made on the deceased's behalf, after death.

You should answer 'No' if the deceased received benefit from a pre-owned asset and paid the pre-owned assets income tax charge or if the deceased did not dispose of or contribute to the purchase of any assets in this way.

If you answer 'Yes' to any part of question 3, stop filling in form C5(2006) – you'll need to fill in form IHT400.

## Assets held in trust Interest in possession

### Question 4

A trust is an obligation binding a person who legally owns the assets (the 'trustee') to deal with the assets for the benefit of someone else.

A trust might be in the form of a trust deed or set up by a will.

We call assets that are held in trust 'settled property'. We say that the deceased had an 'interest in possession' in settled property where they had a right to:

- the income from assets (for example dividends from shares, interest from a bank account or rent from a let property)
- payments of a fixed amount each year, often in regular instalments
- live in a house or use the contents without paying any rent

When someone has a right to live in a house, this can have the same effect as a trust for IHT, even though the right to live in the house is not formally a trust for that person's benefit. Often this type of right arises under another person's will and can apply whether or not the house is owned jointly.

If the deceased did not own their home and was not a tenant either, they may have been living there under this sort of arrangement. If so, you may need to include the value of the deceased's home on form C5(2006). For more information go to [www.gov.uk/trusts-taxes](http://www.gov.uk/trusts-taxes)

### Proper liferent

A liferent of an asset may be granted by disposition or gift to a liferenter (the person who enjoys the asset during their lifetime) and fiar (the person entitled to receive the asset on the death of the liferenter) without trustees being involved. The deceased may even have transferred the asset in this way to make sure that they had the benefit during their life, but to be sure that it passed to someone particular on their death. Both the liferenter's and the fiar's name may appear on the land register. The value of the asset should be determined in the same way in which all other assets in the deceased's name are. If the deceased is the fiar, who's died before the liferenter, then subject to the same provisos for interests in another's estate, you do not need to include a value for IHT.

In some circumstances, where a person has an interest in possession in, or is treated as having an interest in possession in settled property, they are treated for IHT as if they owned those assets personally. You should answer 'Yes' to question 4 if the deceased's interest in possession is one of the following:

- a trust that was set up before 22 March 2006
- a trust that was set up before 22 March 2006 **and was**
  - an immediate post death interest
  - a disabled person's interest
  - a transitional serial interest

### Immediate post death interest

An immediate post death interest is where the deceased was entitled to benefit from assets held in a trust that meets the following conditions:

- the trust was set up under a will or intestacy
- the deceased became entitled to the interest in possession on the death of the person whose assets passed into the trust
- the trust was not for a bereaved minor or a disabled person
- the conditions above applied throughout the life of the trust

### Disabled person's interest

A disabled person's interest arises where:

- a trust was set up after 29 March 1981 and, during their life
  - a disabled person benefitted from not less than half the assets applied and
  - nobody had a right to benefit from the trust
- a trust for the benefit of a disabled person (under which they have a right to benefit) is set up on or after 22 March 2006
- an individual who has a condition likely to lead to them becoming a disabled person sets up a trust, for their own benefit, on or after 22 March 2006

A disabled person is a person who:

- is incapable, by reason of mental disorder (within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1983), of administering their property or managing their affairs
- is in receipt of Attendance Allowance (under section 35 or section 64 of either the Social Security Act 1975 or the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975) or would be if they were not undergoing certain treatments or met the residence qualifications
- is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance at the highest or middle rate (under section 72(8) of the Social Security Act 1975 or the Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) Act 1975) or would be if they were not provided with certain living accommodation or if they met the residence qualifications

## Transitional serial interest

A transitional serial interest is where:

- the deceased has an interest in possession in settled property
- the assets comprising the current trust were previously subject to another interest in possession trust that was set up before 22 March 2006
- the current trust was set up between 22 March 2006 and 5 April 2008

**If the deceased had the right to benefit from more than one trust, or the value of the assets in a single trust was more than £150,000, stop filling in form C5(2006) – you’ll need to fill in form IHT400, but see below.**

## Trust assets passing to a spouse, civil partner or charity

Assets passing in trust which qualify for spouse or civil partner or charity exemption should be excluded when applying the £150,000 limit.

## Foreign assets

### Question 5

Inheritance Tax (IHT) is charged on the worldwide assets of someone who is domiciled in the UK. You will have listed any foreign assets on form C1(2021), but will not have included them for Confirmation. You need to bring them into account for IHT now. You should include the sterling value of any overseas assets in box 11.7.

The Isle of Man and the Channel Islands are not part of the United Kingdom.

The £100,000 limit applies to the estate as a whole, so to be sure that the limit of £100,000 is not exceeded, you’ll need to add together:

- any foreign assets that the deceased owned in their own name, plus
- their share of any jointly owned foreign assets
- any foreign assets held in a trust

**If the answer to question 5 is ‘Yes’, and the gross value of the overseas assets is more than £100,000, stop filling in form C5(2006) – you’ll need to fill in form IHT400.**

Where the deceased owned foreign assets, you may also need to take out a separate grant in the country where the assets are, so that you can deal with them.

## Insurance premiums

### Question 6

If the deceased was paying insurance premiums on a policy that will pay out to someone else, you may need to take the premiums paid into account as gifts.

You can answer ‘No’ to this question if the policy was for the benefit of the deceased’s spouse or civil partner.

Where the deceased was paying premiums on an insurance policy for the benefit of someone else, you can answer ‘No’ to question 6 if:

- the insurance policy is not held in trust
- the premiums paid each year are covered by the exemption for regular gifts out of income, (limited to £3,000 for each tax year for deaths on or after 1 March 2011)
- they did not buy an annuity at any time

If the insurance policy is **not** held in trust and the premiums are **not** covered by the exemption, then each premium is a gift of cash. You can answer ‘No’ to question 6 but you must take the premiums into account in answer to question 2.

You can also answer ‘No’ to question 6 if:

- the insurance policy is held in trust (this will be the most common case)
- it was put into trust more than 7 years ago
- the premiums paid each year are covered by the exemption for regular gifts out of income
- they did not buy an annuity at any time

If the insurance policy is held in trust, and it was put into trust more than 7 years ago, but the premiums are **not** covered by the exemption, then each premium is a gift of cash. You may answer 'No' to question 6 but you must take the premiums into account in answer to question 2.

In any other case, for example where the policy was put into trust within 7 years of the death, or if the deceased both paid premiums on a life insurance policy that were not for their own benefit or paid out to the estate and they bought an annuity at any time you must answer 'Yes' to question 6 and stop filling in form C5(2006). You'll need to fill in form IHT400 instead.

### Question 7

If the deceased only had a State Pension answer 'No' to question 7 and ignore question 8.

## Pensions

See appendix 2 for further information about pensions.

### Question 8

Question 8 asks three questions about the deceased's pension arrangements as there are some circumstances where an IHT charge can arise on pension arrangements.

You can answer 'No' to all three parts of question 8 and move on to question 9 if all of the following apply:

- the deceased had not reached the age of 75 before 22 June 2010 (this means they were born on or after 22 June 1935)
- the deceased did not receive any type of dependant's pension
- the deceased had made no arrangements to change their pension in the 2 years before they died, other than pensions paid to a spouse or civil partner

If these do not apply, read the rest of this section to help you answer the questions.

## Alternatively secured or unsecured pension

### Question 8, first bullet

An alternatively secured pension fund (ASP) is an unsecured pension fund for the benefit of a person who reached the age of 75 between 6 April 2006 and 21 June 2010 (inclusive).

An unsecured pension fund is a fund in a registered pension scheme that has been earmarked to provide benefits for a person but has not been used to purchase pension benefits or an annuity (other than a short term annuity payable for not more than 5 years ending before the member reaches the age of 75).

A registered pension scheme is a pension scheme or arrangement registered under section 153 Finance Act 2004.

The deceased may have benefited from an ASP fund because one of the applied:

- they were the original scheme member in their own right
- they died with a dependant's ASP fund to which they became entitled as a 'dependant' or 'relevant dependant' of a scheme member who died

**If the deceased benefited from an ASP fund the estate will not qualify as an excepted estate. Stop filling in form C5(2006) – you'll need to fill in form IHT400.**

## Dependant's pension

### Question 8, second bullet

You should answer 'Yes' to this question if the deceased benefitted from a dependant's unsecured pension fund to which they became entitled as a 'relevant dependant' of a scheme member who died with an alternatively secured pension fund.

If you answer 'Yes' to question 8, the estate will not qualify as an excepted estate. Stop filling in form C5(2006) – you'll need to fill in form IHT400.



## Dependant

A 'dependant' is defined by law as a person who at the date of the scheme member's death was:

- the spouse or civil partner of the member or
- a child of the member who
  - was **under** the age of 23 or
  - aged 23 or **over** and in the opinion of the Scheme Administrator was dependent on the member because of physical or mental impairment
- any other person who in the opinion of the Scheme Administrator was
  - financially dependent on the member or
  - had a financial relationship of mutual dependence with a member or
  - was dependent on the member because of physical or mental impairment

A 'relevant dependant' is defined by law as a person who, at the date of the scheme member's death:

- was a 'dependant', as defined above, who was the person's spouse or civil partner or
- was financially dependent on the member at that time

## Changing or disposing of pension benefits

### Question 8, third bullet

You can answer this question 'No' if the deceased was drawing their retirement pension in full.

See additional notes in Appendix 2

If the deceased was entitled to a pension (either from a pension scheme or a personal pension policy) and they had not taken their full retirement benefits by the time they died, you may need to take into account any changes they made to their pension benefits. You can ignore the State Pension in answering this question.

If the deceased was entitled to benefit from a pension scheme or pension policy and they had not taken their full retirement benefits before they died, you'll need to read the following notes to decide how to answer this question 8, bullet 3.

If the deceased had not taken their full retirement benefit from a pension scheme or personal pension policy, any changes to the benefits they were entitled to may have given rise to a transfer of assets. Such a transfer is not a 'specified transfer' so the estate cannot qualify as an excepted estate.

These notes only apply where any dealings with the pension benefits took place at a time when the deceased had been diagnosed with a terminal illness, or was in such poor health as to be uninsurable.

Where any dealings took place at a time when the deceased was in normal health for their age, then even if they have died shortly afterwards, you can answer 'No' to question 8, bullet 3.

## Legitim or legal rights

### Question 9

For guidance setting out these rights of succession you can find out more information from the Scottish Government website, go to [www.mygov.scot/browse/births-deaths-marriages/death-bereavement/inheritance-tax](http://www.mygov.scot/browse/births-deaths-marriages/death-bereavement/inheritance-tax)

## Calculation where there is a legitim fund

Where there are people who are entitled to share in the legitim fund on the death of the deceased and they all either claim or discharge all their rights before the executors apply for Confirmation, you'll be able to calculate an actual figure for the sum payable to the spouse or civil partner and/or charity under the will which can not be affected by any further claim on the legitim fund. However, if anyone who has a right to claim has neither exercised their claim nor renounced it, the 'spouse or civil partner or charity transfer' (the amount payable to the spouse or civil partner or charity on the death of the deceased) might be reduced. If that is the case then, for the purposes of deciding whether you can continue filling in this form or whether you need to fill in an IHT400, you should work out a notional spouse or civil partner or charity transfer, as if the legitim which has neither been claimed nor discharged is being claimed in full. You should bear in mind that a claim for legitim may be made, even if the person entitled to make it has been bequeathed an interest under the will.

Bear in mind also that the amount of legitim to be taken into account in making the adjustment if there are other beneficiaries may not always affect the spouse or civil partner or charity transfer to the full extent of the possible claim.

Examples of a calculation for legal rights and how they may affect the spouse or civil partner or charity transfer is given at Appendix 3 of these notes.

Show how you've worked out the notional exemption at box 12 or on page 4 if there's insufficient space.

If the value of the estate, worked out by adding the legal rights not already renounced to the remainder of the chargeable estate, exceeds the excepted estate limit stop filling in the C5(2006), you must fill in an IHT400.

## Box 10

Use this box for details of gifts, any trust, of the pension scheme, your calculation of legal rights, details of any property held on special destination or any information you consider relevant. If there's insufficient space, please continue on page 4 of the form or attach a separate sheet.

## Summary of estate

You should list in this section all the elements which make up the chargeable estate for IHT. You should not deduct any exemptions at this stage, nor should you at any stage deduct any other reliefs, for example business relief or agricultural relief you may consider appropriate.

### 11.1

Carry forward the figure from box 11 on page 4 of the C1(2021).

### 11.2 Pension lump sum

If you've not included a figure for a pension lump sum which was payable in the C1(2021) for Confirmation, but you consider it should be part of the estate, include it here.

### 11.3 Share of joint assets

You should enter the value here of all jointly held assets passing by survivorship. For more information about different types of joint assets, see pages 7 and 8 of these notes.

If the heritable property is owned in the names of 2 or more people and 'their respective heirs and assignees whomsoever', each person's share passes under their will or intestacy. You should include the deceased person's share of any such joint property in the Inventory on page 3 of the form C1(2021).

If the property title is in the names of the owners and the survivor or survivors (this is called special or survivorship destination), or if there's any mention of survivorship in the deed of ownership, the share of the first to die will **normally** pass to the survivors, whether or not they receive any other benefit under the will (or according to the rules of intestacy). This sort of joint property should be included here. Give a brief description of the property in box 10 and the value of the deceased's share at box 11.3.

### 11.4 Gifts and other transfers

If you answered 'yes' to question 2, include the value of gifts after deducting the allowable exemptions and adding back the 'specified exempt transfers' (see Appendix 1). List the gifts in box 10 and continue on page 4 if necessary.

### 11.5 Assets held in trust

If you answered 'yes' to question 4, you should make all possible enquiries of the trustees to determine the value. Include the gross value here and deduct the liabilities at Box B. If the trustees notify you of the net value only, you may include the net value here.

### 11.6 Nominated assets

If the deceased, during their lifetime, 'nominated' an asset to pass to a particular person after their death enter the value at box 11.6.

The assets that can be nominated in this way are deposits of up to £5,000 in friendly societies and industrial and provident societies, or, before 1 March 1981, National Savings certificates and accounts.

## 11.7 Assets outside the UK

You should include in this box the value of assets owned by the deceased outside the UK, plus the deceased's share of any foreign assets owned jointly with anyone else. You need to convert the foreign currency value into £ sterling. You can find the conversion rates for the most commonly used currencies in the daily newspapers.

Include any debts owed to anyone outside the UK in the total of liabilities at box B.

### Box A

Enter the figure from this box at box 21 on page 5 of the C1(2021) form.

If the figure in box A does not exceed the excepted estate limit, you need only read and fill in the declaration at the bottom of page 3. You should also tick the appropriate box at 24 on page 5 of the C1(2021).

If the figure is greater than the excepted estate limit and no part of the estate passes to the surviving spouse or civil partner or charity the estate cannot be an excepted estate; you should fill in an IHT400.

If part of the estate passes to the surviving spouse or civil partner or qualifying charity, but the figure at Box A exceeds £1 million, the estate is not an exempt and excepted estate; you should fill in an IHT400.

### Box B

This figure is the total of:

- the debts or liabilities deducted at boxes 12 to 14, on page 4 of form C1(2021)
- the deceased's share of any debts or liabilities deductible from joint property passing by survivorship shown at 11.3 on page 3 of form C5(2006), for example, the deceased's share of a joint mortgage
- any deductions from the deceased's interest in a trust, shown at 11.5 on page 3 of form C5(2006)
- any debts or liabilities deductible from foreign assets, shown at 11.7 on page 3 of form C5(2006)

### Box C

Deduct the figure at B from A to give the net figure. Enter this figure at 15 on page 4 of the C1(2021).

## Box 12

If none of the assets passes to the deceased's spouse or civil partner, or to a qualifying charity or other qualifying organisation, write '0' in box D.

If any of the assets do pass to the deceased's spouse, civil partner or to a qualifying charity or other qualifying body, these assets will be exempt providing they meet the conditions set out on page 17 of these notes. Remember that the spouse, civil partner or charity exemption should be adjusted by the calculation you may have had to do because of possible legit claims. You should show what the exempt benefits are, for example residue of estate, legacy of £200,000 at box 12 and deduct the value at box D.

However, if the value at box A is less than the excepted estate limit there's no tax to pay and you need not fill in this section.

## Net qualifying value for excepted estates

### Box E

Deduct the exemptions at box D from the figure at Box C to arrive at the figure at box E. This is the 'net qualifying value' for an exempt excepted estate. The net qualifying value is the value of the estate after deduction of liabilities and any relief due as a result of benefits passing on the death to either the surviving spouse or civil partner or to a qualifying charity (but of no other reliefs or exemptions which you may consider due). Carry this figure to box 22 on page 5 of the C1(2021).

Provided the value in box E does not exceed the excepted estate limit, (£325,000 for 2013–14) you may apply for a grant of representation without filling in form IHT400.

If it exceeds the excepted estate limit but is less than 2 times the excepted estate limit (£650,000 for 2013–14) **and** you're claiming transfer of unused nil rate band from the estate of a spouse or civil partner who died before on form IHT217, (see page 17 of these notes) you may apply for a grant of representation without filling in form IHT400. You must now fill in form IHT217 'Claim to transfer unused nil rate band for excepted estates' and attach it to this form. You should also tick the appropriate box at 24 on page 5 of the C1(2021).

For a copy of form IHT217:

- go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- phone our helpline 0300 123 1072

If the value in box E exceeds the excepted estate limit, and you're not claiming a transfer of unused nil rate band, stop filling in form C5(2006) – you'll need to fill in form IHT400.

If this figure does not exceed the excepted estates limit, the estate is an exempt excepted estate and you should tick the appropriate box at 24 on page 5 of the C1(2021).

If the figure exceeds the excepted estates limit, the estate does not qualify and you should fill in an IHT400.

### Declaration and signature

Only one signature is needed for Confirmation on form C1(2021) and, to keep things simple, we'll accept just one signature on form C5(2006).

However, the IHT law allows for financial penalties where the information supplied is incorrect, incomplete or false. It's important, therefore, that all the executors have checked the content of the form and that the executor who signs the form has the agreement of **all** the executors to the correctness of the information given. There's more information about penalties on page 30 of these notes.

## What to do when you have filled in the forms

If the estate is an excepted estate, an exempt estate with transferable nil rate band, or an exempt excepted estate, you should send both the C1(2021) and the C5(2006) to the appropriate Sheriff Clerk or Commissary Office (see page 4 of these notes).

### Do I need a copy of the form

Yes, we recommend that you keep a copy of the signed form for your own records and because you'll need it should the value of the estate change after the grant such that tax becomes payable.

You may also be asked to provide a copy of the form or you may need details of the estate for the Department for Work and Pensions.

We'll not be able to give you a copy of this form if you've not kept one for yourself.

### What about all the papers and records I now have

You do not need to send copies of any of the other papers you've used to fill in form C5(2006) – just the form itself and any continuation pages you've used in filling in boxes 10 and 12. But you should keep the papers and records safe in case we ask you for them.

### What happens after I get Confirmation

You can begin to deal with the estate by collecting in the assets and paying the debts. The Sheriff Clerk will send both the original C1(2021) and C5(2006) to us.

### When will I hear from you if you want to see the papers and records

So long as you've used the form C5(2006) correctly, it's unlikely that you'll hear from us. If we have any questions about the information you've given we'll contact you within 60 days from the date that you obtain Confirmation. If we do not write to you within that time, you will not have to pay any IHT. However, this does not apply if there's anything which you've not told us or if any of the information you've given is incorrect or misleading.

## What to do if the value of the estate changes

### What do I do if there are changes to the estate

If, after you've obtained Confirmation, you find more assets, you'll need Confirmation to these and you should fill in a form C4(S) (2021) 'Corrective Inventory and Account' available from the HM Revenue and Customs website. Amend your working copy of the C5(2006) and if, when you've added in the value of the newly discovered items, the value at box C on page 3 is still less than the excepted estate limit, you do not need to send the forms to HM Revenue and Customs.

Tick the appropriate box on the front page of the C4(S) (2021) and send it directly to the Sheriff Clerk.

If the changes mean that the value at C on page 3 of the C5(2006) is more than the IHT nil rate band you should send the C4(S) (2021) to HMRC Trusts and Estates, Nottingham with a copy of the original C1(2021) and C5(2006), before you apply for Confirmation to the additional assets and you'll need to pay the tax.

## How do I work out the Inheritance Tax

You can work out the tax that is payable by deducting the IHT nil rate band from the revised value of the estate and taking 40% of that amount. You might need to add some interest to the tax that is due. Interest runs from 6 months after the end of the month in which the deceased died. If you want to know the rate of interest you can go to [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax) and use the interest calculator, or contact our helpline.

## Inheritance Tax reference number

If you work out that there's tax to pay, you will need to apply for an IHT reference number so that you can make the payment.

You can apply for a reference:

- online – go to [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax)
- on form IHT422 available online or from our helpline 0300 123 1072

If you do not want to work out the tax yourself send the C4(S) 2021 to us (see address on page 3). We'll send you a calculation of the tax and any interest that you owe.

Where you discover that the value of an asset has changed, for example as the result of a sale or that a liability has been reduced, you'll not need Confirmation but you should keep a list of the changes. This is so you can include them in an IHT account if any further changes come to light later which mean that there's IHT to pay. There's no need to tell us about changes if there's no IHT to pay.

## What do I do if the exemptions change

The exemptions will change if there's a change of those who inherit the estate because of a deed of variation after the date of death. If, as result of any changes, there's IHT to pay you must tell us about the changes using the corrective account, form C4(S) (2021).

If box 22 on form C1(2021) still does not exceed the IHT nil rate band there's no need to tell us about the change.

## What if the changes are covered by other exemptions or reliefs

This can happen when, for example, all the assets are left to the surviving spouse or civil partner, but they include (say) a farm which the spouse or civil partner then redirects to the children. You should reduce the value of exemption to the spouse or civil partner at box D on page 3 of the C5(2006) by the value of farm (but without deducting agricultural relief).

If box E on form C5(2006) still does not exceed the IHT nil rate band there's no need to tell us about the change, but if it's more than the nil rate band you must fill in a corrective account form C4(S) (2021).

You should copy the original figure from box E on form C5(2006) to the corrective account and show the reduction in the spouse or civil partner exemption. If you consider the farm qualifies for agricultural relief, you should also include the relief on form C4(S) (2021).

This may mean that there's still no tax to pay. But as the estate no longer qualifies as an excepted estate (because you can only take spouse or civil partner and charity exemption into account in deciding if an estate qualifies as an excepted estate), you must still tell us about the change in these circumstances. You should send the C4(S) (2021) to us with a copy of the C1(2021) and C5(2006).

## What if the value of the estate changes and I need to claim a transfer of unused nil rate band after the grant

If the value of the estate changes so that it's now over the IHT nil rate band, but you can claim a transfer of unused nil rate band which would mean that there's still no tax to pay you should send:

- a copy of the C5(2006)
- a filled in C4(S) (2021) 'Corrective Inventory and Account' showing the amendments to the estate
- a filled in form IHT217 'Claim to transfer unused nil rate band for excepted estates' to HMRC Trusts and Estates at the address on page 3.

# Transfer of unused nil rate band - documents and information you should keep

If the deceased whose estate you're dealing with now left a surviving spouse or civil partner, you should keep full details of this estate in a safe place. This is so that a claim may be made for the transfer of any unused IHT nil rate band on the death of the surviving spouse or civil partner.

The information and documents you should keep are:

- a copy of the C5(2006) or full written details of the assets in the estate and their values
- a copy of the grant of representation (probate or letters of administration)
- a copy of the will, if there was one
- a note of how the estate passed if there's no will
- a copy of any Deed of Variation or similar document if one was executed to change the people who inherited the estate

The widow, widower or surviving civil partner may wish to keep these documents with their own will, if they have made one, or with other important documents, to ensure that a claim can be made for the transfer of unused nil rate band on their death.

## Penalties

The UK has introduced a new system of penalties for inaccuracies in tax returns and other documents given to us. This includes information given on form C5(2006) for deaths on or after 1 April 2009. Under the new system if you take reasonable care when filling in form C5(2006), we'll not charge you a penalty, even if you make a mistake.

### Why do we need penalties

Most people take care to fill in their forms correctly. We want to encourage that and help them to get it right. We use penalties to stop people who do not take care from gaining an unfair advantage.

### When are penalties charged

You should only use form C5(2006) if the estate is an 'excepted estate' and there's no IHT to pay on the estate. We may charge financial penalties if you include an inaccuracy in form C5(2006) which, when corrected later, means that there's some IHT to pay after all.

### How to avoid a penalty

If you take reasonable care to get it right, we'll not charge a penalty if you make a mistake. We'll normally accept you've taken reasonable care if you've followed the guidance in these notes and have:

- made a thorough search of the deceased's papers and documents to trace the assets, investments and other financial interests the deceased had when they died
- contacted others, such as family, friends, accountants who may have known about the deceased's affairs
- included details of all the deceased's assets, liabilities, other financial transactions and interests that are subject to IHT on form C5(2006)
- taken reasonable steps to arrive at the 'open market' value of those assets

If you don't take reasonable care, we can penalise any inaccuracies. The penalties will be higher if they are deliberate.

### What should I do if I discover an inaccuracy

If, after you've applied for Confirmation, you discover an inaccuracy which, when corrected, means that IHT is payable by the estate, you should tell us about it as soon as possible. We explain what you should do in the section of these notes called 'What to do if the value of the estate changes' on page 28.

But there's no need to tell us about inaccuracies that do not mean there's tax to pay. Instead, make a note of them in case anything else comes to light later on which means that tax is payable when all the inaccuracies are corrected.

## How to reduce a penalty

Telling us about an inaccuracy does not mean you'll automatically be subject to a penalty. Depending on the circumstances, we often view that as taking reasonable care to get your tax right. We can substantially reduce any penalty if you:

- tell us about any inaccuracies before we ask you about them
- help us work out the correct amount of tax
- answer any questions we ask you fully, promptly and honestly

## What if the inaccuracy arises from information given by someone else

If another person has given you information about the deceased's affairs; for example, a member of the family has told you about a gift they received, and that person deliberately gave you the wrong information, or kept back some information, we can charge a penalty on them.

We expect you to have checked that information against the other information you've discovered about the deceased and to have questioned any inconsistencies. If you can show you've done so, we'll normally accept you've taken reasonable care and we'll not charge you a penalty because of the inaccuracy.

## What are the penalties

The penalty is a percentage of the amount of tax that has not been paid. The penalty rate depends on why you made the inaccuracy. The less serious the reason, the smaller the penalty will be.

| Type of behaviour        | Minimum    | Maximum    |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Reasonable care          | No penalty | No penalty |
| Careless                 | 0%         | 30%        |
| Deliberate               | 20%        | 70%        |
| Deliberate and concealed | 30%        | 100%       |

## How will I know if I have to pay a penalty

We'll discuss the estate with you to work out the correct amount of tax that is payable and any penalty that may be due, before we send a penalty notice. That way you can understand what has happened and why we are doing this.

If you don't agree, you can appeal against the penalty to an independent tribunal, usually the First-tier Tribunal of the Tax Chamber. You can also opt for an internal review by an independent HMRC officer, which is a quick and inexpensive way to resolve disputes. For more information, go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for factsheet 'CC/FS7a'.

## Where can I get more help

For information about IHT and tax on the estates of deceased people go to [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax)

# Notes on filling in form IHT217

## When do I need to fill in form IHT217

You'll need to fill in form IHT217 'Claim to transfer unused nil rate band for excepted estates' if:

- the figure at box E, form C5(2006) is above the IHT nil rate band (£325,000 for tax year 2013–14), but below 2 times the nil rate band (£650,000)
- the person who's died now, died on or after 6 April 2010
- their spouse or civil partner who died before they died on or after 13 November 1974 (5 December 2005 for civil partners)
- when the spouse or civil partner died their estate did not use up any of the nil rate band available to it

## Where can I get form IHT217

If you need a copy of form IHT217:

- go to [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax)
- phone our helpline on 0300 123 1072

Most of the notes to help you fill in form IHT217 are included in the form, but the notes on page 32 may help you.

## Can all estates use this claim form

No. If the estate of the spouse or civil partner who died first used up any part of the nil rate band so that 100% of the nil rate band is not available to transfer, then you should claim the transfer by filling in form IHT400 'Inheritance Tax account' and claim form IHT402 instead of the C5(2006) and IHT217.

There are also other rules about the estate of the spouse or civil partner who died first which mean that you should fill in forms IHT400 and IHT402 instead. These are where any of the following apply to the spouse or civil partner who died first, or their estate:

- they died before 13 November 1974
- they were domiciled outside the UK at the date of death
- the estate was not wholly exempt from IHT
- they had jointly owned assets that passed to someone other than the spouse or civil partner who's died now
- they had made gifts to chargeable (non-exempt) beneficiaries in the 7 years before they died
- agricultural or business relief applied to assets in the estate
- they made any gifts with reservation of benefit
- they benefited from a trust during their lifetime

## Deeds of Variation

If a Deed of Variation, or other similar document, has been executed to change who inherited the estate of the first spouse or civil partner to die you should fill in form IHT217 to show the effect of the will or intestacy and the Deed together.

This means that if the whole of the first estate passed to the surviving spouse or civil partner by will and a Deed of Variation was executed to pass part of the estate to the children, then the part of the estate that passed to the children would not be exempt from IHT. If this is the case, you should claim the transfer by filling in form IHT400 'Inheritance Tax account' and claim form IHT402 instead of the C5(2006) and IHT217.

## Box 10, page 2 - Gifts

Gifts made in the 7 years before the deceased died would be exempt if they were made to a spouse or civil partner or a charity or other qualifying body (see page 17 of these notes).

There are also other exemptions such as annual, small gifts and gifts in consideration of marriage and civil partnership which can be deducted. There's more information on these exemptions on page 20.

But any gifts which are not exempt, such as lifetime gifts to the deceased's children, would reduce the amount of nil rate band available to transfer and 100% of the nil rate band would not be available. If that applies, the claim for the transfer of unused nil rate band must be made on forms IHT400 and IHT402 and not forms C5(2006) and IHT217.

## Gifts made out of income

### Deaths on or after 1 March 2011

Where the spouse or civil partner who died first, died on or after 1 March 2011, the exemption for gifts out of income (see page 20 of these notes) cannot be deducted from gifts if the value of the gifts total more than £3,000 for each year.

If that applies, the transfer of unused nil rate band must be made on forms IHT400 and IHT402.

If the value of gifts made out of income total less than £3,000 for each tax year the exemption can be deducted in full.

### Deaths before 1 March 2011

Where the spouse or civil partner who died first died before 1 March 2011, the value of the exemption for gifts out of income can be deducted in full.



# Appendix 1 Exemptions for gifts and transfers

There are a number of exemptions available which you can deduct from any gifts or lifetime transfers made by the deceased.

## Spouse or civil partner exemption

Gifts between husbands and wives or civil partners are exempt, so long as both people had their domicile in the UK.

## Charity exemption

Gifts to qualifying charities are exempt (see page 17).

## Small gift exemption

Gifts to any one person which do not exceed £250 in any one tax year to 5 April are exempt. This exemption covers most gifts at birthdays and other festive occasions.

You cannot use this exemption in conjunction with any other exemption. This exemption can **only** be used if **all** the gifts made to the same person in one tax year do not exceed £250.

## Annual exemption

Gifts not exceeding £3,000 in any one tax year to 5 April are exempt. This can apply to one gift or the total of a number of gifts to which the small gift exemption does not apply. If the gifts made in one year fall short of £3,000, any surplus can be carried forward to the next year (but no further) and can be used once the exemption for that year has been used up in full. But the exemption cannot be carried back to earlier years.

## Gifts made out of income

See page 20.

## Gifts on marriage or civil partnership

If the gift was made:

- on or shortly before the marriage or civil partnership
- to one or both parties to the marriage or civil partnership
- to become fully effective on the marriage or civil partnership taking place

It will be exempt up to the following limits:

- £5,000 if the deceased was a parent or step-parent of one of the parties to the marriage or civil partnership
- £2,500 if the deceased was a grandparent or more remote ancestor of one of the parties to the marriage or civil partnership
- £1,000 in any other case

You can still answer 'No' to question 2 (a) if the only gifts the deceased made did not exceed £3,000 each year or were gifts which did not exceed £250 in any one tax year to any individual.

If the deceased did make gifts (or other transfers) that exceeded £3,000 in any one year, you can still answer 'No' to this question if the only gifts the deceased made were either:

- made more than 7 years before the death
- fully covered by exemptions

## Other exemptions that must be added back – specified exempt transfers

There are other exemptions that are available, but you must add these back to establish whether the overall limit for the gross estate of £1,000,000 is exceeded. These are exemptions for transfers to:

- the deceased's spouse or civil partner
- qualifying charities
- political parties
- housing associations
- maintenance funds for historic buildings
- employee trusts

### Example 1

The deceased made gifts of £100,000 to his children, £100,000 to his wife and died leaving an estate of £500,000. The chargeable value of the gifts is:

|                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total gifts                       | 200,000                          |
| Less                              |                                  |
| Annual exemption                  | – 6,000 (previous year's unused) |
| Spouse or civil partner exemption | <u>– 100,000</u>                 |
| Chargeable value                  | 94,000                           |

This is under the £150,000 limit for gifts, so the estate can qualify as an excepted estate. However, when filling in form C5(2006), you should ignore the spouse or civil partner exemption and write the value of £194,000 in box 11.4. When this is added to the estate on death of £500,000, the gross value does not exceed £1,000,000 – so the estate can still qualify as an excepted estate.

### Example 2

The deceased made gifts of £50,000 to his children, £50,000 to a qualifying charity and died leaving an estate of £950,000. Here, the chargeable value of the gifts is £44,000, but you must add the charity exemption back and write £94,000 in box 11.4. When this is added to the estate on death of £950,000, the gross value exceeds £1,000,000. The estate does not qualify as an excepted estate, even though the chargeable value for gifts is less than £150,000.

### Example 3

The deceased made gifts of £170,000 to his children, £50,000 to a qualifying charity and died leaving an estate of £600,000. The chargeable value (after annual exemptions) of the gifts is £164,000.

As this exceeds the £150,000 limit for gifts, the estate cannot qualify as an excepted estate even though when adding back charity exemption to give a total of £214,000 and adding this to the estate on death of £600,000, the gross value does not exceed £1,000,000.

## Appendix 2 Pensions

Where someone has the benefit of a pension in addition to the state pension, then this additional pension will normally provide 2 types of benefit:

- retirement benefits
- death benefits

It's not possible to take both benefits. If the person gets to retirement age and takes their retirement benefits (a lump sum plus pension) then the death benefits no longer apply. However, if they die before taking their retirement benefits, the death benefit is payable according to the pension scheme rules or the policy provisions. No retirement pension is paid.

### Approved, unapproved and registered schemes

For income tax purposes, pension schemes and pension policies are approved, unapproved or registered. The scheme papers may give this information. If they do not the pension provider should be able to tell you.

### Alternatively secured or unsecured pension

An alternatively secured pension fund (ASP) is an unsecured pension fund for the benefit of a person who reached the age of 75 between 6 April 2006 and 21 June 2010 (inclusive).

An unsecured pension fund is a fund in a registered pension scheme that has been earmarked to provide benefits for a person but has not been used to purchase pension benefits or an annuity (other than a short-term annuity payable for not more than 5 years ending before the member reaches the age of 75).

A registered pension scheme is a pension scheme or arrangement registered under section 153 Finance Act 2004.

The deceased may have benefited from an ASP fund because either:

- they were the original scheme member in their own right
- they died with a dependant's ASP fund to which they became entitled as a 'dependant' or 'relevant dependant' of a scheme member who died

If the deceased benefited from an ASP fund the estate will not qualify as an excepted estate.

### Dependant

A 'dependant' is defined by law as a person who at the date of the scheme member's death was:

- the spouse or civil partner of the member **or**
- a child of the member who
  - was under the age of 23 or
  - aged 23 or **over** and in the opinion of the Scheme Administrator was dependent on the member because of physical or mental impairment **or**
- any other person who in the opinion of the Scheme Administrator was
  - financially dependent on the member **or**
  - had a financial relationship of mutual dependence with a member **or**
  - was dependent on the member because of physical or mental impairment

A 'relevant dependant' is defined by law as a person who, at the date of the scheme member's death was a 'dependant', as defined above, who was:

- the person's spouse or civil partner **or**
- financially dependent on the member at that time

### Including pension benefits for Confirmation on form C1(2021)

If the deceased dies before taking their retirement benefits, a lump sum may be payable under the pension scheme or pension policy. A lump sum will be part of the deceased's estate if:

- it's payable to their personal representatives as of right or because no-one else qualifies for payment
- the deceased could direct who the lump sum was to be paid to by making a binding nomination or instruction
- the deceased could manufacture a situation (for example, by revoking a nomination) so that the lump sum would be payable to the estate
- it's a refund of contributions

In each of these cases, the amount of the lump sum should be included in form C1(2021).

## Appendix 3 Legal rights

### Calculating the spouse, civil partner or charity transfer where there are people entitled to claim legal rights

The deceased died in August 2004 survived by a spouse and 2 children and leaving heritable estate worth £120,000 and moveable estate worth £840,000. The legitim fund is (1/3 x £840,000) £280,000.

#### Example 1

By will the whole estate is left to the surviving spouse. One child has renounced his legal rights before Confirmation is applied for.

In terms of the will the spouse receives:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Heritable property | £120,000        |
| Residue            | £840,000        |
| Total              | <u>£960,000</u> |

For the purposes of determining whether the estate is excepted, the spouse transfer is recalculated:

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Heritable property     | £120,000        |
| Legal rights renounced | £140,000        |
| Balance of residue     | £560,000        |
| Total                  | <u>£820,000</u> |

The net qualifying value is £140,000 (value of legitim fund unclaimed and unrenounced £140,000 plus any other chargeable estate £0).

The estate qualifies as an excepted estate since the gross value of the estate does not exceed £1,000,000 and the net qualifying value (£140,000) does not exceed the excepted estates limit.

However, if neither child has renounced or claimed legal rights, the net qualifying value is the whole of the unrenounced and unclaimed legitim fund, £280,000. So that although the gross estate does not exceed £1,000,000, the net qualifying estate exceeds the excepted estates limit.

It's important to remember that actual or potential legitim claims will not always affect the amount of spouse or civil partner exemption by the same amount as the claim itself. Where part of the estate passes to a non-exempt third party this is likely to be the case.

#### Example 2

In terms of the will:

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Spouse</i>        |                 |
| Heritable property   | £120,000        |
| Legacy               | £450,000        |
| 1/3 share of residue | £130,000        |
| Total                | <u>£700,000</u> |
| <i>Friend</i>        |                 |
| 2/3 share of residue | £260,000        |

One child has renounced his claim to legitim leaving the other half of the legitim (£140,000) unclaimed and unrenounced to be calculated from the residue of the estate.

Spouse £130,000 – £46,666.66 and friend £260,000 – £93,333.33

Notional spouse transfer

£120,000 + £450,000 + £83,333.33 = £653,333.33

Net qualifying value

£140,000 + £166,666.67 = £306,666.67

(legitim fund unclaimed and unrenounced plus other chargeable estate).

Unlike the first situation at example 1, the estate does not qualify as an excepted estate as, although the estate is below £1 million and part passes to the spouse, the net qualifying value exceeds the excepted estates limit.

## Confidentiality

You have a right to the same high degree of confidentiality that all taxpayers have. We have a legal duty to keep your affairs completely confidential and cannot give information to others about an estate, trust or transfer even if they have an interest in it, unless the law permits us to do so. This means we may only discuss a taxpayer's affairs with that person, or with someone else that the taxpayer has appointed to act for them. In the case of someone who's died, this means that we can only discuss an estate with the people (or person) who have signed and delivered form C5(2006), that is the executors, or another person appointed to act for them, usually a solicitor or an accountant.

## Your rights and obligations

'HMRC Charter' explains what you can expect from us and what we expect from you. For more information go to [www.gov.uk/government/publications/hmrc-charter](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hmrc-charter)

## How we use your information

HMRC is a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act 2018. We hold information for the purposes specified in our notification to the Information Commissioner, including the assessment and collection of tax and duties, the payment of benefits and the prevention and detection of crime, and may use this information for any of them.

We may get information about you from others, or we may give information to them. If we do, it will only be as the law permits, to:

- check the accuracy of information
- prevent or detect crime
- protect public funds

We may check information we receive about you with what is already in our records. This can include information provided by you, as well as by others, such as other government departments or agencies and overseas tax and customs authorities. We'll not give information to anyone outside HMRC unless the law permits us to do so.

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