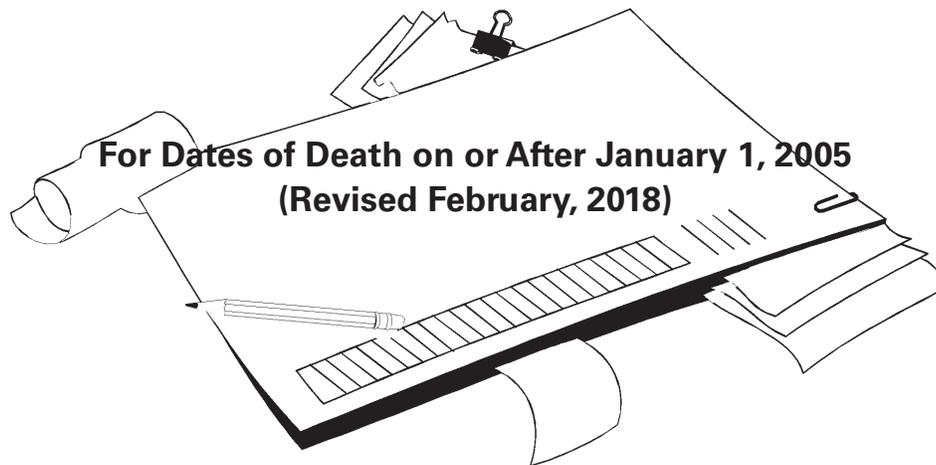


# Kentucky Inheritance and Estate Tax Forms and Instructions

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE



**For Dates of Death on or After January 1, 2005  
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## Kentucky Department of Revenue Mission Statement

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# NOTICE

If all taxable assets pass to exempt beneficiaries and a Federal Estate and Gift Tax Return is not required, **it is not necessary to file an Inheritance Tax Return with the Kentucky Department of Revenue.** An *affidavit of exemption* will be accepted for the final settlement and closing of the administration of an estate. If inheritance tax is due the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Form 92A200 or 92A205 should be used.

The affidavit of exemption is to be filed **only** with the court. Do not send a copy of the affidavit to the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

## Sample Affidavit of Exemption

### AFFIDAVIT OF EXEMPTION

Affiant \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, states that he/she is fiduciary or beneficiary of the estate of \_\_\_\_\_, who died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kentucky.

Affiant states that all assets of the estate pass to exempt beneficiaries pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 140.080\* or exempt organizations pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 140.060\*\* either by virtue of the decedent's will, the intestate laws of this state, or by contract (survivorship, payable on death, trust, etc.).

Affiant further states that a Kentucky Inheritance Tax Return will not be filed since no death tax is due the state and a Federal Estate and Gift Tax Return (Form 706) is not required to be filed because the gross estate is less than the required amount set out in Section 2010(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. This affidavit is being submitted to satisfy the requirements of Kentucky Revised Statute 395.605.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Sworn and subscribed to before me by \_\_\_\_\_

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

\*Exempt beneficiaries under KRS 140.080 include spouse, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parent, brother, and sister.

\*\*Exempt organizations include educational, religious or other institutions, societies, or associations, whose sole purpose is to carry on charitable, educational, or religious work. Also, cities, towns or public institutions in this state qualify as exempt organizations provided that any transfer to such an organization is for public purposes.

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## INHERITANCE AND ESTATE TAX FORMS IN THIS PACKET

The forms in this packet should only be used if the date of death occurred on or after January 1, 2005. The forms may be duplicated on a computer and the space allocated for each item may be decreased or increased depending on the amount of space required. The forms may be used for a decedent who was a resident or a nonresident of Kentucky.

If all taxable assets pass to exempt beneficiaries and a Federal Estate and Gift Tax Return is not required, **it is not necessary to file an Inheritance Tax Return with the Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR)**. An *Affidavit of Exemption* will be accepted for the final settlement and closing of the administration of an estate. If inheritance tax or estate tax is due the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Form 92A200 or 92A205 should be used.

*If the date of death occurred prior to January 1, 2005, contact the Financial Tax Section, Department of Revenue, Station 61, 501 High Street, Frankfort, KY 40601-2103, (502) 564-4810, fax (502) 564-2695.*

**Three forms are included in this booklet. Choose one unless an Affidavit of Exemption is used.**

### 1. No Tax Due Return (Form 92A201)

This return may be used for an estate (Kentucky resident or nonresident) if: (1) there is no Kentucky inheritance tax due, (2) the date of death is on or after January 1, 2005, and (3) the entire estate passes to beneficiaries listed in the following group either by contract (survivorship, payable on death, trust, etc.), the decedent's will, or the intestate laws of this state:

- (1) Surviving spouse, parent
- (2) Child (adult or infant)  
child by blood, stepchild, child adopted during infancy, or child adopted during adulthood who was reared by the decedent during infancy
- (3) Grandchild  
issue of child, stepchild, child adopted during infancy, or of a child adopted during adulthood who was reared by decedent during infancy
- (4) Brother, sister (whole or half)  
 **Refer to KRS 140.080 for (1) through (4) above**
- (5) Exempt organizations—**Refer to KRS 140.060**  
Exempt organizations include educational, religious or other institutions, societies, or associations, whose sole purpose is to carry on charitable, educational, or religious work. Also, cities, towns or public institutions in this state qualify as exempt organizations provided that any transfer to such an organization is for public purposes.

### 2. Inheritance Tax Return (Form 92A200)

This return must be used for an estate (resident or nonresident) when: (1) the date of death is on or after January 1, 2005, and (2) any assets of the estate pass to taxable beneficiaries or taxable organizations, or when Forms 92A201 and 92A205 do not apply.

**Instructions are on the back of each schedule.**

### 3. Inheritance Tax Return (Short Form) (Form 92A205)

This return may be used for an estate (Kentucky resident or nonresident) when: (1) a federal estate tax return is **not** required to be filed, (2) the assets of the estate consist of 10 items or less, (3) no gifts or transfers were made within three years of death without full consideration, (4) no real or personal property was transferred with a retained life interest, (5) the decedent did not possess any power to appoint any real or personal property or have the use of any qualified terminable interest property, and (6) the decedent had not received any real or personal property from another decedent within five years and paid inheritance tax on the property.

**Kentucky Inheritance  
Tax Return  
NO TAX DUE**

<b>FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY</b>			
_____ /	4	6	_____ / _____ / _____
Account Number	Tax	Mo	Year

This return may be used if: (1) there is no Kentucky inheritance tax due, (2) the date of death is on or after January 1, 2005, and (3) the entire estate passes to beneficiaries listed in the following groups either by contract (survivorship, payable on death, trust, etc.), the decedent's will, or the intestate laws of this state:

- (1) Surviving spouse, parent
- (2) Child (adult or infant)  
child by blood, stepchild, child adopted during infancy,  
or a child adopted during adulthood who was reared by decedent during infancy
- (3) Grandchild  
issue of child by blood, stepchild, child adopted during infancy,  
or of a child adopted during adulthood who was reared by decedent during infancy
- (4) Brother, sister (whole or half)  
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<b>Decedent's Name</b> Last		First	Middle Initial	<b>Date of Death</b>
<b>Social Security Number</b>	<b>Occupation</b> (If decedent was retired at death, state occupation prior to retirement.)	<b>Age at Death</b>	<b>Cause of Death</b>	<b>HR Code Number (if known)</b>

**Residence (Domicile) at Time of Death**

Number and Street	City	State	ZIP Code	County
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<b>Name and Address of Executor/Administrator/Beneficiary</b>		<b>Name and Address of Preparer</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exec <input type="checkbox"/> Admr <input type="checkbox"/> _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Atty <input type="checkbox"/> CPA <input type="checkbox"/> _____	

Did the decedent have a will?  No  Yes **If Yes, attach a copy of the will.**

Did the decedent have a trust agreement?  No  Yes **If Yes, attach a copy of the trust agreement.**

Filing status of Federal Estate and Gift Tax Return for this estate (check one):

Not Required  **Required (enclose copy)**  Not Required, but filed for **Portability (enclose copy)**

Schedules for listing property (real and personal) and beneficiaries are on the reverse side of this form. Listing of property is optional. **Listing of beneficiaries and their relationship is required.**

**Total Value of Property from Reverse Side** ..... (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Under criminal penalties, I declare that this return, including accompanying documents, has been examined by me, and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

		☎ ( )	
Signature of Executor/Administrator/Beneficiary	Date	Telephone Number	E-mail Address
		☎ ( )	
Signature of Preparer	Date	Telephone Number	E-mail Address



**KENTUCKY  
INHERITANCE TAX RETURN**

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY			
_____ /	4	6	/ _____ / _____
Account Number	Tax	Mo	Year

**Requirements for use of this return**— This return is to be filed when (1) the date of death is on or after January 1, 2005, (2) *any assets of the estate pass to taxable beneficiaries or taxable organizations*, (see page 4 of general information) and (3) Forms 92A201 and 92A205 do not apply. Pursuant to **KRS 140.190**, the beneficiaries as well as the personal representative(s) may be held personally liable for the tax.

<b>Return Status</b> (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Original Return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Return—Refund <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Return—Tax Due
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Decedent's Name	Last	First	Middle Initial	Occupation (If decedent was retired at death, state occupation prior to retirement.)	Age at Death	Date of Death
Social Security Number					Cause of Death	HR Code Number

**Residence (Domicile) at Time of Death**

Number and Street	City	State	ZIP Code	County
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<b>Name and Address of Executor/Administrator/Beneficiary</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Exec <input type="checkbox"/> Admr <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<b>Name and Address of Preparer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Atty <input type="checkbox"/> CPA <input type="checkbox"/> _____
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Did the decedent have a will?  No  Yes *If Yes, attach a copy of the will.*  
 Did the decedent have a trust agreement?  No  Yes *If Yes, attach a copy of the trust agreement.*

Filing status of Federal Estate and Gift Tax Return for this estate (check one):  
 Not Required  **Required (enclose copy)**  Not Required, but filed for **Portability (enclose copy)**

**Gross Estate**

1. Individually owned assets.....	\$ _____
2. Jointly owned assets.....	\$ _____
3. Qualified terminable interest property and/or powers of appointment.....	\$ _____
4. Previously taxed property.....	\$ _____
5. Gifts and transfers.....	\$ _____
<b>Total Gross Estate</b> .....	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Deductions**

6. Funeral expenses.....	\$ _____
7. Administration expenses.....	\$ _____
8. Debts of decedent.....	\$ _____
9. Federal estate tax— <input type="checkbox"/> paid or <input type="checkbox"/> estimated .....	\$ _____
<b>Total Deductions</b> .....	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Net Estate</b> (Total Gross Estate less Total Deductions) .....	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Total Tax Due from Tax Computation Form 92A200</b> .....	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Interest and Penalty**

10. Interest for late payment (see general information).....	\$ _____
11. Late filing penalty (see general information).....	\$ _____
12. Late payment penalty (see general information).....	\$ _____
13. <b>Total Due</b> (tax plus interest and penalties, if applicable).....	\$ _____
14. Total previously paid .....	\$ _____
15. Balance due/Refund .....	\$ _____

Attach check payable to "Kentucky State Treasurer" to this return and mail to Kentucky Department of Revenue, Frankfort, KY 40620

Under criminal penalties, I declare that this return, including accompanying documents, has been examined by me, and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

Signature of Executor/Administrator/Beneficiary	Social Security Number	Date	Telephone Number ( ) _____
E-mail Address of Executor/Administrator/Beneficiary _____			
Signature of Preparer	Date	Telephone Number ( ) _____	E-mail Address _____



**Individually Owned Assets**

List in this schedule all items individually owned by the decedent including life insurance payable to the estate. **(Please review instructions on reverse side for details.)**

Item Number	Description of Property/Name of Corporation or Obligor/ Name of Bank or Debtor	Accrued Rents/ Interest/Dividends	Number of Shares	Fair Cash Value on Date of Death
1.				

**Total** (including continuation page(s)) (enter on page 1, line 1) ..... □

*If additional space is needed, duplicate this page and attach as a continuation page(s).*

## INSTRUCTIONS

### INDIVIDUALLY OWNED ASSETS

All real property individually owned must be listed in this schedule. *For reporting agricultural or horticultural land, see General Information—Valuation of Property—Fair Cash and Agricultural.*

Stocks and bonds individually owned are includable in this schedule. Stock values are determined by using an average of the high and low quoted selling price on the decedent's date of death. In case of inactive stock such as closely held corporations, explain the method used in computing the value at the date of death. **A balance sheet, at a date nearest the decedent's death, together with a statement of net earnings and dividends paid for the five-year period immediately preceding the date of death, must be supplied in support of these valuations (ex. financial institution's monthly statement.)**

Dividends declared and of record in the decedent's name but not paid prior to death must be included in this schedule. **Provide statements, lists, etc. supporting valuation of these assets.**

United States bonds individually owned as well as those payable upon death to another should be included in this schedule. Indicate series, maturity value and date of purchase of all United States bonds.

In some instances, the estate will include stocks and bonds listed on a stock exchange that did not make sales on the date of the decedent's death. When this occurs, their value must be determined by averaging the high and low for the last working day preceding the date of death and the first working day subsequent to the date of death. *For reporting stock of a corporation owning qualified real estate passing to a qualified person(s), see General Information—Valuation of Property—Fair Cash and Agricultural.*

Mortgages, notes and cash individually owned must be listed in this schedule. List accrued interest to date of death. The description of mortgages and notes must include interest rate, the date the last payment of interest was made preceding the date of the decedent's death, and the due date

of the mortgages or notes. If an account is held out of state, show name and address of financial institution on the tax return.

List life insurance payable to the insured or to the estate. Life insurance payable to a designated beneficiary, including a testamentary or inter vivos trustee, is tax-free.

List in this schedule other individually owned items of the gross estate, such as debts due decedent; business or partnership (attach balance sheet showing capital accounts); claims, exclusive of those claimed under KRS 411.130 (wrongful death); rights; royalties; leaseholds; judgments; shares in trust funds; contracts; household goods and personal effects, including antiques, jewelry and collections of any type; farm products and growing crops; livestock; farm machinery; automobiles; etc.

The value of an annuity or other payment made to a beneficiary of a deceased employee (other than the executor or equivalent) under (1) an exempt trust or qualified nontrusted annuity plan as described by the Internal Revenue Code or (2) a contract purchased by an educational or charitable organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) or (vi) of the Internal Revenue Code or a religious organization exempt from tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(a), is taxable in the proportion that the total contributions made by the decedent bears to the total contributions made. The proceeds from a Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan or Survivor Benefit Plan are exempt under KRS 140.015(2). *Refer to KRS 140.063(3) and (4) regarding the taxation of individual retirement accounts and annuities as described in Section 408(a) and (b) of the Internal Revenue Code. Lump-sum distributions of an IRA are taxable.*

All other annuities, including deferred compensation plans, or payments other than those described in the preceding paragraph made to a beneficiary, executor or equivalent, are fully taxable if the decedent retained ownership at death such as the right to name or change the beneficiary and must be listed in this schedule.

**Jointly Owned Assets**

List in this schedule all property jointly owned by the decedent and other person(s). **(Please review instructions on reverse side for details.)**

Item Number	Description of Property/ Name of Corporation or Obligor/ Name of Bank or Debtor	Name of Co-Owner(s)	Decedent's Interest (Fraction or %)	Date Placed in Joint Names <b>REQUIRED</b>	With or Without Survivorship <b>REQUIRED</b>	Value of 100% at Date of Death
1.						

**Total** (including continuation page(s)) ..... □

**Value of decedent's interest** (enter on page 1, line 2) ..... □

*If additional space is needed, duplicate this page and attach as a continuation page(s).*

## INSTRUCTIONS

### JOINTLY OWNED ASSETS

All jointly owned property whether real estate (for reporting agricultural or horticultural land, see *General Information—Valuation of Property—Fair Cash and Agricultural*), tangible personal property, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc., must be reported (see KRS 140.050 below). All property placed in joint ownership by the decedent within three years of the date of death is subject to the tax in its entirety (see KRS 140.020(2) below). However, there is no presumption of contemplation of death as to certificates of deposit jointly owned, and only the percent of ownership of the decedent is taxable (see KRS 140.020(3) below).

**KRS 140.020(2) reads as follows:** Every transfer made within three (3) years prior to the death of the grantor, vendor or donor of a material part of his estate, or in the nature of a final disposition or distribution thereof, and without an adequate valuable consideration, shall be construed prima facie to have been made in contemplation of death within the meaning of this chapter. If a transfer was made more than three (3) years prior to the death of the decedent it shall be a question of fact, to be determined by the proper tribunal, whether the transfer was made in contemplation of death.

**KRS 140.020(3) reads as follows:** There shall be no presumption of contemplation of death as to certificates of deposit jointly owned and all such certificates of deposit shall be taxed pursuant to KRS 140.050.

**KRS 140.050 reads as follows:** Whenever any real or personal property is held jointly in the names of two (2) or more persons, or as tenants by the entirety, or is deposited in banks or other depositories jointly in the names of two (2) or more persons and is payable to either or to the survivor upon the death of the other, the right of the surviving tenant by the entirety or the surviving joint tenant or joint depositor to the immediate ownership or possession and enjoyment of the property shall be deemed a transfer of one-half (1/2) or other proper fraction thereof, taxable under the provisions of this chapter in the same manner as though the part of the property to which the transfer relates belonged to the tenants by the entirety, joint tenants or joint depositors as tenants in common, and had been bequeathed or devised to the surviving tenant by the entirety, joint tenant or joint depositor by the deceased tenant by the entirety, joint tenant or just depositor.

**For stocks and bonds, a balance sheet, at a date nearest the decedent's death, together with a statement of net earnings and dividends paid for the five-year period immediately preceding the date of death, must be supplied in support of these valuations (ex. financial institution's monthly statement.)**

**Qualified Terminable Interest Property and/or Powers of Appointment**

List in this schedule all items in which the decedent possessed a general power of appointment or property in which a qualified terminable interest property election was made in a prior estate. **(Please review instructions on reverse side for details.)**

Item Number	Name of Prior Decedent/ Donor	Description of Property/Name of Corporation or Obligor/ Name of Bank or Debtor	Fair Cash Value on Date of Death of Present Decedent
1.			
<b>Total</b> (including continuation page(s)) (enter on page 1, line 3) .....			□

*If additional space is needed, duplicate this page and attach as a continuation page(s).*

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
**QUALIFIED TERMINABLE INTEREST PROPERTY**  
**AND/OR**  
**POWERS OF APPOINTMENT**

KRS 140.100(4) requires that the value of a surviving spouse's interest in a power of appointment trust or in qualified terminable interest property which was exempt as a part of the surviving spouse's inheritable interest in the first spouse's estate pursuant to an election made under KRS 140.080(1)(a) is includable in the surviving spouse's estate. The property is includable at its value on the surviving spouse's date of death. The personal representative of the decedent's estate is entitled to recover from the trust or life estate the tax attributable to the trust unless the decedent directs otherwise in his will.

**Powers of Appointment**

All property passing under a power of appointment created by will, deed, trust agreement, contract, insurance policy or other instrument must be reported in this schedule whether or not the power of appointment is exercised. *For taxation of transfers by power of appointment, refer to KRS 140.040 and 140.100(4).*

The method of computing the inheritance tax on any power of appointment property as described under KRS 140.040 is irrelevant in both the donor's and the donee's estates when such property is elected to be included in the surviving spouse's *total inheritable interest* as property which qualifies for the federal estate tax marital deduction under Section 2056(b)(5) or 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

KRS 140.100(4) requires that the trust or life estate for which an election relates be included in the surviving spouse's estate for Kentucky inheritance tax purposes at its value on the death of the surviving spouse regardless of where spouse is domiciled. If the surviving spouse has the power to appoint the remaindermen of the qualified trust or life estate, the property is taxed to the remaindermen named in the surviving spouse's will and the rates and exemptions are based on their relationship to the surviving spouse. If the surviving spouse has no power to appoint the remaindermen of the qualified trust or life estate, the property is taxed to the remaindermen named in the first spouse's will and the rates and exemptions are based on their relationship to the second spouse unless such rates and exemptions prove to increase the tax liability. If this occurs, the beneficiary may use the rates and exemptions in effect at the death of the first spouse. If the first decedent was a nonresident of Kentucky or died prior to July 1, 1985, the trust or life estate is not includable in the surviving spouse's estate.

**Qualified Terminable Interest Property**

For purpose of the spousal exemption, the term *total inheritable interest* may include at the election of the personal representative (or trustee or transferee, if no personal representative) the entire value of a trust or property in which the surviving spouse was devised a life estate and which otherwise qualifies for the federal estate tax marital deduction under Section 2056(b)(5) or 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1984. The election is irrevocable and must be made on Form 92A936 on or before the due date of the tax return (as extended) or with the first tax return filed, whichever occurs last. It is not necessary that a similar election be made for purposes of the federal estate tax marital deduction or that a Federal Estate and Gift Tax Return be filed. The effect of the election is that the property (interest) will be treated as passing to the surviving spouse for purposes of the spousal exemption.

**Previously Taxed Property**

List in this schedule all items owned by the decedent at death that were taxed in a prior estate and the prior decedent having died within five years of this decedent's date of death. **(Please review instructions on reverse side for details.)**

Item Number	Name and Date of Death of Prior Decedent	Description of Property/Name of Corporation or Obligor/ Name of Bank or Debtor	Amount of Tax Previously Paid	Fair Cash Value on Date of Death of Present Decedent
1.				

**Total** (including continuation page(s)) (enter on page 1, line 4) ..... □

*If additional space is needed, duplicate this page and attach as a continuation page(s).*

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
**PREVIOUSLY TAXED PROPERTY**  
**(PRIOR DECEDENT TO IMMEDIATE DECEDENT WITHIN FIVE YEARS)**

List all property owned by the immediate decedent at death that was taxed under the Kentucky Inheritance and Estate Tax Law (KRS Chapter 140) and received from a prior estate, the prior decedent having died within five years of the immediate decedent's date of death. Property listed in this schedule must be specifically identified as having been so taxed or as having been acquired in exchange for property so taxed. All property correctly listed in this schedule is subject to a tax credit as provided in KRS 140.095. ***Separate tax credit computations must be made if the decedent paid tax in two or more prior estates.***

Identify the property previously taxed and take full credit for the tax paid by the immediate decedent in the prior estate. If full credit is not allowable, you will be billed for the additional tax plus applicable interest, if due. The credit is taken on the **Tax Computation** schedule as a part of this return.

The methods used in evaluating property listed in this schedule will be the same as those used in evaluating like property listed in other schedules. ***Property listed in this schedule must be valued as of the date of the immediate decedent's death and must not appear in any other schedule.***

See page 3 of general information for an example.

**Gifts and Transfers**

List in this schedule all gifts or transfers made within three years of the decedent's date of death or when the decedent retained a life interest. **(Please review instructions on reverse side for details.)**

Was life interest retained by the decedent?  Yes  No

Item Number	To Whom Made	Description of Property Transferred	Date of Transfer	Value at Date of Death
1.				

**Total** (including continuation page(s)) (enter on page 1, line 5) .....

*If additional space is needed, duplicate this page and attach as a continuation page(s).*

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
**GIFTS AND TRANSFERS**

Include all gifts and transfers of property in this schedule made by the decedent within three years prior to death and any gift or transfer of property during the decedent's lifetime in which a life estate or the income was retained by the decedent. **If made by deed or trust, a copy of such instrument must be attached.** In the event the taxability of the gift or transfer is not included in the taxable estate, submit details of the transfer and the reason for the exclusion. *To determine the proper taxation of gifts and transfers, refer to KRS 140.020 (see below). For reporting agricultural or horticultural land, see General Information—**Valuation of Property—Fair Cash and Agricultural.***

**KRS 140.020 reads in part as follows:** (1) Any property or interest therein, of which the decedent has made a transfer by trust or otherwise, in contemplation of or intended to take effect in possession or enjoyment at or after death, including a transfer under which the transferor has retained for his life or any period not ending before his death (a) the possession or enjoyment of, or the income from the property; or (b) the actual or contingent power to designate the persons who shall possess the property or the income therefrom, except in the case of a bona fide sale for an adequate and full consideration in money or money's worth. It shall further apply to any property conveyed in trust over which the settlor has a power of revocation exercisable by will.

(2) Every transfer made within three (3) years prior to the death of the grantor, vendor or donor of a material part of his estate, or in the nature of a final disposition or distribution thereof, and without an adequate valuable consideration, shall be construed to have been made in contemplation of death within the meaning of this chapter.

**FUNERAL EXPENSES**

List in this schedule the cost of the funeral, monument and maintenance of cemetery lot actually paid and not reimbursed.

Description	To Whom Paid	Amount Paid
Funeral		
Monument		
Cemetery lot		
Maintenance of lot		
Other ( <i>specify</i> )		
<b>Total funeral expenses (not to exceed \$5,000)</b> (including continuation page(s)) (enter on page 1, line 6) .....		□

**ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**

List in this schedule administration expenses, including attorneys' fees and commissions of executors and administrators, actually allowed and paid.

Description	To Whom Paid	Amount Paid
Executors'/Administrators' commissions		
Attorneys' fees		
Appraisers' fees		
Other ( <i>specify</i> )		
<b>Total administration expenses</b> (including continuation page(s)) (enter on page 1, line 7) .....		□

Attach a separate sheet for additional expenses if needed.



**DEBTS OF DECEDENT (Please review instructions on reverse side for details.)**

Item Number	Creditor	Nature of Claim	Amount
1.			
<b>Total debts of decedent</b> (including continuation page(s)) <i>(enter on page 1, line 8)</i> .....			

**FEDERAL ESTATE TAX**

Check whether  paid or  estimated. (Detailed instructions are on reverse side.)

<b>Total</b> <i>(enter on page 1, line 9)</i> .....	
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**PROPERTY HAVING A SITUS OUTSIDE KENTUCKY** (Detailed instructions are on reverse side.)

Location and Description of Property	Fair Cash Value at Date of Death	Mortgages and Taxes	Net Value at Date of Death
<b>Total (do not include on page 1)</b> .....			

## INSTRUCTIONS

### DEBTS OF DECEDENT

Debts and taxes of the decedent paid by the personal representative are deductible. **Please provide supporting documents (ex. receipts, bills, etc.)** Real property taxes that were a lien against the decedent's property at the date of death are deductible. Indicate the decedent's percentage of liability for debts and taxes on jointly owned property. If the decedent is survived by a husband, her debts, with the exception of taxes or mortgages on her real property, are not deductible unless paid from the proceeds of her estate.

List in this schedule all mortgages and liens of the decedent. Indicate the decedent's share of liability if mortgage is secured by jointly owned property. Mortgages are not deductible to the extent secured by credit life insurance.

### FEDERAL ESTATE TAX

The figure for this calculation should be obtained from the Federal Estate and Gift Tax Return.

The federal estate tax is deductible in the proportion that the net estate in Kentucky subject to the federal estate taxes bears to the total net estate everywhere subject to federal estate taxes. This is calculated by dividing the Kentucky net estate, before the federal estate tax deduction, by the federal taxable estate including federal taxable gifts.

### PROPERTY HAVING A SITUS OUTSIDE KENTUCKY

Show location, description and actual value, at date of death, of all decedent's property having a situs outside Kentucky. This information is necessary to determine the amount of federal estate tax allowable as a deduction under KRS 140.090(1)(d). List mortgages and taxes on property. ***Intangible property located outside Kentucky is taxable and must be reported on the return if the decedent was domiciled in Kentucky.***



Estate of: \_\_\_\_\_

**TAX COMPUTATION SCHEDULE (Continuation Sheet)**

List Names of Heirs and Beneficiaries Including Exempt Transfers. Itemize Shares of Property Received. (See general information.)	Social Security Number	Relationship (If Any)	Age	Distributive Share	Tax
				\$	\$
<b>Total to be entered on page 1 of Tax Computation Schedule .....</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

# Kentucky Inheritance Tax Return

(Short Form)

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY			
_____ / <b>4</b> / <b>6</b> / _____ Account Number      Tax      Mo      Year			

**This form is designed for small, uncomplicated estates.** *Requirements for use of this return*—This return may be used when (1) a federal estate tax return is **not** required to be filed, (2) the assets of the estate consist of 10 items or less, (3) no gifts or transfers were made within three years of death without full consideration, (4) no real or personal property was transferred with a retained life interest, (5) the decedent did not possess any power to appoint any real or personal property or have the use of any qualified terminable interest property, and (6) the decedent had not received any real or personal property from another decedent within five years and paid inheritance tax on the property. **Pursuant to KRS 140.190**, the beneficiaries as well as the personal representative(s) may be held personally liable for the tax.

<b>Return Status (check one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Original Return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Return—Refund <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Return—Tax Due
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<b>Decedent's Name</b> Last		First		Middle Initial		<b>Date of Death</b>	
<b>Social Security Number</b>		<b>Occupation</b> (If decedent was retired at death, state occupation prior to retirement.)		<b>Age at Death</b>		<b>Cause of Death</b>	
<b>Residence (Domicile) at Time of Death</b>							
Number and Street		City		State		ZIP Code	
<b>Name and Address of Executor/Administrator/Beneficiary</b>				<b>Name and Address of Preparer</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exec <input type="checkbox"/> Admr <input type="checkbox"/> _____				<input type="checkbox"/> Atty <input type="checkbox"/> CPA <input type="checkbox"/> _____			

Did the decedent have a will?  No  Yes **If Yes, attach a copy of the will.**

Did the decedent have a trust agreement?  No  Yes **If Yes, attach a copy of the trust agreement.**

Net Estate (from page 2) .....	\$
Inheritance tax due from Section III on reverse side .....	\$
Discount of 5% from tax if paid within 9 months from death.....	-
<b>Total Tax Due</b> .....	\$
<b>Interest and Penalty</b>	
Interest for late payment (see general information) .....	\$
Late filing penalty (see general information).....	\$
Late payment penalty (see general information) .....	\$
<b>Total due</b> (tax plus interest and penalties, if applicable) .....	\$
Total previously paid .....	\$
Balance due/Refund .....	\$



**Attach check payable to "Kentucky State Treasurer" to this return and mail to  
Kentucky Department of Revenue, Frankfort, KY 40620**

Under criminal penalties, I declare that this return, including accompanying documents, has been examined by me, and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

			☎ ( )
Signature of Executor/Administrator/Beneficiary	Social Security Number	Date	Telephone Number

E-mail Address of Executor/Administrator/Beneficiary

		☎ ( )	
Signature of Preparer	Date	Telephone Number	E-mail Address







**REAL ESTATE VALUATION INFORMATION FORM**  
 (PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM  
 FOR EACH PIECE OF REAL ESTATE)

ESTATE OF	HR CODE NUMBER	DATE OF DEATH
Individually Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    Jointly Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    Decedent's Interest (%)		
Qualified Terminable Interest Property <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    Previously Taxed Property <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Gift <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Address of Real Estate \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**I. FAIR CASH VALUE**

*(Complete this section if agricultural or horticultural value not claimed)*

1. Fair Cash Value on date of death..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Property Valuation Administrator's Assessed Value  
 (before homestead exemption) value as of date of death..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If fair cash value at date of death is different from the property valuation administrator's date of death value, please explain.*

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Sale Price (if sold or purchased within five years) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If fair cash value at date of death is different from the sale price, please explain.*

\_\_\_\_\_

**II. AGRICULTURAL or HORTICULTURAL VALUE**

*(Complete this section if the election is made to report the agricultural value or horticultural value for "qualified real estate." This is only advantageous if the property passes to son(s)-in-law or daughter(s)-in-law.)*

A. Agricultural or horticultural assessment of the land by  
 local property valuation administrator on date of death ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Fair cash value assessment of the residence located on the  
 land by the local property valuation administrator on date of death ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Agricultural or horticultural value of the land only on date of death ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Fair cash value of the residence located on the land on date of death ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

E. **Total of lines C and D** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Crop/Tillable Land (Number Acres)	Pasture/Nontillable Land (Number Acres)
Woodland (Number Acres)	Wasteland (Number Acres)
Distance From Nearest Town	Total Acres

Please submit a legal description of the land for recording of the tax lien required by KRS 140.350 if agricultural or horticultural value is claimed.

Please submit the names and addresses of all heirs who receive agricultural property if agricultural or horticultural value is claimed.



**ELECTION TO QUALIFY  
TERMINABLE INTEREST PROPERTY  
AND/OR POWER OF APPOINTMENT PROPERTY**

**[KRS 140.080(1)(a)]**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This election is to be signed by the decedent's personal representative (or trustee or transferee if no personal representative). The election is irrevocable and must be filed with the Department of Revenue on or before the due date of the Inheritance Tax Return or with the first tax return filed, whichever occurs last.

DECEDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DECEDENT'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ CODE HR \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as personal representative (or trustee or transferee) of the Estate of \_\_\_\_\_ and pursuant to Item(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of decedent's Last Will and Testament which creates a qualifying life income interest in a trust or life estate which is in a form that would qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction under Section 2056(b)(5) or 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended through December 31, 1984, hereby irrevocably elects to treat the property passing under said item(s) of decedent's Last Will and Testament as property transferred to \_\_\_\_\_ as surviving spouse for purposes of the exemption granted to the spouse under KRS 140.080(1)(a). It is understood that the remainder or balance of the trust or life estate will be included in the surviving spouse's estate for Kentucky inheritance and estate tax purposes at its value on the death of the surviving spouse regardless of where surviving spouse is domiciled.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Making the Election

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**ELECTION TO DEFER THE PAYMENT  
OF INHERITANCE TAX THROUGH INSTALLMENTS**

*Tax Must Exceed \$5,000*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This election is to be signed by the beneficiary and filed in duplicate at the time the inheritance tax return is filed. (See KRS 140.222 to determine if the beneficiary qualifies to pay his tax through installments.)

ESTATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ HR \_\_\_\_\_

BENEFICIARY'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_ \_ \_ - \_ - \_ \_ \_ \_

AMOUNT OF TAX \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BENEFICIARY'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BENEFICIARY'S E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**To be able to pay your inheritance tax through the deferred payment plan in equal annual installments you must agree to the following terms and conditions:**

- (1) The first installment shall be due and payable at the time the inheritance tax return is filed and the return must be filed timely.
- (2) Each succeeding installment is due one year from the date of the previous payment.
- (3) The portion of the tax remaining unpaid shall be charged with interest beginning 18 months after the decedent's date of death. Pursuant under the provisions of KRS 140.222, the interest rate is established under KRS 131.010(6).
- (4) Your share of the inheritance tax exceeds \$5,000.
- (5) The filing of this election together with payment of the first installment shall relieve the personal representative of the estate from further liability for the deferred tax payments and the bond requirements of KRS 140.210.
- (6) This election is not finally approved until all inheritance tax liabilities are determined by the department.
- (7) The beneficiary choosing to use the installment method for paying the tax is personally liable for the amount of the deferred tax remaining unpaid.
- (8) The statute of limitations for actions to collect these taxes shall be suspended for the period of time that the taxes are deferred.
- (9) The Department of Revenue may require the beneficiary to post sufficient security when the department reasonably believes collection of the tax may be in jeopardy.
- (10) Failure to pay any installment as it becomes due or to post the required security shall cause all unpaid installments to become immediately due and payable.
- (11) Failure to pay any installment as it becomes due may cause penalties to be applied pursuant to KRS 131.180.
- (12) The beneficiary is responsible for notifying the Financial Tax Section, Department of Revenue, Station 61, 501 High Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-2103, of any change of address.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby elect to pay my inheritance tax through 10 equal annual installments pursuant to KRS 140.222 in accordance with the terms and conditions above.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department of Revenue

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Electing Beneficiary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**AFFIDAVIT OF EXEMPTION**

Affiant \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, states that he/she is fiduciary or beneficiary of the estate of \_\_\_\_\_, who died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kentucky.

Affiant states that all assets of the estate pass to exempt beneficiaries pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 140.080\* or exempt organizations pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 140.060\*\* either by virtue of the decedent's will, the intestate laws of this state, or by contract (survivorship, payable on death, trust, etc.).

Affiant further states that a Kentucky Inheritance Tax Return will not be filed since no death tax is due the state and a Federal Estate and Gift Tax Return (Form 706) is not required to be filed because the gross estate is less than the required amount set out in Section 2010(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. This affidavit is being submitted to satisfy the requirements of Kentucky Revised Statute 395.605.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Sworn and subscribed to before me by \_\_\_\_\_

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

\*Exempt beneficiaries under KRS 140.080 include spouse, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parent, brother, and sister.  
\*\*Exempt organizations include educational, religious or other institutions, societies, or associations, whose sole purpose is to carry on charitable, educational, or religious work. Also, cities, towns or public institutions in this state qualify as exempt organizations provided that any transfer to such an organization is for public purposes.



**INHERITANCE TAX TABLE**  
**FOR ESTATES OF DECEDENTS WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF KENTUCKY**  
*(APPLICABLE FOR DATES OF DEATH ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1998)*

**CLASS A** — The following list of beneficiaries are exempt from paying inheritance tax.

- (1) Surviving spouse, parent
- (2) Child (adult or infant)  
child by blood, stepchild, child adopted during infancy, or a child adopted during adulthood who was reared by decedent during infancy
- (3) Grandchild  
issue of child by blood, stepchild, child adopted during infancy, or of a child adopted during adulthood who was reared by decedent during infancy
- (4) Brother, sister (whole or half)

**DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE BRACKETS**

CLASSIFICATION OF BENEFICIARY	\$500 or less	\$500- \$1,000	\$1,000- \$10,000	\$10,000- \$20,000	\$20,000- \$30,000	\$30,000- \$45,000	\$45,000- \$60,000	\$60,000- \$100,000	\$100,000- \$200,000	\$200,000- and over
	<b>CLASS B</b> <small>*Nephew, niece, half-nephew, half-niece, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, aunt, uncle, or great-grandchild who is grandchild of child by blood, stepchild or child adopted during infancy.</small>	0	0	4% of Amt. over \$1,000	\$360 + 5% of Amt. over \$10,000	\$860 + 6% of Amt. over \$20,000	\$1,460 + 8% of Amt. over \$30,000	\$2,660 + 10% of Amt. over \$45,000	\$4,160 + 12% of Amt. over \$60,000	\$8,960 + 14% of Amt. over \$100,000
<b>CLASS C</b> <small>All persons not included in Classes A or B and educational, religious, or other institutions, societies or associations, or public institutions not exempted by KRS 140.060</small>	0	6% of Amt. over \$500	\$30 + 6% of Amt. over \$1,000	\$570 + 8% of Amt. over \$10,000	\$1,370 + 10% of Amt. over \$20,000	\$2,370 + 12% of Amt. over \$30,000	\$4,170 + 14% of Amt. over \$45,000	\$6,270 + 16% of Amt. over \$60,000	\$12,670 + 16% of Amt. over \$100,000	\$28,670 + 16% of Amt. over \$200,000
	Exemption \$500									

\* Nephews and nieces by marriage and great nephews and nieces are Class C beneficiaries.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING INHERITANCE TAX TABLE ABOVE**

- A. Compute each beneficiary's tax separately.
- B. **Do not deduct the beneficiary's exemption from the distributive share. The tax shown in the table for each distributive share bracket automatically applies the allowable exemption.**
- C. Determine the proper classification of the beneficiary at the left of the table.
- D. Follow the tax table across to distributive share bracket at the top of the table that includes the distributive share of that beneficiary.
- E. The tax applicable to that beneficiary's distributive share is the amount shown **plus** the designated percentage of the amount by which the distributive share exceeds the base of the distributive share bracket.

**INHERITANCE TAX TABLE**  
**FOR ESTATES OF DECEDENTS WHO WERE NONRESIDENTS OF KENTUCKY**  
*(APPLICABLE FOR DATES OF DEATH ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1998)*

CLASS A—The following list of beneficiaries are exempt from paying inheritance tax.				
Classification of Beneficiary	Exemption (To Be Prorated)*	Beneficiary's Taxable Share	Graduated Tax Rate	Tax Due
(1) Surviving spouse, parent (2) Child (adult or infant) child by blood, stepchild, child adopted during infancy, or a child adopted during adulthood who was reared by decedent during infancy (3) Grandchild issue of child by blood, stepchild, child adopted during infancy, or of a child adopted during adulthood who was reared by decedent during infancy (4) Brother, sister (whole or half)	\$1,000	*\$10,000 less prorated exemption next \$ 10,000 next \$ 10,000 next \$ 15,000 next \$ 15,000 next \$ 40,000 next \$100,000 next \$300,000 Balance	4% 5% 6% 8% 10% 12% 14% 16% 16%	as computed \$ 500 \$ 600 \$ 1,200 \$ 1,500 \$ 4,800 \$14,000 \$48,000 as computed
<b>CLASS C</b> All persons not included in Classes A or B and educational, religious or other institutions, societies or associations, or public institutions not exempted by KRS 140.060.	\$ 500	*\$10,000 less prorated exemption next \$ 10,000 next \$ 10,000 next \$ 15,000 next \$ 15,000 next \$ 40,000 Balance	6% 8% 10% 12% 14% 16% 16%	as computed \$ 800 \$ 1,000 \$ 1,800 \$ 2,100 \$ 6,400 as computed

\*The prorated exemption is applied at the lowest tax rates. See general information, page 5.  
\*\* Nephews and nieces by marriage and great nephews and nieces are Class C beneficiaries.

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**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CABINET  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
501 High Street  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601-2103  
Phone (502) 564-4810  
Fax (502) 564-2695  
www.revenue.ky.gov

TO: Personal Representatives, Financial Institutions,  
Broker-Dealers, and Other Interested Persons

FROM: Jim Orr, Supervisor  
Financial Tax Section 

DATE: March 2012

SUBJECT: Inheritance Tax Lien Releases and Inventory of Safe Deposit Boxes

Effective July 1, 1998, the Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR) no longer requires that a person obtain prior written consent (lien release) from the DOR for the transfer for specific property owned by a resident or nonresident decedent at death, nor will a representative of DOR be present at the opening of a safe deposit box for the purpose of inventorying the contents at any time after the death of a person who had access to the box.

Pursuant to the authority granted to DOR in Chapter 140 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, this notice grants a blanket lien release (consent) on all property owned by any decedent as a result of his or her death or any interest therein including, but not limited to, real estate, stocks, bonds, cash accounts, trust funds, life insurance, employee retirement accounts and trusts of all types, safe deposit box contents, etc.

Also, financial or other institutions or persons renting safe deposit boxes or similar receptacles may permit access to any and all boxes without requiring a specifically written consent or the presence of DOR or the local PVA prior to entering the box after the death of a person who had access to the box.

The above actions were taken as a result of the phase-out of the inheritance tax on Class A beneficiaries and for the purpose of easing the administration of estates for personal representatives, beneficiaries and other affected parties. More efficient services to the taxpayers of the Commonwealth will result from these actions.

This document may be duplicated and used as verification that the inheritance tax lien no longer exists on a decedent's property regardless of the date of death. However, it does not mean that the personal representatives or beneficiaries are relieved of any inheritance tax liability that they may owe in their individual capacity.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to (502) 564-4810.



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**



## SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

If applicable, please submit the following with the return:

Will  
Disclaimer  
Renunciation  
Trust Agreement  
Pre-Marital Agreement  
Adoption Papers  
Election to Qualify Terminable Interest Property  
Election to Defer Payment of Tax  
Legal Description of Each Piece of Real Estate Reported at Agricultural or Horticultural Value  
Federal Estate Tax Return  
Federal Estate Audit Report or Closing Letter  
Court Order Setting Aside Personal Property Under KRS 391.030(1)(c)

## PAYMENT OF TAX

### Discount

Any inheritance tax payment made within nine months of death is allowed a 5 percent discount.

**Avoid Interest and Penalty: If tax is due, any payment made after 18 months of death is subject to interest and penalties.**

### Deferred Installment Payments

If a beneficiary's tax liability exceeds \$5,000, the beneficiary may elect to pay the tax in 10 equal annual installments. The first installment is due at the time the tax return is filed. The tax deferred is charged with interest at the rate established under KRS 131.010(6) beginning 18 months after the date of death. This election must be made on Form 92A928 when the return is filed and the return must be filed timely.

### Interest

If inheritance tax is not paid within 18 months following the decedent's death, interest is computed from the end of the 18 months until the tax is paid. **There are no provisions in the inheritance tax law to waive interest.** The interest rates are:

2012	6 percent	2014	6 percent	2016	6 percent
2013	6 percent	2015	6 percent	2017	5 percent

### Penalties

Late filing and late payment penalties may apply if tax is due and the return is not filed and the tax due paid within 18 months from the date of death.

*Late Filing Penalty* is 2 percent of the total tax due for each 30 days or fraction thereof that the payment is late. The maximum is 20 percent of the total tax due. The minimum is \$10.

*Late Payment Penalty* is 2 percent of the total tax due for each 30 days or fraction thereof that the payment is late. This penalty is not applicable if at least 75 percent of the tax liability has been timely paid. The maximum is 20 percent of the total tax due. The minimum is \$10.

The penalties accrue from 18 months from the date of death until the tax is paid.

These penalties may be waived if the return was not filed or the tax paid timely due to a "reasonable cause" as defined under KRS 131.010. There are additional penalties under KRS 131.180.

Interest and penalty payments should be made at the time the tax return is filed. If you need assistance in computing interest or penalty, contact the Financial Tax Section, (502) 564-4810.

## PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED ON THE RETURN

For a Kentucky resident, all real property located in Kentucky, all tangible personal property except tangible personal property that has acquired a situs for purposes of taxation outside Kentucky, and all intangible personal property except partnership property located in another state that is subject to an inheritance or estate tax in that state is subject to tax.

For a nonresident of Kentucky, all intangible personal property belonging to nonresidents that has acquired a business situs in Kentucky, all real property located in Kentucky in which the decedent owned or had an interest and all tangible personal property that has a situs in Kentucky and is not taxable elsewhere is subject to Kentucky inheritance and estate tax. Intangible personal property subject to tax in Kentucky may include, for example, a partnership interest or a bank account used in conjunction with taxable real or personal property. Tangible personal property with a situs in Kentucky may include items such as automobiles, farm machinery, livestock, equipment, boats, household items, etc.

## VALUATION OF PROPERTY – FAIR CASH AND AGRICULTURAL

All real and personal property is to be reported at the Fair Cash Value on decedent's date of death except where qualified real estate is being reported at its agricultural or horticultural value. (Refer to KRS 140.300 for conditions of the qualification.) Also, qualified real estate that is part of the assets of a partnership may be reported at its agricultural or horticultural value when valuing the partnership and any qualified real estate comprising a portion of assets of a corporation may be reported at its agricultural or horticultural value when valuing the corporate stock. (Refer to KRS 140.310 for conditions of the qualification.)

**NOTE:** Reporting real estate at its agricultural or horticultural value for dates of death on or after July 1, 1998, benefits only daughter(s)-in-law and son(s)-in-law.

A completed Real Estate Valuation Information Form, 92A204, must be filed for each tract of real estate. If corporate stock or a partnership interest is reported at its agricultural or horticultural value, a completed Real Estate Valuation Information Form and a list of all personal property must be submitted with an explanation of the valuation of the stock and a balance sheet for the partnership.

Any sale or transfer of the qualified real estate to someone other than another qualified person who is a joint owner will cause the tax to be due and payable on the fair cash value rather than the agricultural or horticultural value plus interest as defined in KRS 131.010(6) on the unpaid tax. A lien will be filed on each parcel of qualified real estate to secure any additional tax that may become due.

## DEDUCTIONS

For a Kentucky resident decedent, all debts due and payable as of decedent's date of death as well as funeral expenses (not to exceed \$5,000) and administrative expenses including attorneys' fees and commissions of executors and administrators actually allowed and paid can be claimed.

For a nonresident decedent, administrative costs associated with the administration of the Kentucky taxable assets, mortgages or liens on the property subject to tax in Kentucky, and federal estate tax in the proportion that the net estate taxable in Kentucky bears to the total net estate subject to federal estate taxes are allowable deductions.

## FEDERAL ESTATE TAX

The federal estate tax is deductible in the proportion which the *net estate in Kentucky subject to the federal estate taxes bears to the total net estate everywhere subject to the federal estate taxes*. This is calculated by dividing the net estate over which Kentucky has jurisdiction, before the federal estate tax deduction, by *the federal taxable estate including federal taxable gifts*.

## QUALIFIED TERMINABLE INTEREST PROPERTY (QTIP) AND/OR POWERS OF APPOINTMENT (POA)

The Inheritance Tax Law requires that the value of a surviving spouse's interest in a POA trust or in a QTIP, which was exempt as a part of the surviving spouse's inheritable interest in the first spouse's estate according to the election made in the first spouse's estate, is includable in the surviving spouse's estate. The property is includable at its value on the surviving spouse's date of death. All property passing under a POA created by will, deed, trust agreement, contract, insurance policy, or other instrument must be reported whether or not the power is exercised.

## PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY TAXED

**Prior Decedent to Immediate Decedent Within Five Years**—Even though the property is taxable in the immediate decedent's estate, a tax credit is available to the beneficiaries of the present estate. The property will need to be identified on the Kentucky inheritance tax return as being taxed in the prior estate or property that was exchanged for property that was taxed before. The property must be reported at the date of death value of the immediate decedent. If the estate prefers, the credit can be computed by the Financial Tax Section for the estate.

### Example of Credit for Previously Taxed Property

The immediate decedent, who died in September 2010, received from the prior decedent, his aunt who died in 2008, property valued at the death of the immediate decedent at \$55,076.92. The inheritance tax, before discount, paid by the immediate decedent at the death of the prior decedent was \$3,014.00. At the death of the immediate decedent the total gross estate was valued at \$74,100.00 less total deductions of \$9,100.00 leaving a total present net estate of \$65,000.00.

To compute the tax credit for previously taxed property: (1) divide the immediate decedent's gross estate into two parts: the property previously taxed, \$55,076.92, and the property not previously taxed, \$19,023.08; (2) prorate the immediate decedent's debts (funeral expenses, costs of administration, other debts and federal estate taxes paid if any), \$9,100.00, to the property previously taxed and the property not previously taxed; (3) arrive at the net estate previously taxed, \$48,312.89, and the net estate not previously taxed, \$16,687.11; and (4) arrive at the total present net estate, \$65,000.00. Note—Mortgages and liens, if any, must be deducted from the value of the property to which they are attached prior to prorating the debts.

Based on the net estate passing to one nephew, the following is a step-by-step example of how to prorate debts and how to compute the tax credit. If more than one beneficiary inherits the previously taxed property, the tax credit must be computed on each beneficiary's share of the estate.

	Gross Estate	Deduct Mortgages and Liens		Gross Estate Less Mortgages and Liens		Deduct Prorated Funeral Expenses, Cost of Administration, Debts and Federal Estate Tax		Net Estate	
Previously Taxed Property	\$55,076.92	–	\$ -0-	=	\$55,076.92	–	\$6,764.03	=	\$48,312.89 (A)
Immediate Decedent's Estate	19,023.08	–	-0-	=	19,023.08	–	2,335.97	=	16,687.11 (B)
Total Gross Estate	\$74,100.00	–	-0-	=	\$74,100.00	–	\$9,100.00	=	\$65,000.00 (C)

To arrive at the prorated portion of the debts applicable to the previously taxed property, multiply \$9,100.00 (debts of the estate) by \$55,076.92 (gross previously taxed property) divided by \$74,100.00 (gross estate). Note—Mortgages and liens, if any, must be deducted from the value of the property to which they are attached.

A – Previously taxed property (from Schedule I) .....	\$55,076.92
Less mortgages, liens and a proportionate part of funeral expenses, costs of administration and debts.....	\$ 6,764.03
	<u>\$48,312.89</u>
B – Immediate decedent's gross estate other than that inherited from the prior decedent .....	\$19,023.08
Less mortgages, liens and a proportionate part of funeral expenses, costs of administration and debts.....	\$ 2,335.97
	<u>\$ 16,687.11</u>
C – Total present net estate .....	\$65,000.00
D – Nephew's share of immediate decedent's estate .....	\$ 16,687.11
E – Nephew's share of previously taxed property .....	\$48,312.89
F – Nephew's total share of present net estate.....	\$65,000.00
G – Total tax due on nephew's share .....	\$ 4,760.00
H – Tax paid by present decedent in prior estate.....	\$ 3,014.00
I – $3,014 (H) \times \frac{48,312.89 (E)}{65,000.00 (F)} =$ .....	\$ 3,014.00
J – $4,760 (G) \times \frac{48,312.89 (E)}{65,000.00 (F)} =$ .....	\$ 3,537.99
Tax due on nephew's share (G) .....	\$ 4,760.00
Less tax credit (J) (lesser of I and J).....	\$ 3,014.00
Net tax due on nephew's share .....	\$ 1,746.00

**Attach tax credit computations with return. Credit is shown for each beneficiary on page 4 of return.**

The tax credit is the **lesser** of the amounts in the two computations based upon the tax in the prior estate and the tax in the present estate. To arrive at the amount of the allowable tax credit: **First**, take tax paid before discount on decedent's interest in prior estate, \$3,014.00 (H), times the share of previously taxed property, \$48,312.89 (E), divided by the total previously taxed property, \$48,312.89 (A), equals first credit of \$3,014.00 (I). **Second**, take total tax due on nephew's share, \$4,760.00 (G), times the share of previously taxed property, \$48,312.89 (E), divided by the nephew's total share of present estate, \$65,000.00 (F), equals second credit of \$3,537.99 (J). As the first credit of \$3,014.00 (I) is the lesser of the two tax credits, this amount is deducted from the tax on the nephew's share of \$4,760 (G) leaving a net tax due of \$1,746.00.

## DISTRIBUTION

When a person dies, real and personal property may pass by title, under the terms of the will, or by the laws of intestate succession. Survivorship property, gifts, and property payable on death pass to the surviving co-owner or owner shown on the deed or instrument, unless a disclaimer was filed, and not by the terms of the will or by the laws of intestate succession. When a person dies with a will, distribution of the estate is made according to the will, unless the will is renounced by the surviving spouse or a disclaimer is filed. If the will is renounced, the surviving spouse receives one-third of the real property and one-half of the remainder of the personal property. The law provides that when a person dies without a will, one-half of the estate, after funeral expenses, debts, and cost of administration are paid, goes to the surviving spouse and one-half descends as follows (if there is no surviving spouse, the whole estate descends):

1. to the children and their descendants (descendants take the share of their deceased parents); *if there are none,*
2. to the father and mother; if one is deceased, to the survivor; *if there is no father and mother,*
3. to the brothers and sisters and their descendants; (half-sisters and half-brothers and their descendants inherit only one-half as much as those of the whole blood); *if none,*
4. to the husband or wife of the intestate; *if none,*
5. one share shall pass to the paternal and the other to the maternal kindred in the following order:
  - (a) the grandfather and grandmother equally, if one is deceased, it shall go to the survivor; *if both are deceased,*
  - (b) to the uncles and aunts and their descendants; *if there are none,*
  - (c) to the great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers; *if none,*
  - (d) to the brothers and sisters of the grandfathers and grandmothers; and
6. if there is no kindred to one of the parents as described in (5), the whole descends to the kindred of the other. If there is neither paternal nor maternal kindred, the whole descends to the kindred of the spouse.

### I. EXEMPTIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES OF A RESIDENT DECEDENT

- A. Effective for persons dying on or after July 1, 1998, the following beneficiaries are exempt from paying inheritance tax:
  - (1) Surviving spouse, parent
  - (2) Child (adult or infant)  
child by blood, stepchild, child adopted during infancy, or a child adopted during adulthood who was reared by decedent during infancy
  - (3) Grandchild  
issue of child by blood, stepchild, child adopted during infancy, or of a child adopted during adulthood who was reared by decedent during infancy
  - (4) Brother, sister (whole or half)
- B. The following may owe inheritance tax if their distributive share exceeds the exemption amount:

Nieces, nephews, half-nieces, half-nephews, sons- and daughters-in-law, uncles, aunts, great-grandchild who is grandchild of child by blood, stepchild, or child adopted during infancy, have an exemption of \$1,000. All other beneficiaries receive a \$500 exemption.
- C. Exempt organizations pursuant to KRS 140.060 do not owe inheritance tax.  
Exempt organizations include educational, religious or other institutions, societies, or associations, whose sole purpose is to carry on charitable, educational, or religious work. Also, cities, towns or public institutions in this state qualify as exempt organizations provided that any transfer to such an organization is for public purposes.

## II. EXEMPTIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES OF A NONRESIDENT DECEDENT

The exemption for a beneficiary of a nonresident decedent's estate is prorated based on the exemption of a resident decedent and is in proportion to the net value of the property subject to tax in Kentucky before federal estate taxes to the total property transferred by the decedent.

### Example of Using Tax Table for Nonresident Decedents

An individual died a resident of Florida on July 10, 2010. The net value of the property subject to tax in Kentucky before federal estate taxes is \$75,000. The Kentucky net estate is 20 percent of the total net estate in and out of Kentucky. The property subject to tax in Kentucky was devised to the decedent's niece. The niece's exemption subject to proration is limited to \$1,000. The prorated exemption for the niece is \$200 (\$1,000 x 20%). The tax is calculated as follows:

\$10,000—\$200	=	\$9,800	x	4%	=	\$ 392
\$10,000			x	5%	=	\$ 500
\$10,000			x	6%	=	\$ 600
\$15,000			x	8%	=	\$1,200
\$15,000			x	10%	=	\$1,500
\$15,000			x	12%	=	\$1,800
<u>\$75,000</u>						<u>Tax \$5,992</u>

### BEQUEST OF TAX

If the will directs that the inheritance tax is to be paid from the residue of the estate, a bequest of the tax is added to and made a part of the distributive share of the beneficiary receiving the specific bequest or devise before residue is distributed. Contact the Financial Tax Section for assistance.

### PROPERTY SET ASIDE UNDER KRS 391.030(1)(c)

KRS 391.030(1)(c) provides that when a person dies intestate as to his personal estate, the spouse or, if none, the children may petition the court for up to \$15,000 to be set aside from distribution and from inheritance tax. ***A copy of the court order must accompany the tax return.*** If Class B and C beneficiaries receive a part of the residue, this exemption could reduce the tax.

### ESTATE TAX

Since January 1, 2005, there has been no Kentucky estate tax.

The American Taxpayer Relief Act was signed into law on January 2, 2013 and permanently extends the deduction for state estate taxes on the Federal 706. Before 2005, a credit was allowed against the federal estate tax for state estate, inheritance, legacy, or succession taxes. The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA) repealed the state death tax credit for decedents dying after 2004 and replaced the credit with a deduction. Kentucky estate tax is equal to the amount by which the credits for state death taxes allowable under the federal tax law exceeds the inheritance tax, less the discount, if taken by the taxpayer. Since state death taxes are no longer treated as a credit for federal estate taxes, there is no Kentucky estate tax.

**VALUE OF A LIFE ESTATE—FOR RETURNS FILED ON OR AFTER 11/1/2013**

To find the value of a life estate at a rate of interest of 4 percent, multiply the value of the beneficial interest by 4 percent and this product by the factor in the table below corresponding to the age of the life tenant. The result is the value of the life estate. Subtract the value of the life estate, as determined above, from the beneficial interest. The amount left will be the value of the remainder interest. *If the will, trust, etc. states a different rate of interest or provides for joint or successive life estates, contact the Financial Tax Section for the factors. If the life tenant dies prior to the filing of the return or the tax being fixed and determined, refer to KRS 140.100(3) for valuing the life estate and contact the Financial Tax Section for the factor.*

**Example:** A, age 40, received \$10,000 for life, with remainder over to B. \$10,000 multiplied by 4 percent equals \$400, which is the annual income or annuity. \$400 multiplied by 19.5632, the 4 percent factor for age 40, equals \$7,825.28 which is the value of the life estate of A. The remainder interest of B is the difference of the principal sum and the life estate, which in this case is \$10,000 less \$7,825.28 or \$2,174.72.

Age	Present Value at 4% of \$1 per Year Payable at the End of Each Year for Life	Age	Present Value at 4% of \$1 per Year Payable at the End of Each Year for Life	Age	Present Value at 4% of \$1 per Year Payable at the End of Each Year for Life	Age	Present Value at 4% of \$1 per Year Payable at the End of Each Year for Life	Age	Present Value at 4% of \$1 per Year Payable at the End of Each Year for Life
0	23.7732	22	22.2111	44	18.7240	66	12.1908	88	4.5483
1	23.7509	23	22.1052	45	18.4985	67	11.8291	89	4.2900
2	23.7025	24	21.9965	46	18.2649	68	11.4625	90	4.0367
3	23.6522	25	21.8825	47	18.0256	69	11.0911	91	3.7886
4	23.5993	26	21.7641	48	17.7779	70	10.7152	92	3.5627
5	23.5439	27	21.6400	49	17.5243	71	10.3406	93	3.3430
6	23.4868	28	21.5124	50	17.2617	72	9.9621	94	3.1382
7	23.4269	29	21.3786	51	16.9931	73	9.5859	95	2.9401
8	23.3646	30	21.2411	52	16.7185	74	9.2126	96	2.7577
9	23.2999	31	21.0984	53	16.4344	75	8.8367	97	2.5825
10	23.2326	32	20.9503	54	16.1405	76	8.4648	98	2.4237
11	23.1626	33	20.7966	55	15.8438	77	8.0976	99	2.2726
12	23.0899	34	20.6370	56	15.5408	78	7.7358	100	2.1296
13	23.0142	35	20.4731	57	15.2278	79	7.3801	101	1.9946
14	22.9356	36	20.3031	58	14.9124	80	7.0312	102	1.8770
15	22.8547	37	20.1267	59	14.5909	81	6.6897	103	1.7588
16	22.7715	38	19.9457	60	14.2633	82	6.3564	104	1.6492
17	22.6860	39	19.7579	61	13.9297	83	6.0318	105	1.5574
18	22.5972	40	19.5632	62	13.5903	84	5.7168	106	1.4653
19	22.5060	41	19.3634	63	13.2497	85	5.4119	107	1.3821
20	22.4114	42	19.1563	64	12.8989	86	5.1100	108	1.2986
21	22.3131	43	18.9440	65	12.5475	87	4.8271	109	1.2334

## **AMENDED RETURN**

Adjustment(s) to a tax return can be made by letter or Form 92A200 may be used. Any additional tax and interest or applicable penalties should be submitted with the amendment. If a refund is due, please include amended tax computation.

## **ACCEPTANCE LETTER**

The Kentucky Department of Revenue will issue an *ACCEPTANCE LETTER* or *NOTAX DUE LETTER* if the return is accepted as filed. An audit report will be sent if the department makes any adjustments that change the tax due. If an additional amount is due, the audit report will contain information for protest. If an overpayment is made, a refund check will be issued.

## **PROTEST AND APPEAL**

You have the right to protest and appeal a determination of the Kentucky Department of Revenue if you disagree with an assessment of tax or penalty, reduction or a denial of a refund. For protest and appeal procedures, contact the Financial Tax Section at (502) 564-4810.

## **HELPFUL HINTS**

### **Where to Obtain Assistance**

If you have any questions, you may write to the Financial Tax Section, Department of Revenue, Station 61, 501 High Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-2103, or call (502) 564-4810. See general information, page 10 for the location of the Financial Tax Section and the Kentucky Taxpayer Service Centers located throughout the state.

### **Reporting of Intangible Property Tax**

Residents of Kentucky must report their intangible property for taxation. Intangibles consist of any property or investment which represents evidence of value or right to value under law or custom. If the decedent was a resident of Kentucky and owned intangible assets (e.g., bonds, mortgages, notes, trusts, etc.), it is possible that this tax is applicable. If the property has not been reported, the estate may file a listing of omitted property voluntarily or wait for an audit at a later date. For further details, contact the Office of Property Valuation, (502) 564-8071, the property valuation administrator in your county or the Kentucky Taxpayer Service Center nearest you (see list in back of this packet).

### **Fiduciary Return**

The personal representative may be required to file a Kentucky fiduciary income tax return (Form 741) if the estate had gross income for the taxable year of \$1,200 or more. If you need further assistance, contact a Kentucky Taxpayer Service Center near you or the Department of Revenue, Frankfort, Kentucky 40620, (502) 564-4580. From a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), call (502) 564-3058.

### **Office of the Taxpayer Ombudsman**

The Office of the Taxpayer Ombudsman was established by the 1990 General Assembly to protect the rights of Kentucky taxpayers. The Ombudsman should be contacted after all other means to resolve the problem have been exhausted. If needed, you may write to the Taxpayer Ombudsman, Kentucky Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 930, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0930, or call (502) 564-7822. From a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), call (502) 564-3058.

### **Website for Forms**

[www.revenue.ky.gov](http://www.revenue.ky.gov)

## DEFINITIONS

*Acceptance Letter*—A form letter issued by the Department of Revenue as proof that the Inheritance and Estate Tax Return has been filed, the examination has been completed, and that all taxes due have been paid.

*Administration*—The collection of a decedent's assets, the payment of his/her debts and the distribution of any remaining assets.

*Administrator/Administratrix*—A person appointed by the court to administer the assets and liabilities of a decedent.

*Beneficiary*—One who is lawfully entitled to the proceeds or property of an estate.

*Bequest*—A gift of property by will.

*Decedent*—A person who has died.

*Descendant*—A person who is an offspring, however remote, of a certain ancestor.

*Distribution*—The apportionment and disposition, by authority of a court, of the balance of an estate's personal property after payment of debts and costs.

*Dower/Curtesy*—The surviving spouse's (husband or wife) interest in the deceased spouse's estate who died without a will.

*Estate*—The property of a person; often a decedent's property in the process of administration.

*Estate Tax (Kentucky)*—The amount by which the allowable federal state death tax credit exceeds the Kentucky inheritance tax. As of January 1, 2005, there is no Kentucky Estate Tax.

*Executor/Executrix*—A person named in a will to take charge of the deceased's estate and administer or dispose of it as directed in the will.

*Fiduciary*—A person or institution who legally manages money or property for another.

*Gift*—A lifetime transfer of property from one individual to another without full payment.

*Gift in Contemplation of Death*—A lifetime gift made in expectation of the death. The thought of death prompted the gift. Any gift made within three years of death is considered to have been made in contemplation of death unless proof is furnished to the contrary.

*Heir*—One who inherits or is entitled, by law or by the terms of a will, to inherit the estate of another.

*Inheritance*—The property received from a deceased person, by law or by will.

*Inheritance Tax*—A tax based on the right to receive property from a decedent's estate. The amount of tax is based on the beneficiary's share and relationship to the decedent.

*Intestate*—A person who is said to die intestate when he dies without making a will, or dies without leaving anything to testify what his wishes were with respect to the disposal of his property after his death.

*Joint Tenant With Right of Survivorship*—A person(s) becomes entitled to property by reason of having survived another person who had an interest in the property.

*Per Capita*—If the beneficiaries are to share in a distribution "per capita," then all of the living members of the identified group will receive an equal share. However, if a member of the identified group is deceased, then a share won't be created for the deceased member and all of the shares of the other members will be increased accordingly.

*Per Stirpes*—If the beneficiaries are to share in a distribution “per Stirpes,” then the living member in the class of beneficiaries who is closest in relationship to the person making the distribution will receive an equal share. However, if a member in the class of beneficiaries who is closest in relationship to the person making the distribution is deceased and survived by any descendants, then that deceased beneficiary’s descendants will take “by representation” what their deceased parent would have taken.

*Personal Representative*—A person appointed by district court who succeeds in title to the decedent’s probate estate and has the power and duty to settle and distribute the estate as required by law.

*Probate*—A formal, legal proving of a will and its acceptance by the court having jurisdiction over the administration of estates. This term also includes all matters and proceedings pertaining to administration of estates, including intestate estates, guardianships, etc.

*Tenant in Common*—A form of ownership whereby each owner holds an undivided interest in the property. When one owner dies, his share of the property is included in his estate rather than becoming the property of the other co-owner.

*Testate*—Having made a will prior to death.

*Trust*—A right of property, real or personal, held by one party for the benefit of another. Any arrangement whereby property is transferred with intention that it be administered for another’s benefit.

*Will*—A document prepared by a natural person in contemplation of death and containing instructions for the disposition of his property.

# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAXPAYER SERVICE CENTERS

**Ashland, 41101-7695**

1539 Greenup Avenue  
Telephone: (606) 920-2037  
Fax: (606) 920-2039

**Bowling Green, 42104-3278**

201 West Professional Park Court  
Telephone: (270) 746-7470  
Fax: (270) 746-7847

**Corbin, 40701-6188**

15100 North US25E  
Suite 2  
Telephone: (606) 528-3322  
Fax: (606) 523-1972

**Frankfort, 40601** (Taxpayer Service Center)

501 High Street  
Station 38  
Telephone: (502) 564-5930  
Fax: (502) 564-8946

**Frankfort, 40601** (Financial Tax Section)

501 High Street  
Telephone: (502) 564-4810  
Fax: (502) 564-2695

**Hopkinsville, 42240-7926**

181 Hammond Drive  
Telephone: (270) 889-6521  
Fax: (270) 889-6563

**Louisville, 40202-2310**

600 West Cedar Street  
2nd Floor West  
Telephone: (502) 595-4512  
Fax: (502) 595-4205

**Northern Kentucky**

Turfway Ridge Office Park  
7310 Turfway Rd., Suite 190  
Florence, 41042-4871  
Telephone: (859) 371-9049  
Fax: (859) 371-9154

**Owensboro, 42301-6295**

401 Frederica Street  
Corporate Center, Suite 201C  
Telephone: (270) 687-7301  
Fax: (270) 687-7244

**Paducah, 42001-4024**

2928 Park Avenue  
Clark Business Complex, Suite G  
Telephone: (270) 575-7148  
Fax: (270) 575-7027

**Pikeville, 41501-1275**

Uniplex Center  
126 Trivette Drive, Suite 203  
Telephone: (606) 433-7675  
Fax: (606) 433-7679



# YOUR RIGHTS AS A KENTUCKY TAXPAYER

As a Kentucky taxpayer, you have the right to expect the DOR to honor its mission and uphold your rights every time you contact or are contacted by the DOR.

## RIGHTS OF TAXPAYER

**Privacy**—You have the right to privacy of information provided to the DOR.

**Assistance**—You have the right to advice and assistance from the DOR in complying with state tax laws.

**Explanation**—You have the right to a clear and concise explanation of:

- basis of assessment of additional taxes, interest and penalties, or the denial or reduction of any refund;
- procedure for protest and appeal of a Notice of Tax Due, a reduction or denial of a refund, or a denial of a request for additional time to file a supporting statement; and
- tax laws and changes in tax laws so that you can comply with the law.

**Protest and Appeal**— You have the right to file a protest with the DOR if you disagree with a Notice of Tax Due, a reduction or denial of a refund, or a denial of a request for additional time to file a supporting statement. If you file a timely protest, you have a right to a conference to discuss the matter. If you are not satisfied with the Department’s final ruling following your protest, you may appeal the final ruling to the Kentucky Claims Commission, Tax Appeals pursuant to KRS 131.110(5) and KRS 49.220 et. seq.

**Representation**—You have the right to representation by your authorized agent (attorney, accountant, or other person) in any hearing or conference with the DOR. You have the right to be informed of this right prior to the conference or hearing. If you intend for your representative to attend the conference or hearing in your place, you will be required to give your representative a power of attorney before the DOR can discuss tax matters with your authorized agent. See Form 20A100.

**Recordings**—You have the right to make an audio recording of any meeting, conference, or hearing with the DOR. The DOR has the right to make an audio recording, if you are notified in writing in advance or if you make a recording. You have the right to receive a copy of the recording.

**Consideration**—You have the right to consideration of:

- waiver of penalties or collection fees if “reasonable cause” for reduction or waiver is given (“reasonable cause” is defined in KRS 131.010(9) as: “an event, happening, or circumstance entirely beyond the knowledge or control of a taxpayer who has exercised due care and prudence in the filing of a return or report or the payment of monies due the department pursuant to law or administrative regulation”);
- installment payments of delinquent taxes, interest, and penalties;
- waiver of interest and penalties, but not taxes, resulting from incorrect written advice from the DOR if all facts were given and the law did not change or the courts did not issue a ruling to the contrary;
- extension of time for filing reports or returns; and
- payment of charges incurred resulting from an erroneous filing of a lien or levy by the DOR.

**Guarantee**—You have the right to a guarantee that DOR employees are not paid, evaluated, or promoted based on taxes assessed or collected, or a tax assessment or collection quota or goal imposed or suggested.

**Damages**—You have the right to file a claim for actual and direct monetary damages with the Kentucky Board of Claims if a DOR employee willfully, recklessly, and intentionally disregards your rights as a Kentucky taxpayer.

**Interest**—You may have the right to receive interest on an overpayment of tax.

## DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RESPONSIBILITIES

The DOR has the responsibility to:

- perform audits and conduct conferences and hearings with you at reasonable times and places;
- authorize, require, or conduct an investigation or surveillance of you only if it relates to a tax matter;
- make a written request for payment of delinquent taxes which are due and payable at least 30 days prior to seizure and sale of your assets;
- conduct educational and informational programs to help you understand and comply with the laws;
- publish clear and simple statements to explain tax procedures, remedies, your rights and obligations, and the rights and obligations of the DOR;
- notify you in writing when an erroneous lien or levy is released and, if requested, notify major credit reporting companies in counties where lien was filed;
- advise you of procedures, remedies, and your rights and obligations with an original notice of audit or when an original Notice of Tax Due is issued, a refund or credit is denied or reduced, or whenever a license or permit is denied, revoked, or canceled;
- notify you in writing prior to termination or modification of a payment agreement;
- furnish copies of the agent’s audit workpapers and a written narrative explaining the reason(s) for the assessment;
- resolve tax controversies on a fair and equitable basis at the administrative level whenever possible;
- notify you in writing at your last known address at least 60 days prior to publishing your name on a list of delinquent taxpayers for which a tax or judgment lien has been filed; and
- notify you by certified mail 20 days prior to submitting your name to the relevant agency for the revocation or denial of professional license, driver’s license, or motor vehicle registration.

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This information merely summarizes your rights as a Kentucky taxpayer and the responsibilities of the Department of Revenue. The Kentucky Taxpayers’ Bill of Rights may be found in the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) at Chapter 131.041—131.083. Additional rights and responsibilities are provided for in KRS 131.020, 131.110, 131.170, 131.1817, 131.183, 131.190, 131.500, 131.654, 133.120, 133.130, 134.580, and 134.590.





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