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Course Information

Course Title: *Estate Tax Planning*

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Recommended CPE credit hours recommended for this course

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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 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.

Course Content

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Final Exam (online): 41 questions (multiple choice)

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

Subject Codes/Field of Study

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

IDFA, NASBA (CPA): Taxes

IRS (EA, OTRP): Federal Tax Law

Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

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

This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

Prerequisites: Basic familiarity with federal taxation

Advance Preparation: None

Instructions for Taking This Course

- **You must complete this course within one year** of purchase (If the course is "Expired," contact us and we will add the latest edition of the course to your account (no charge).
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- The exam is not timed, and it does not need to be completed in one session.
- Once you pass the exam, the results (correct/incorrect answers) and certificate of completion appear in "My Account." A confirmation email is also sent.
- CFP Board and IRS credit hours, if applicable, are reported on Tuesdays and at the end of the month.

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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.

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