

VALUING YOUR ESTATE FOR INHERITANCE TAX

Reflecting what your assets would reasonably receive in the current open market

To arrive at the amount of Inheritance Tax potentially payable when valuing your estate, you need to include assets (property, possessions, investments and money) you own and certain assets you have given away during the last seven years. The valuation must accurately reflect what those assets would reasonably receive in the current open market.

To estimate how much Inheritance Tax you may have to pay, add up the value of all your wealth, subtract your liabilities and the £325,000 'Nil Rate Band' allowance, and then multiply the remainder by 40%.

If you are married or in a registered civil partnership, add up your combined estates and reduce these by two 'Nil Rate Band' allowances of £325,000 each (£650,000) before applying the 40% rate to estimate your potential liability to Inheritance Tax.

ESTATE ASSETS

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| Property – main residence | £ |
| Savings – current account/s, deposit account/s, premium bonds, Cash NISAs, other savings | £ |
| Investments – shares/equities, unit trusts, investment trusts, Stocks & Shares NISAs, investment bonds, other investments | £ |
| Additional assets – cars, holiday home/s, antiques, jewellery, works of art, boat, gifts of capital made within the previous 7 years | £ |
| Life insurance policies – policies not written in an appropriate trust | £ |
| Total (A) | £ |

ESTATE LIABILITIES

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| Mortgage/s | £ |
| Loan/s/overdraft/s | £ |
| Credit card/s | £ |
| Other liabilities – outstanding bills, hire purchase, funeral expenses | £ |
| Total (B) | £ |





ESTATE SUMMARY

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| Total assets (A): | £ |
| Liabilities (B): | £ |
| Estate value (A minus B): | £ |
| Tax-free allowance (deduct from estate value): current £325,000 Nil rate band allowance (frozen until 5 April 2018), or if you are married (or in a registered civil partnership) £650,000 | £ |
| Net worth: | £ |
| Inheritance Tax bill: (Net worth @ 40%) | £ |

Married couples and registered civil partners are allowed to pass their possessions and assets to each other tax-free and, since October 2007, the surviving partner is now allowed to use both tax-free allowances (providing one wasn't used at the first death).

Gifts made within the last seven years are not included in the calculations but may be liable to Inheritance Tax on a sliding scale.

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