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Course Information

Course Title: *Estate Tax Planning* #290320 (CFP Board Course ID# 222059)

Recommended CPE credit hours recommended for this course

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Florida Division of Certified Public Accountancy: 4761 (Ethics #11467)

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CLU, ChFC Professional Recertification: 4

Course Description

Estate Tax Planning examines the various aspects of planning for the estate tax liability. The course begins with a discussion of the genesis of estate taxation in English common law and continues with an examination of the estate and its administration. The subjects covered in the course include:

- The Estate and its Administration
- Federal Gift and Estate Taxes
- Common Estate Planning Trusts
- Calculating Federal Estate Taxes
- State Death Taxes
- Estate Tax Payment

Program Delivery Method: Self-Study (NASBA QAS Self-Study/Interactive)

Subject Codes/Field of Study

CFP Board of Standards, Inc.: "F" Estate Planning Benefits and Strategies, Taxes

NASBA (CPA): Taxes

IRS (EA, OTRP): Federal Tax Law

NAPFA: Estate Planning (2 credits); Taxes (2 credits).

Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

Program Level: CFP Board: Intermediate; NASBA/CPA, IRS: Overview.

This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

Prerequisites: Basic familiarity with federal taxation

Advance Preparation: None

Course Content

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Final Exam (online): 42 questions (multiple choice)

Instructions for taking this course

Note: Downloading the PDF of this course will enable Bookmarks for easier navigation (on the left side of the document window, open the bookmarks pane).

A passing grade of at least 70% is required on the final exam for this course. The exam may be retaken if not passed on the first attempt (no charge).

Complete the course by following the learning objectives listed at the beginning of the course (after the Table of Contents), and studying the review questions at the end of each chapter (answers and explanations to review questions appear at the end of the text after the Glossary). Once you have completed each learning assignment and you are confident that the learning objectives have been met, answer the final exam questions (online).

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Introduction to the Course

Estate Tax Planning examines the various aspects of planning for the estate tax liability. The course begins with a discussion of the genesis of estate taxation in English common law and continues with an examination of the estate and its administration.

The subjects discussed in the course are a) the estate and its administration, b) federal gift and estate taxes, c) common estate planning trusts, d) calculating federal estate taxes, e) state inheritance and estate taxation, and f) estate tax payment. The text serves as an introduction to the issues of estate settlement and includes a discussion of the probate estate and the federal gross estate.

The steps taken to calculate federal estate tax liability are discussed. In that discussion, the federal gross estate, tentative taxable estate, taxable estate and tentative tax are examined. The various estate tax credits and deductions are considered and their place in the federal estate tax calculation is explained.

The role of trusts in estate tax minimization is considered. The common trusts employed in estate tax planning are explained, and the uses of credit shelter trusts, QTIP trusts and irrevocable life insurance trusts are demonstrated. State death taxes are considered, and inheritance taxes are compared to estate taxes with respect to the party liable for payment and the role of decedent/beneficiary relationships in inheritance taxation. Finally, the traditional sources of estate tax payment are examined and compared.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Explain the differences between an estate for tax purposes and a probate estate;
- Identify the assets that comprise the federal gross estate;
- Compare state inheritance taxes and estate taxes and the typical beneficiary classifications for state inheritance tax purposes;
- Explain how gifts are taxed under the federal gift tax system;
- List the deductions and credits allowed under the federal system of estate taxation;
- Describe the common trusts employed in estate tax planning;
- Perform an estate tax calculation; and
- Identify the methods of estate tax payment and their cost consequences.