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CT-706/709

Connecticut Estate and Gift Tax Return and Instructions

This booklet contains:

- Form CT-706/709
- Form CT-706/709 EXT
- Schedule
CT-709 Farmland

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**The 2010 Connecticut
estate and gift tax
booklet should be used
to report Connecticut
taxable gifts made during
calendar year 2010 and to
compute the Connecticut
estate tax on the estates
of decedents dying during
the calendar year 2010.**



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Some Important Information

Repeal of Federal Estate Tax Has No Effect On Connecticut Estate Tax Liability

For Connecticut estate tax purposes, the Connecticut taxable estate is the sum of two amounts, one of which is the gross estate less allowable deductions as determined under Chapter 11 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) (other than the deduction for state death taxes paid under §2058 of the IRC). The other amount is the aggregate amount of all Connecticut taxable gifts made by the decedent for all calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2005. Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-391(c) provides that, “in the event of repeal of the federal estate tax, then all references to the Internal Revenue Code in this section shall mean the Internal Revenue Code as in force on the day prior to the effective date of such repeal.” In Pub. L. No. 107-16, Congress repealed the federal estate tax for estates of decedents dying during 2010. Therefore, under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-391(c), the IRC, for Connecticut estate tax purposes, is the IRC in force on December 31, 2009. While estates of decedents dying during 2010 may or may not be subject to federal estate tax (depending on what action Congress takes), estates of decedents dying during 2010 for which the amount of the Connecticut taxable estate exceeds \$3.5 million will be subject to Connecticut estate tax and will be required, unless Congress acts to restore the federal estate tax for estates of decedents dying during 2010, to submit a pro forma federal Form 706, United States Estate (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Return (Rev. September 2009) along with Form CT-706/709.

Civil Unions and Marriages Recognized Under Public Act 2009-13

Connecticut estate tax rules for individuals who were parties to a civil union or in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13 are the same Connecticut estate tax rules that apply to spouses in a marriage recognized for federal purposes.

This treatment first applied for Connecticut gift tax purposes to gifts made on or after January 1, 2006, for parties to a civil union or a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13. The treatment first applied for Connecticut estate tax purposes to estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2006, for parties to a civil union or a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13. In these situations, the following gift and estate tax provisions apply.

Marital deduction: If any marital deduction is elected for federal estate tax purposes, the same amount must also be elected for Connecticut estate tax purposes. However, an election may be made solely for Connecticut estate tax purposes to have a trust or other property of the decedent’s gross estate treated as QTIP property only if

no election was made for federal estate tax purposes under IRC §2056(b)(7) to treat a trust or other property of the decedent’s gross estate as QTIP property. A Connecticut marital deduction is allowable for property passing from a donor or decedent to his or her spouse, whether in a civil union or in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13, to the same extent that property transferred to a husband or wife or surviving spouse is allowable as a marital deduction provided the requirements of IRC §2523 for gifts and §2056 for bequests are otherwise met.

Because neither civil unions nor marriages recognized under Public Act 2009-13 are recognized for federal tax purposes, civil union partners or spouses in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13 who elect a marital deduction for Connecticut gift tax or estate tax purposes are required to submit with the Form CT-706/709 filed with the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) or the Form CT-706 NT filed with the Probate Court:

- A pro forma federal Form 709 or Form 706 completed as if federal tax law allowed a marital deduction to civil union partners or spouses in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13 which reflects the marital deductions taken by them; **and**
- A copy of the federal Form 709 or Form 706 (whichever is applicable) actually filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Joint property: Civil union partners and spouses in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13 are allowed to include in the gross estate of a decedent one-half the value of certain joint interests in the same manner that a husband and wife are permitted this treatment provided the interest in property otherwise meets the requirements of IRC §2040(b)(2).

Gift splitting: Spouses are eligible for federal gift tax purposes to elect to gift split. Where spouses elect to gift split, all gifts made by one spouse to another person or persons are considered as made one-half by the donor and one-half by the donor’s spouse. This same election is available for Connecticut gift tax purposes to civil union partners and to spouses in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13.

Because neither civil unions nor marriages recognized under Public Act 2009-13 are recognized for federal tax purposes, civil union partners and spouses in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13 who elect to gift split for Connecticut gift tax purposes are required to submit with the Form CT-706/709 filed with DRS:

- A pro forma federal Form 709, completed as if federal law allowed them to gift split, which reflects the gift-splitting elected by the spouses; **and**
- Copies of the federal Forms 709 actually filed with the IRS.

DRS Policy on Cooperative Units

The DRS treatment of cooperative units, for Connecticut estate and gift tax purposes follows the law of the jurisdiction in which the property was located. For example, if New York law treats shares in a New York cooperative as intangible property, the treatment for Connecticut estate and gift tax purposes of shares in a New York cooperative will be as intangible property. Likewise, because Connecticut law treats a Connecticut cooperative unit as an interest in real property the treatment for Connecticut estate and gift tax purposes of a Connecticut cooperative unit will be as an interest in real property.

Connecticut Gift Tax Overview

The Connecticut gift tax continues to apply to **Connecticut taxable gifts**, which are federal taxable gifts made by a resident or nonresident of Connecticut on or after January 1, 2005:

- For a Connecticut resident, the taxable gifts include real property or tangible personal property located in Connecticut as well as intangible personal property wherever located; **and**

- For a nonresident of Connecticut, the taxable gifts include only real property or tangible personal property located in Connecticut.

A Connecticut gift tax return must be filed to report all Connecticut taxable gifts made in any calendar year on or after January 1, 2005, even though Connecticut gift tax may not be due.

Change in Connecticut gift tax exemption: For Connecticut taxable gifts made during a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a donor will not pay Connecticut gift tax unless the aggregate amount of the Connecticut taxable gifts made on or after January 1, 2005, exceeds \$3.5 million. A credit is allowed against the Connecticut gift tax for Connecticut gift taxes paid on Connecticut taxable gifts made during calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2005; however, the credit will not exceed the amount of the Connecticut gift tax.

Gift Tax Table for Connecticut Taxable Gifts Made On or After January 1, 2010

If the Aggregate Amount of Connecticut Taxable Gifts Made On or After January 1, 2005 Is:	The Amount of the Gift Tax Is:
Not over \$3,500,000	None
Over \$3,500,000 but not over \$3,600,000	7.2% of the excess over \$3,500,000
Over \$3,600,000 but not over \$4,100,000	\$7,200 plus 7.8% of the excess over \$3,600,000
Over \$4,100,000 but not over \$5,100,000	\$46,200 plus 8.4% of the excess over \$4,100,000
Over \$5,100,000 but not over \$6,100,000	\$130,200 plus 9.0% of the excess over \$5,100,000
Over \$6,100,000 but not over \$7,100,000	\$220,200 plus 9.6% of the excess over \$6,100,000
Over \$7,100,000 but not over \$8,100,000	\$316,200 plus 10.2% of the excess over \$7,100,000
Over \$8,100,000 but not over \$9,100,000	\$418,200 plus 10.8% of the excess over \$8,100,000
Over \$9,100,000 but not over \$10,100,000	\$526,200 plus 11.4% of the excess over \$9,100,000
Over \$10,100,000	\$640,200 plus 12% of the excess over \$10,100,000

Connecticut Estate Tax Overview

Resident and nonresident estates are liable for the Connecticut estate tax if the amount of their Connecticut taxable estate is more than \$3.5 million. A *resident estate* is an estate of a decedent who at the time of death was domiciled in Connecticut. A *nonresident estate* is an estate of a decedent who at the time of death was not domiciled in Connecticut, but owned real or tangible personal property in Connecticut.

The *Connecticut taxable estate* is the sum of:

- The total value of the decedent's federal gross estate less allowable deductions (other than the deduction for state death taxes paid under IRC §2058); **and**
- The aggregate amount of Connecticut taxable gifts made by the decedent, during his or her lifetime, during all calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2005.

If the amount of the Connecticut taxable estate exceeds \$3.5 million, the estate must file Form CT-706/709 with

DRS. A copy of Form CT-706/709 must also be filed with the appropriate probate court.

For a nonresident estate, if the amount of the Connecticut taxable estate exceeds \$3.5 million, the tax calculated is then multiplied by a fraction. See line instructions for *Schedule E - Computation of Tax for Nonresident Decedent Estate* on Page 20.

If the amount of the Connecticut taxable estate is \$3.5 million or less, Connecticut estate and gift tax is not due. However, the estate must file **Form CT-706 NT, Connecticut Estate Tax Return (for Nontaxable Estate)**, with the probate court for the district in which the decedent resided at the date of death, or if the decedent died as a nonresident of Connecticut, with the probate court for the district in which the decedent's real property or tangible personal property is located. **Do not file Form CT-706 NT with DRS.**

Estate Tax Table for Estates of Decedents Dying On or After January 1, 2010

If the Amount of Connecticut Taxable Estate Is:	The Amount of the Estate Tax Is:
Not over \$3,500,000	None
Over \$3,500,000 but not over \$3,600,000	7.2% of the excess over \$3,500,000
Over \$3,600,000 but not over \$4,100,000	\$7,200 plus 7.8% of the excess over \$3,600,000
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General Information

How to Get Help

DRS is ready to help you get answers to your Connecticut tax questions. Visit the DRS website at www.ct.gov/DRS or call 1-800-382-9463 (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford calling area only) or 860-297-5962 (from anywhere) during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For walk-in assistance, visit the DRS office at 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford.

How to Get Forms and Publications

Visit the DRS website at www.ct.gov/DRS to download and print Connecticut tax forms and publications anytime. Forms are also available during regular business hours at the DRS office at 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford.

The forms mentioned in these instructions are also available from any of the Connecticut probate courts.

Recordkeeping

Keep a copy of your tax return, worksheets you used, and records of all items appearing on the return. You may need this information to prepare future returns or to file amended returns.

Copies of Returns

To request copies of previously-filed Connecticut tax returns from DRS, complete **LGL-002**, *Request for Disclosure of Tax Return or Tax Return Information*. Requests are normally processed in three weeks.

Rounding Off to Whole Dollars

You must round off cents to the nearest whole dollar on your return and schedules. If you do not round, DRS will disregard the cents. Round down to the next lowest dollar all amounts that include 1 through 49 cents. Round up to the next highest dollar all amounts that include 50 through 99 cents. However, if you need to add two or more amounts to compute the amount to enter on a line, include cents and round off **only** the total.

Example: Add two amounts (\$1.29 + \$3.21) to compute the total (\$4.50) to enter on a line. \$4.50 is rounded to \$5.00 and entered on a line.

Private Delivery Services

Your return will meet the timely filed and timely payment rules if the U.S. Postal Service cancellation date, or the date recorded or marked by a designated private delivery service (PDS), is on or before the due date. Not all services provided by the designated PDSs qualify.

The following are the designated PDSs and designated types of service at the time of publication:

Federal Express (FedEx)

- FedEx Priority Overnight
- FedEx Standard Overnight
- FedEx 2 Day
- FedEx International Priority
- FedEx International First

United Parcel Service (UPS)

- UPS Next Day Air
- UPS Next Day Air Saver
- UPS 2nd Day Air
- UPS 2nd Day Air A.M.
- UPS Worldwide Express Plus
- UPS Worldwide Express

This list is subject to change. See **Policy Statement 2008(3)**, *Designated Private Delivery Services and Designated Types of Service*.

Where to File

Mail your return to:

Department of Revenue Services
PO Box 2978
Hartford CT 06104-2978

Interest and Penalties

In general, interest and penalty apply to any portion of the tax not paid on or before the original due date of the return.

Interest

If you do not pay the tax when due, you will owe interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction of a month until the tax is paid in full.

Interest on underpayment or late payment of tax cannot be waived.

Penalty for Late Payment or Late Filing

The penalty for late payment or underpayment of the tax is 10% of the tax due or \$50, whichever is greater.

If no tax is due, DRS may impose a \$50 penalty for the late filing of any return or report required by law to be filed with DRS.

Penalty for Failure to File

If you do not file your return and DRS files a return for you, the penalty for failure to file is 10% of the balance due or \$50, whichever is greater. If you were required to file an amended Form CT-706/709 and failed to do so, you will be subject to a penalty.

Waiver of Penalty

To make a penalty waiver request, taxpayers must complete and submit **Form DRS-PW**, *Request for Waiver of Civil Penalty*, to DRS Penalty Waiver Unit. Taxpayers may mail Form DRS-PW to the address listed below or fax it to the Penalty Waiver Unit at **860-297-4797**.

**Department of Revenue Services
Penalty Waiver Unit
PO Box 5089
Hartford CT 06102-5089**

DRS will not consider a penalty waiver request unless it is accompanied by a fully completed and properly executed Form DRS-PW. For detailed information about the penalty

waiver process, see **Policy Statement 2010(1)**, *Requests for Waiver of Civil Penalties*.

Declaration

Anyone signing the return is declaring that the return and any accompanying schedules and statements are true, complete, and correct to the best of the signatory's knowledge. The penalty for willfully delivering a false return or document to DRS is a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both. The declaration of a paid preparer other than the taxpayer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Getting Started

Connecticut estate and gift taxes are filed on **Form CT-706/709**, *Connecticut Estate and Gift Tax Return*. The return is divided into three sections.

The first section applies to filing the gift tax portion of the return. The second section applies to filing the estate tax portion of the return. Your circumstances determine which section you complete. The third section is used to calculate the payment or refund amount.

Section 1- Gift Tax

This section is used to report gifts made by a donor during calendar year 2010. If the donor died during calendar year 2010, report the gifts made during calendar year 2010 in *Section 2 - Estate Tax*. See instructions on Page 16.

Section 2 - Estate Tax

This section is used for the estate of a decedent dying during calendar year 2010. Gifts made by the decedent during calendar year 2010 are reportable in this section and **not** in Section 1.

Section 1 - Gift Tax

Steps to Completing Section 1 - Gift Tax

Before You Start

Form CT-706/709 is an annual return and covers the entire calendar year. File your 2010 Form CT-706/709 on or before April 15, 2011.

Form CT-706/709 covers **all** gifts exceeding the annual exclusion amounts that you made to **all** donees during the calendar year. Do not file a separate Form CT-706/709 for each gift or for each donee.

No Joint Returns

If you and your spouse are each required to file Form CT-706/709, you must each file a separate Form CT-706/709. You and your spouse cannot file a joint Form CT-706/709.

Step One – Determine whether you are required to file a federal gift tax return.

Determine whether you are required to file a federal Form 709, United States Gift (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Return by following the instructions for federal Form 709.

If you are not required to file federal Form 709, stop here. You are not required to complete Form CT-706/709, Section 1.

Step Two – Determine whether you are required to file a Connecticut gift tax return.

If you are required to file federal Form 709, use the information on that return to determine whether you are required to file Form CT-706/709.

If you are a **resident** individual, you are required to file Form CT-706/709 if:

- You made a gift of real or tangible personal property located in Connecticut or made a gift of intangible property and the amount of your Connecticut taxable gifts entered on your Form CT-706/709, *Schedule A*, Line 9, is more than \$0; **or**
- You made a gift of Connecticut farmland and valued it in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-646a. See Schedule CT-709 Farmland.

If you are a **nonresident** individual, you are required to file Form CT-706/709 if:

- You made a gift of real or tangible personal property located in Connecticut and the amount of Connecticut taxable gifts entered on your Form CT-706/709, *Schedule A*, Line 9, is more than \$0; **or**
- You made a gift of Connecticut farmland and valued it in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-646a. See Schedule CT-709 Farmland.

Residence

For purposes of the Connecticut gift tax:

Resident means any individual who is domiciled in Connecticut at the time he or she made gifts.

Nonresident means any individual who is not domiciled in Connecticut at the time he or she made gifts.

Domicile is the place which an individual intends to be his or her permanent home and to which the individual intends to return whenever absent.

Person Responsible for Filing Return and Paying Tax

If Form CT-706/709 must be filed, the donor is responsible for filing Form CT-706/709 and paying the tax due.

If a donor becomes legally incompetent or dies before filing the return, the donor's guardian, conservator, executor, or administrator is responsible for filing the return. If there is no duly qualified executor or administrator, the donor's heirs, legatees, devisees, or distributees are required to pay the tax to the extent of the value of their inheritances, bequests, devises, or distributive shares of the donor's estate.

If the gift tax is not paid when due, each donee is personally liable for the tax to the extent of the value of the gift received.

Financial Disability

If you, as the donor, are financially disabled as defined in IRC §6511(h)(2), the statute of limitations for having an overpayment of Connecticut gift tax refunded to you is extended for as long as you are financially disabled. You are financially disabled if you are unable to manage your own affairs by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. You are not financially disabled during any period your spouse or any other person is authorized to act on your behalf in financial matters.

When to File

In general, Form CT-706/709 is due on or before April 15 of the year following the year the gifts were made unless an extension for filing Form CT-706/709 is granted.

If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next business day is the due date.

Extension Requests

You may request an extension of time to file your Form CT-706/709 by filing **Form CT-706/709 EXT, Application for Estate and Gift Tax Return Filing Extension and for Estate Tax Payment Extension**. If you request an extension of time to file your federal gift tax return, you do not have to provide an explanation for requesting an extension of time to file your Form CT-706/709. If you do not request an extension of time to file your federal gift tax return, you must provide an explanation for requesting an extension of time to file your Form CT-706/709.

Payment of all of the Connecticut gift tax you expect to owe must accompany Form CT-706/709 EXT. Filing Form CT-706/709 EXT only extends the time to file your Connecticut gift tax return; it does not extend the time to pay Connecticut gift tax. If the payment accompanying your Form CT-706/709 EXT is less than the gift tax reported on your Form CT-706/709, you will owe interest and penalty. See *Interest and Penalties* on Page 6.

If a taxpayer is unable to request an extension because of illness, absence, or other good cause, any person standing in a close personal or business relationship to the taxpayer (including an attorney, accountant, or enrolled agent) may file the request on the taxpayer's behalf.

Comparison Between Federal Gift Tax and Connecticut Gift Tax

Gifts

A gift is a transfer of property or interest in property without adequate consideration. For Connecticut gift tax purposes, a transfer is only treated as a gift if it is treated as a gift for federal gift tax purposes. Some transfers treated as gifts for federal gift tax purposes are not treated as gifts for Connecticut gift tax purposes. For example, real property located outside Connecticut is not subject to the Connecticut gift tax. Gifts to which the Connecticut gift tax applies are gifts of real property and tangible personal property located in Connecticut whether the donor is a resident of Connecticut or a nonresident of Connecticut and gifts of intangible personal property but only where the donor is a resident of Connecticut.

Exclusions and Deductions

For federal gift tax purposes, the first \$13,000 of gifts to a donee during the calendar year of a present interest in property is excluded from the total amount of gifts. There is no annual exclusion for gifts of future interests. A present interest in property is an unrestricted right to the immediate use, possession, or enjoyment of property or the income from the property. For Connecticut gift tax purposes, the same first \$13,000 of gifts to a donee during the calendar year of a present interest in property that was excluded for federal gift tax purposes is excluded from the total amount of gifts, but only if that same first \$13,000 of gifts to the donee is gifts to which the Connecticut gift tax applies.

For federal gift tax purposes, the first \$134,000 of gifts made to a spouse who is not a U.S. citizen during the calendar year of a present interest in property is excluded from the total amount of gifts. For Connecticut gift tax purposes, the same first \$134,000 of gifts to a spouse who is not a U.S. citizen during the calendar year of a present interest in property that was excluded for federal gift tax purposes is excluded from the total amount of gifts, but only if that same first \$134,000 of gifts to the spouse is gifts to which the Connecticut gift tax applies.

For federal gift tax purposes, deductions are allowed for gifts to charitable organizations or to a spouse who is a U.S. citizen. For Connecticut gift tax purposes, deductions are allowed for gifts to charitable organizations or to a spouse who is a U.S. citizen, but only if those gifts are gifts to which the Connecticut gift tax applies.

Valuation

In general, the valuation rules used for federal gift tax purposes are also used for Connecticut gift tax purposes. These rules include the special valuation rules of IRC

§§2701 to 2704, where they apply. Generally, the special valuation rules apply if a donor transfers certain property to a member of his or her family and, immediately after the transfer, retains or is deemed to have retained an interest in the property. For example, certain gifts of real property in which the donor retains a life estate and transfers a remainder interest to a member of his or her family are subject to the special valuation rules. Where the special valuation rules apply, the value of the retained interest is disregarded in determining the value of the gift made to the family member. See IRC §2702. If a gift of farmland is made, the donor may elect to use a valuation method other than the federal valuation rules. See *Gifts of Farmland* on Page 10.

Example: During calendar year 2010, Mary conveys title to her house to her three children and either retains a life use for herself on the deed or does not retain a life use for herself on the deed but continues to occupy the residence. Mary does not receive any money or other type of consideration for the house from her children. Mary has made a gift of a future interest to her children. Because this is a gift of a future interest to her lineal descendants, it is subject to the special valuation rules (IRC §§2702 et seq.). The value of Mary's gift determined under the special valuation rules is the property's fair market value (less encumbrances). Because this is a gift of a future interest, annual exclusions do not apply.

Gift Splitting

For federal gift tax purposes, if both spouses consent to gift split, all gifts made to third parties during the calendar year, whether made by one spouse alone or made partly by each spouse, are considered made one-half by each spouse (only if at the time of the gift each spouse is a citizen or resident of the U.S.). For federal purposes, the first \$26,000 of gifts of a present interest in property to a donee by consenting spouses during the calendar year are excluded from the total amount of gifts. To gift split:

- Spouses must be married to each other at the time the gifts were made for gift splitting to apply. If they are subsequently divorced during the year, they may still gift split for gifts made while they were married so long as neither marries anyone else during the year;
- Spouses must both be citizens or residents of the United States on the date of the gift; **and**
- One spouse may not create a general power of appointment in the other spouse over the property transferred.

The executor or administrator of a deceased spouse's estate or the guardian of a legally incompetent spouse may sign the consent. The consent of an executor or administrator is not effective for gifts made by the surviving spouse during that portion of the calendar year his or her spouse was deceased.

A husband and wife who have both consented to gift split for federal gift tax purposes are deemed to have both consented to gift split for Connecticut gift tax purposes and are required to gift split for Connecticut gift tax purposes. The rules that apply to determine whether and which gifts may be gift split for federal gift tax purposes also apply for Connecticut gift tax purposes. If a husband and wife have not both consented to gift split for federal gift tax purposes, they may not gift split for Connecticut gift tax purposes.

The Connecticut gift tax liability of the spouses deemed to have consented to gift split is joint and several. Joint and

several means one or both parties can be held responsible to pay the full amount of the tax due.

No Joint Gift Tax Return

A married couple may **not** file a joint gift tax return for either federal gift tax purposes or Connecticut gift tax purposes.

Applicable Credit Amount

An applicable credit amount of \$1 million is allowed against the federal gift tax. There is no comparable credit allowable against the Connecticut gift tax. However, Connecticut gift tax is payable only once the aggregate amount of Connecticut taxable gifts made by the donor in his or her lifetime during all calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, exceeds \$3.5 million.

Gifts of Farmland

Transfers of Farmland or Change of Classification

If land classified as farmland under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-107c is transferred to a donee who is a lineal descendant or that descendant's spouse, the land may be valued based on its current use as farmland. If within ten years of the transfer the donee transfers this farmland to a person other than the donee's lineal descendant or his or her descendant's spouse or the land is no longer classified as farmland, the donee will be liable for the difference between the tax that was due from the donor and the tax that would have been due if the land was valued at its fair market value.

A **lineal descendant** is a person in the direct line of descent such as a child or grandchild. A lineal descendant does not include a corporation, partnership, or trust.

The donor who claims special valuation on a gift of farmland must provide a copy of **Schedule CT-709 Farmland** to the donee so the donee knows the amount of any additional tax that may become due.

Due Date of Additional Tax Liability

If within ten years a gift of farmland is transferred to a person other than the donee's lineal descendant or his or her descendant's spouse or the land is no longer classified as farmland under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-107c, the donee must submit to DRS a copy of the Schedule CT-709 Farmland the original donor provided to the donee. The additional tax entered on Schedule CT-709 Farmland, Column F, must be paid no later than 60 days following the transfer or the change in classification. The donee must provide a written statement indicating when the land was transferred to a person other than the donee's lineal descendant or that

descendant's spouse, or if the land is no longer classified as farmland under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-107c, when the classification of the land was changed.

Attach a check for the additional tax to a copy of Schedule CT-709 Farmland provided by the donor to the donee and the donee's written statement.

Mail to:

**Department of Revenue Services
PO Box 2978
Hartford CT 06104-2978**

The check should be payable to **Commissioner of Revenue Services**.

Do not send cash. To ensure payment is applied to the account, write "Schedule CT-709 Farmland" and your SSN, optional, on the front of your check. Be sure to sign your check and paper clip it to the front of your return. DRS may submit your check to your bank electronically.

If the tax is not paid on time, the penalty is 10% of the balance due or \$50, whichever is greater. Interest is charged on the underpayment of the tax at the rate of 1% per month or fraction of a month.

The Commissioner may, for good cause, extend the time for payment of the tax if the descendant or the descendant's spouse files a written application with the Commissioner on or before the 60-day period expires. If the land was transferred to the donee's lineal descendant or his or her descendant's spouse, the Commissioner may, for good cause, extend the time for payment of the tax if the descendant or the descendant's spouse files a written application with the Commissioner on or before the 60-day period expires.

Recordkeeping

For gifts of farmland, you must provide a copy of Schedule CT-709 Farmland to your donee(s) and advise your donee(s) to keep the copy for ten years.

Gift Tax Instructions for Form CT-706/709

General Instructions

- Write the donor's name, address, SSN, and legal residence in the space provided. Include the name and address of the firm or fiduciary,
- Check the applicable residency box.
- Check the box for **Amended Return** if you are filing an amended return.
- If the donor died during calendar year 2010, skip Section 1 and proceed to Section 2. Gifts made in the calendar year of the decedent's death must be reported in Section 2.

Line Instructions

Section 1 - Gift Tax Computation

Line 1

Enter the amount from Form CT-706/709, *Schedule A*, Line 9. This is the amount of Connecticut taxable gifts for the current year.

Line 2

Enter the total from *Schedule B*, Column B.

Line 3

Add Line 1 and Line 2.

Line 4

Calculate the Connecticut gift tax by using the *Gift Tax Table for Connecticut Taxable Gifts Made On or After January 1, 2010* on Page 4 and enter the amount here and on Section 3, Line 13. You must make an entry even if the amount is zero.

Section 2 - Estate Tax Computation

Lines 5 through 12

Leave blank.

Section 3 - Calculation of Total Tax, Penalty, and Interest

Line 13

Enter the amount from Section 1, Line 4.

Line 14

Enter total from *Schedule B*, Column C.

Line 15

Leave blank.

Line 16

Enter amount from Line 14.

Line 17

Subtract Line 16 from Line 13. If less than zero, enter "0."

Line 18

Prior payments: Include amount paid on **Form CT-706/709 EXT, Application for Estate and Gift Tax Return Filing Extension and for Estate Tax Payment Extension**, Line 1.

Amended returns: Include amount paid with your original return.

Line 19

If the amount on Line 18 is greater than Line 17, enter the amount overpaid.

Line 20

If the amount on Line 17 is greater than Line 18, enter the balance of tax due.

Line 21 and Line 22

If you are making a late payment or filing the return after the due date, see *Interest and Penalties* on Page 6.

Line 23

Add Lines 20, 21, and 22. This is your total amount due.

Payment Information

Pay the amount on Line 23 with this return.

Do not send cash. Make your check payable to **Commissioner of Revenue Services**. To ensure payment is applied to the account, write "2010 Form CT-706/709" and your SSN, optional, on the front of your check. Be sure to sign your check and paper clip it to the front of your return. DRS may submit your check to your bank electronically.

Who Must Sign the Return

The donor must sign and date Form CT-706/709. If the donor becomes legally incompetent or dies before filing the gift tax return, the donor's guardian, conservator,

executor, or administrator, as the case may be, may sign the return on the donor's behalf.

Paid Preparer Information

Anyone you pay to prepare your return must sign and date it. Paid preparers must also enter their SSN or Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN), their firm's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), and their firm's name and address in the spaces provided.

Mailing Your Return

Retain a copy of this return for your records. Attach to this return a complete copy of federal Form 709, United States Gift (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Return, including **all** attachments and other documents. See *Form CT-706/709 Gift Tax Attachments* on Page 16.

Mail to:

Department of Revenue Services
PO Box 2978
Hartford CT 06104-2978

Schedule A – Overview

General Instructions

The information for each gift on *Schedule A* should generally be identical to the information reported on federal Form 709, Schedule A. However, only those gifts to which the Connecticut gift tax applies should be reported on Form CT-706/709, *Schedule A*. For gifts of land classified as farmland under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-107c, the land's value as farmland may differ from that reported on federal Form 709, Schedule A. See *Gifts of Farmland* on Page 10.

If the total amount of Connecticut gifts of present interests to any donee is more than \$13,000 in the calendar year, you must enter all gifts you made during the year to or on behalf of that donee.

If the total amount of Connecticut gifts to a donee is \$13,000 or less, do not enter on *Schedule A* any gifts you made to that donee unless the Connecticut gift is of a future interest or of a present interest where the annual exclusion does not apply to the Connecticut gift.

You must always enter all gifts of future interests you made during the calendar year regardless of value. There is no annual exclusion for gifts of future interests. See *Gifts* on Page 9.

Contributions to Qualified State Tuition Programs

An election may be made under IRC §529(c)(2)(B) to treat any transfers made this year to a qualified state tuition program as made ratably over a five-year period beginning this year. See the instructions for Line 14 on Page 15.

Gifts to Your Spouse

Enter gifts to your spouse on *Schedule A* if:

- You gave a gift of a terminable interest to your spouse;
- You gave a gift of a terminable future interest to your spouse; **or**
- Your spouse was not a citizen of the United States at the time of the gift.

Do **not** enter gifts to your spouse on *Schedule A* if all the terminable interests you gave to your spouse qualify as life estates with power of appointment.

However, if you gave your spouse any terminable interest that does not qualify as a life estate with power of appointment, you must report on *Schedule A* all gifts of terminable interests you made to your spouse during the year.

Gift Splitting With Your Spouse

You are **not** permitted to gift split for Connecticut gift tax purposes if you do not consent to gift split for federal tax purposes.

You are **required** to gift split for Connecticut gift tax purposes if you consent to gift split for federal gift tax purposes.

Enter on *Schedule A* the entire value of every gift you made during that portion of the calendar year you were married even if the gift's value will be less than \$13,000. See *Gift Splitting* on Page 9.

If you elected gift splitting and your spouse made gifts, list those gifts in the space below *Gifts made by spouse*.

Terminable Interests

Generally, you cannot take the marital deduction if the gift to your spouse is a terminable interest. In most cases, a terminable interest is nondeductible if someone other than the donee spouse will have an interest in the property following the termination of the donee spouse's interest.

Some examples of terminable interests are:

- A life estate;
- An estate for a specified number of years; **or**
- Any other property interest that after a period of time may terminate or fail.

If you transfer an interest to your spouse as sole joint tenant with yourself or as a tenant by the entirety, the interest is not considered a terminable interest just because the tenancy may be severed.

Life Estate With Power of Appointment

You may deduct, without a federal election, a gift of a terminable interest if **all** four of the following requirements are met:

1. Your spouse is entitled for life to all of the income from the entire interest;
2. The income is paid yearly or more often;
3. Your spouse has the unlimited power, while he or she is alive or by will, to appoint the entire interest in all circumstances; **and**
4. No part of the entire interest is subject to another person's power of appointment except to appoint it to your spouse.

If either the right to income or the power of appointment given to your spouse pertains only to a **specific portion** of the property interest, the marital deduction is allowed only to the extent that the rights of your spouse meet all four of the conditions listed. For example, if your spouse is to receive all of the income from the entire interest, but only

has a power to appoint one-half of the entire interest, then only one-half qualifies for the marital deduction.

Election to Deduct Qualified Terminable Interest Property (QTIP)

You may elect, for federal gift tax purposes, to deduct a gift of a terminable interest if it meets requirements 1, 2, and 4 under *Life Estate With Power of Appointment* even though it does not meet requirement 3.

If you make this federal election, you must check the box on *Schedule A*, Line 16. **You may not check the box if you did not make the election for federal gift tax purposes.**

Charitable Remainder Trusts

If you made a gift to a charitable remainder trust and your spouse is the only noncharitable beneficiary other than you, the interest you gave to your spouse is not considered a terminable interest gift and, therefore, should not be reported on Form CT-706/709, *Schedule A*.

Schedule A - Column Instructions

Column A

Assign a number to each gift made during the year a number.

Column B

List each donee and all gifts made in chronological order.

If a transfer results in gifts to two people (for example, a life estate to one, remainder to another), the gifts must be listed separately.

Describe each gift in enough detail so that the donee and the property can be easily identified.

Column C

Show the adjusted basis you would use for federal income tax purposes if the gift were sold or exchanged. Generally, this means cost plus improvements less applicable depreciation, amortization, and depletion.

The adjusted basis for Connecticut gift tax purposes is the same as the adjusted basis for federal gift tax purposes.

Column E

Enter the fair market value of the gift at the date the gift is made. The *fair market value* is the price at which the property would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, when neither is forced to buy or sell, and both have reasonable knowledge of all relevant facts. See *Gifts of Farmland* on Page 10.

Column F

Enter one-half of the Column E amount in this column **only** if you have chosen to split gifts with your spouse.

Column G

If you are **not** gift splitting, carry Column E amounts to Column G.

If you are gift splitting, subtract Column F from Column E and enter the difference in Column G.

Schedule A - Line Instructions

Line 1

Add the value of all gifts listed in *Schedule A*, Column G, and enter the sum.

Line 2

Enter the total annual exclusions you are claiming for the gifts listed on *Schedule A*, Line 1. The **first \$13,000 or less**

of gifts to any donee during the calendar year of a present (not future) interest in property is excluded.

When determining the annual exclusion amount, do not count any donee more than once. The annual exclusion is per donee and **not** per gift.

However, if the first \$13,000 of gifts to any donee involves tangible personal property or real property located

outside Connecticut, no annual exclusion is available for Connecticut gift tax purposes for gifts to that donee.

The first \$134,000 of gifts made to a spouse who is not a U.S. citizen during the calendar year of a present interest in property is excluded from the Connecticut total amount of gifts.

If you split a gift with your spouse, the annual exclusion you claim against the gift may not be more than your half of the gift.

Line 3

Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 and enter the balance. This is the total amount of gifts before the calculation of the marital deduction and charitable deduction.

Line 4

Enter all of the gifts to your spouse you entered on *Schedule A* and for which you are claiming a marital deduction. **Do not enter any gift you did not include on Schedule A.** Indicate on the line provided which numbered items from *Schedule A* are gifts to your spouse for which you are claiming the marital deduction.

Do not enter any gifts to your spouse if your spouse was not a U.S. citizen at the time of the gift. There is no marital deduction for gifts to a spouse who is not a U.S. citizen. However, an annual exclusion may apply. See *Gifts* on Page 9.

Line 5

Enter the amount of the annual exclusions claimed for the gifts you entered on Line 4.

Line 6

Subtract Line 5 from Line 4 and enter the balance. This is the marital deduction that can be claimed for the year.

Line 7

If you are claiming a deduction for charitable gifts, enter your total charitable, public, or similar gifts (minus exclusions allowed.) **Do not enter any gift you did not include on Schedule A.** Enter on the line provided the item number(s) of the gift(s) from *Schedule A* you are deducting here. You may deduct from the total amount of gifts made during the calendar year all gifts you gave to or for the use of:

- The United States, a state or political subdivision of a state, or the District of Columbia for exclusively public purposes;
- Any corporation, trust, community chest, fund, or foundation organized and operated only for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes; or to prevent cruelty to children or animals; or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (if none of its activities involve providing athletic equipment

unless it is a qualified amateur sports organization) as long as no part of the earnings benefits any one person, no substantial propaganda is produced, and no lobbying or campaigning for any candidate for public office is done;

- A fraternal society, order, or association operating under a lodge system if the transferred property is to be used only for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, including the encouragement of art and the prevention of cruelty to children or animals; **or**
- Any war veterans' organization organized in the United States or any of its possessions or any of its auxiliary departments of local chapters or posts as long as no part of any of the earnings benefits any one person.

Line 8

Add Line 6 and Line 7 and enter the amount. This is the total of the marital deduction and the charitable gift deduction.

Line 9

Subtract Line 8 from Line 3. Enter this amount here and on Section 1, Line 1.

Line 10

If you and your spouse consented for federal gift tax purposes to consider all the gifts made during the calendar year as made one-half by each spouse and, as a result, are required to gift split for Connecticut gift tax purposes, check the box marked **Yes** and enter the consenting spouse's name and SSN on the applicable lines.

The consent may generally be signed any time after the end of the calendar year. However, two exceptions are:

1. The consent may not be signed after April 15 following the end of the year in which the gift was made. If neither you nor your spouse has filed a federal gift tax return for the year on or before that date, the consent must be made on the first federal gift tax return for the year filed by either of you; **and**
2. The consent may not be signed after a notice of deficiency for federal gift tax for the year has been sent to either you or your spouse.

The executor or administrator for a deceased spouse or the guardian for a legally incompetent spouse may consent.

The consent is effective for the entire calendar year. Therefore, all gifts made by both you and your spouse to third parties during the calendar year while you were married must be split. See *Gift Splitting* on Page 9.

Line 11

Indicate whether your spouse is a U.S. citizen. If **No**, indicate if any property was transferred to him or her during the calendar year.

Line 12

If you were married to one another for the entire calendar year, check the **Yes** box. If you were married for only part of the year, check the **No** box.

Also, check the box that explains the change in your marital status during the year and give the date you were married, divorced, or widowed.

Line 13

Check this box if you are making a gift of land classified as farmland under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-107c to a lineal descendant or that descendant's spouse and you are using a value based on its current use as farmland. Attach an appraisal or other document showing an adequate explanation of value based upon its current use and Schedule CT-709 Farmland. If no appraisal is attached to show how the property is valued, explain in detail how it was determined.

Line 14

Check this box if, for federal gift tax purposes, you elected to treat certain contributions made during calendar year 2010 to qualified state tuition programs as being made ratably over a five-year period. If your total contributions during calendar year 2010 are:

Less than or equal to \$65,000:

- Report 20% of your total contributions on your 2010 Form CT-706/709; **and**
- Report 20% of your total contributions on your Form CT-706/709 for calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

More than \$65,000:

- Report on your 2010 Form CT-706/709 the amount in excess of \$65,000 plus \$13,000 (20% of \$65,000); **and**
- Report \$13,000 (20% of \$65,000) on your Form CT-706/709 for calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Example: In year 1, when the annual exclusion amount under IRC §2503(b) is \$13,000, *P* makes a contribution of \$70,000 to a qualified state tuition program for the benefit of *P*'s child. *P* elects under IRC §529(c)(2)(B) to account for the gift ratably over a five-year period beginning with the calendar year of contribution. *P* is treated as making an excludible gift of \$13,000 in each of years 1 through 5 and a taxable gift of \$5,000 is reported in year 1.

Line 15

Check the box if you are a party to a civil union recognized under Connecticut law or a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13.

Line 16

Check the box if you elected under IRC §2523(f) to include gifts of qualified terminable interest property as gifts to your spouse for which a marital deduction was claimed under IRC §2523. Enter the item numbers from Form CT-706/709, *Schedule A*, of the gifts for which you made this election on the space provided.

Line 17

Check the box if you elected under IRC §2523(f)(6) **not** to treat as qualified terminable interest property any joint and survivor annuity where only you and your spouse have the right to receive payments before the death of the last of you to die. Enter the item numbers from Form CT-706/709, *Schedule A*, for the annuity(ies) for which you made this election in the space provided.

Any annuities entered in the space provided on Line 17 may not be entered on *Schedule A*, Line 8. Any annuities not listed in the space provided on Line 17 must be entered on *Schedule A*, Line 4. If there is more than one joint and survivor annuity, the election under IRC §2523(f)(6) may, but is not required to, cover all of them. Once made, the election is irrevocable.

Schedule B - General Instructions

You must report Connecticut taxable gifts made on or after January 1, 2005, but prior to January 1, 2010, on *Schedule B*.

Column A

Enter the calendar years in which the gifts were made.

Column B

For gifts made during each of the calendar years 2005 through 2009, enter the amounts from the 2005 through 2009 Forms CT-706/709, Section 1, Line 1.

Column C

For gifts made during each of the calendar years 2005 through 2009, enter the amounts from the 2005 through 2009 Form CT-706/709, Section 3, Line 17.

Form CT-706/709 Gift Tax Attachments

- Attach a complete copy of your federal Form 709, United States Gift (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Return, including all attachments.
 - A donor claiming special valuation on a gift of farmland **must** attach Schedule CT-709 Farmland to provide the fair market value of the farmland based on its highest and best use value at the time of the gift. The donor must also provide a copy of Schedule CT-709 Farmland to the donee(s).
 - For gifts of stock of closely held or inactive corporations, attach the balance sheet for the period nearest the date of the gift, statements of net earnings or operating results and dividends paid for each of the five preceding years, and a concise statement of the method of valuation.
 - For each gift of a life insurance policy, attach a copy of federal Form 712, Life Insurance Statement.
- For single premium or paid-up policies, where the surrender value of the policy exceeds its replacement cost, the true economic value of the policy is greater than the amount shown on federal Form 712, Line 59. In these situations, you should report the true economic value of the policy.
- Attach any other documents, such as appraisals, required for adequate explanation of value. If no appraisal is attached to show how property is valued, explain in detail how value was determined.
 - If claiming a civil union partner deduction, you must attach a completed pro forma federal Form 709 completed as if federal tax law allowed a marital deduction to civil union partners and a copy of the federal Form 709 that was actually filed with the IRS.

Section 2 - Estate Tax

Remember to fill out all required returns and schedules and attach all required information or your return will be incomplete.

Steps to Completing Section 2 - Estate Tax

Use these instructions to file **Form CT-706/709**, *Connecticut Estate and Gift Tax Return*, for estates of decedents dying during calendar year 2010.

Which Estates Must File With DRS

Form CT-706/709 must be filed for:

- Every resident decedent where the decedent's Connecticut taxable estate exceeds \$3.5 million; **and**
- Any nonresident decedent where the decedent's Connecticut taxable estate exceeds \$3.5 million and whose gross estate includes any real property or tangible personal property located in Connecticut.

The decedent's *Connecticut taxable estate* is the sum of:

- The decedent's gross estate, as valued for federal estate tax purposes, less allowable federal estate tax deductions other than the federal estate tax deduction for state death taxes paid; **and**
- The aggregate amount of Connecticut taxable gifts made by the decedent in his or her lifetime during all calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, but prior to January 1, 2011.

If the total amount of Connecticut taxable estate exceeds \$3.5 million, Form CT-706/709 must be filed with DRS. A copy must be filed with the probate court for the district in which the decedent was a Connecticut resident or if the

decedent was a nonresident of Connecticut, a copy must be filed with the probate court for the district in which the decedent owned real property or tangible personal property in Connecticut.

Which Estates Must File With Probate Court Only

If the total of the amount of the Connecticut taxable estate is \$3.5 million or less, the estate must file **Form CT-706 NT**, *Connecticut Estate Tax Return (for Nontaxable Estates)*, with the probate court for the district in which the decedent was a Connecticut resident or the probate court for the district in which the decedent owned real property or tangible personal property within Connecticut if the decedent was a nonresident of Connecticut. **Do not file Form CT-706 NT with DRS.**

Property and Proceeds Reported for Federal Estate Tax Purposes

The value of the gross estate of the decedent is determined by including the fair market value at the time of his or her death of all property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, wherever located.

All property in which the decedent had any interest must be reported at its fair market value on the decedent's date of death unless alternate valuation is elected for federal estate tax purposes on a completed and signed federal Form 706 filed with the IRS. If the estate files only a pro forma federal Form 706, alternate valuation will not be permitted for Connecticut estate tax purposes.

Assets which must be reported include:

- Tangible personal property* wherever located;
 - Real property** wherever located;
 - All intangible personal property*** wherever located;
 - Real property located in Connecticut**; **and**
 - Tangible personal property* located in Connecticut.
- * Tangible personal property includes but is not limited to antiques, art collections, automobiles, boats, clothing, coin collections, household furniture and furnishings, jewelry, and stamp collections.
- ** The description of the real property should include the acreage and whether it is a home, rental, commercial, farm, or vacant land.
- *** Intangible personal property includes but is not limited to bank accounts, cash, stocks, bonds, pensions, copyrights, interest in estates of other decedents, royalties, mortgages, notes, partnership interests, remainder interest in trusts and estates, and unincorporated businesses.

All tangible personal property the decedent owned at death must be reported at fair market value. For real estate, the fair market value may be determined through a written appraisal or by a comparable market analysis prepared by a realtor. For stocks quoted on a stock exchange, use the mean between the high and the low or bid and asked price at the date of death. For bank accounts, be sure that all interest has been posted as of the date of death. For U.S. Savings Bonds, use the value at death, not the face amount. Do not reduce the reported fair market value of any property by the amount of any mortgages, liens, or encumbrances. Attach required supporting documents to the return.

Residence

For purposes of the Connecticut estate tax:

Resident means the estate of any individual who is domiciled in Connecticut at the time of his or her death.

Nonresident means the estate of any individual who is not domiciled in Connecticut at the time of his or her death.

Domicile is the place which an individual intends to be his or her permanent home and to which the individual intends to return whenever absent. Refer to the general instructions on **Form C-3, State of Connecticut Domicile Declaration**.

If the decedent is claimed to be a nonresident, the estate must also file Form C-3 either with DRS or the probate court depending on which has jurisdiction over the estate.

Release of Estate Tax Lien Required for Sale of Connecticut Real Property

For an estate required to file Form CT-706/709 that includes a decedent's interest in Connecticut real property, prior to the sale of the interest in the Connecticut real property, its Connecticut attorney or corporate fiduciary **must** request a release of the estate tax lien provided in Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-398 (d) by filing a completed **Form CT-4422 UGE, Application for Certificate Releasing Connecticut Estate Tax Lien**, with DRS. If the estate's payment of the estate tax is sufficiently provided for, DRS will issue to the corporate fiduciary or Connecticut attorney its signed and sealed Form CT-792 UGE evidencing the discharge of the estate tax lien.

Executor

The term **executor** means the executor, personal representative, or administrator of the decedent estate. If none of these is appointed, qualified, and acting in this state, a survivor or transferee in possession of estate assets may be appointed by the probate court for the district in which the decedent resided or if the decedent was a nonresident of this state, in the probate court in which the decedent's Connecticut real property or tangible personal property, or both, was located.

When to File

Form CT-706/709 for Connecticut estate tax must be filed within six months after the decedent's date of death unless an extension of time to file is requested.

Use **Form CT-706/709 EXT, Application for Estate and Gift Tax Return Filing Extension and for Estate Tax Payment Extension**, to apply for an extension of time to file.

Who Must File

The executor(s) of the estate must sign and date Form CT-706/709. If there is more than one executor, all must sign the return and all are liable for tax, interest, and penalty. See *Executor* above.

Estate Tax Instructions for Form CT-706/709

General Instructions

You must enter the decedent's date of death and the Connecticut probate court having jurisdiction over this estate on the front of the return under the Section 2 heading. Failure to report this information will delay processing of this return.

Gifts made in the same calendar year as the decedent's death must be reported in Section 2 and **not** Section 1 of this return.

Credits

Connecticut resident and nonresident estates are allowed a credit against the estate tax for Connecticut gift tax

previously paid by the decedent (during his or her lifetime) on Connecticut taxable gifts made during calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2005. In addition, Connecticut resident estates are also allowed a credit for death taxes (estate, inheritance, legacy, or succession taxes) paid to any other state or the District of Columbia. When used in this booklet, the word *state* also means the District of Columbia.

Supporting Documentation

To be a complete return, a death certificate and copies of the completed and signed federal Forms 706 and 709 (if applicable), including all supplemental documents, must be attached to Form CT-706/709. Any estate with a gross estate in excess of \$3.5 million that does not file a completed and signed federal Form 706 must attach to Form CT-706/709 a pro forma Form 706 completed as if federal tax law required the estate to file the return with the IRS. **Form C-3, State of Connecticut Domicile Declaration**, must also be attached for a nonresident estate.

If claiming a deduction for a civil union partner or a spouse in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13, you must attach a completed pro forma federal Form 706 completed as if federal tax law allowed a marital deduction to civil union partners or a spouse. If applicable, attach a signed copy of the federal Form 706 actually filed with the IRS.

Line Instructions

Section 2 - Estate Tax Computation

Enter decedent's date of death and Connecticut Probate Court.

Line 5

Enter the total gross estate for federal estate tax purposes from federal Form 706, Part 2, Line 1.

Line 6

Enter the allowable estate tax deductions from *Schedule C*, Line 4. Estates must complete *Schedule C* to calculate the allowable estate tax deductions. See *Schedule C - Estate Tax Deduction* on Page 19.

Line 7

Subtract Line 6 from Line 5 and enter the difference.

Line 8

Enter the current year Connecticut taxable gifts made by the decedent from *Schedule A*, Line 9. If the decedent made Connecticut taxable gifts during calendar year 2010, those gifts must be reported on *Schedule A*. See *Schedule A - Overview* on Page 12.

Line 9

Enter total from *Schedule B*, Column B.

Line 10

Add Lines 7, 8, and 9 and enter the sum.

If the amount on Line 10 is \$3.5 million or less, no estate tax is due and you are **not** required to file this return. Instead you must file Form CT-706 NT with the appropriate Connecticut Probate Court. **Do not file Form CT-706 NT with DRS.**

If the Line 10 amount is greater than \$3.5 million, go to Line 11.

Line 11

Calculate the Connecticut estate tax by using the *Estate Tax Table for Estates of Decedents Dying On or After January 1, 2010* on Page 5. If the decedent was a Connecticut resident at the time of his or her death, enter here and on Line 13.

Line 12

Nonresident decedent estates only: Enter the tax due amount from *Schedule E*, Line 5. Enter here and on Line 13. See *Schedule E - Computation of Tax for Nonresident Decedent Estate* on Page 20.

Section 3 - Calculation of Total Tax, Penalty, and Interest

Line 13

Resident decedent estates only: Enter tax due from Line 11.

Nonresident decedent estates only: Enter the tax due from Line 12.

Line 14

Enter total from *Schedule B*, Column C.

Line 15

Resident decedent estates only: Enter amount from *Schedule D*, Part 2, Line 14.

Line 16

Add Line 14 and Line 15.

Line 17

Subtract Line 16 from Line 13 and enter the difference. If less than zero, enter "0."

Line 18

Prior payment amount: Include amount paid on Line 2 of Form CT-706/709 EXT.

Amended returns: Include amount paid with your original return.

Line 19

If the amount on Line 18 is greater than Line 17, enter the amount overpaid.

Line 20

If the amount on Line 17 is greater than Line 18, enter the balance of tax due.

Line 21 and Line 22

If you are making a late payment or filing the return after the due date, see *Interest and Penalties* on Page 6.

Line 23

Add Lines 20, 21, and 22. This is your total amount due.

Payment Information

Pay the amount on Line 23 with this return.

Do not send cash. Make your check payable to **Commissioner of Revenue Services**. To ensure payment is applied to your account, write “2010 Form CT-706/709” and the decedent’s Social Security Number, optional, on the front of your check. Be sure to sign your check and paper clip it to the front of your return. DRS may submit your check to your bank electronically.

Paid Preparer Information

Anyone you pay to prepare your return must sign and date it. Paid preparers must also enter their SSN or Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN), their firm’s Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), and their firm’s name and address in the spaces provided.

Due Date

Due date is six months after the decedent’s date of death.

Mailing Your Return

A copy of this return **must be filed** with the appropriate Connecticut probate court.

Retain a copy of this return for your records. Attach to this return a complete copy of federal Forms 706 and 709, if applicable, including **all** attachments.

Mail to:

Department of Revenue Services
PO Box 2978
Hartford CT 06104-2978

Schedule Instructions for Form CT-706/709

Schedule C - Estate Tax Deduction

Line 1

Enter the allowable estate tax deductions for federal estate tax purposes excluding any deduction for state death taxes (estate, inheritance, legacy, or succession taxes) paid. Generally, this is the amount on federal Form 706, Part 2, Line 2, less any state death taxes paid and included in that amount.

Line 2

Leave blank.

Line 3

Civil union partners or spouses in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13 only: Enter amount from Part 5, Line 20, of the pro forma federal Form 706.

Line 4

Add Line 1 and Line 3. Enter here and on Section 2, Line 6.

Line 5

If, for federal estate tax purposes, an election was made to treat a trust or other property of the decedent’s gross estate as qualified terminable interest property (QTIP) under IRC §2056(b)(7), check **Yes**.

If the decedent estate did not file a federal Form 706, or if the decedent estate filed a federal Form 706 but did not

make a QTIP election under IRC §2056(b)(7), check **No**. If **Yes**, skip Line 6 and go to Line 7.

Line 6

If any marital deduction is elected for federal estate tax purposes, the same amount must also be elected for Connecticut estate tax purposes. However, an election may be made solely for Connecticut estate tax purposes to have a trust or other property of the decedent’s gross estate treated as QTIP property only if no election was made for federal estate tax purposes under IRC §2056(b)(7) to treat a trust or other property of the decedent’s gross estate as QTIP property.

In addition, a copy of Schedule M of federal Form 706 must be attached to the return. Write “CT-706/709” on the top of Schedule M.

Line 7

If, for federal estate tax purposes, the decedent’s gross estate contains any IRC §2044 property (QTIP from a prior gift or estate), check **Yes**. If the decedent estate did not file a federal Form 706, or if the decedent estate filed a federal Form 706 but the decedent’s gross estate, for federal estate tax purposes, does not contain any IRC §2044 property, check **No**. If **Yes**, skip Line 8.

Line 8

If the decedent’s gross estate, for Connecticut estate tax purposes only, contains any IRC §2044 type property from

a prior estate that made a QTIP election for Connecticut estate tax purposes only, check **Yes**.

IRC §2044 type property means that a property would have qualified as IRC §2044 property from a prior estate had a QTIP election under IRC §2056(b)(7) been made by the prior estate.

Schedule D - Estate Tax Credits (Resident Estates Only)

Part 1 - Credit for Real or Tangible Personal Property Located in Another State and Subject to Death Tax of That State

Line 1

Enter the tax due amount from Section 2, Line 11.

Lines 2a through 2d

Enter the name of each state and tax amount paid to that state for any death taxes (estate, inheritance, legacy, or succession taxes) for which a credit is being claimed. Do not include interest or penalty paid to those states. Attach a copy of each state tax return for which a credit is being claimed to Form CT-706/709.

Line 2

Add Lines 2a through 2d. If necessary, attach additional sheets and include amounts in total.

Line 3

Enter the total gross estate for federal estate tax purposes from Section 2, Line 5.

Line 4

Enter the value for federal estate tax purposes of the real or tangible personal property included on Line 3 that is located in states identified on Lines 2a through 2d.

Line 5

Divide Line 4 by Line 3. Round to four decimal places.

Line 6

Multiply Line 1 by Line 5.

Line 7

Enter the smaller of Line 2 or Line 6 here and in Part 2, Line 13.

Part 2 - Credit for Real or Tangible Personal Property Located in Another State and Not Subject to Death Tax of That State

Line 8

Enter the tax due amount from Section 2, Line 11.

Lines 9a through 9d

Enter the name of each state and the value for federal estate tax purposes of real or tangible personal property located in that state which is not subject to death taxes of the state.

Schedule D, Part 2, applies to real or tangible personal property located in other states that do **not** by statute impose death taxes. In addition, it also applies to real or tangible personal property located in other states that by statute impose death taxes, but the property of this particular estate is not subject to those death taxes.

Line 9

Add Lines 9a through 9d. If necessary, attach additional sheets and include amounts in total.

Line 10

Enter the total gross estate for federal estate tax purposes from Section 2, Line 5.

Line 11

Divide Line 9 by Line 1. Round to four decimal places.

Line 12

Multiply Line 8 by Line 11.

Line 13

Enter amount from Part 1, Line 7.

Line 14

Add Line 12 and Line 13. Enter the amount here and in Section 3, Line 15.

Schedule E - Computation of Tax for Nonresident Decedent Estate

Line 1

Enter the tax due from Section 2, Line 11.

Line 2

Enter the total gross estate for federal estate tax purposes from Section 2, Line 5.

Line 3

Enter the amount of the gross estate for federal estate tax purposes that is attributable to real property and tangible personal property located in Connecticut.

Line 4

Divide Line 3 by Line 2. Round to four decimal places.

Line 5

Multiply Line 1 by Line 4. This is the amount of the tax due for a nonresident estate. Enter the result here and in Section 2, Line 12.

Amended Form CT-706/709 Tax Returns

Use Form CT-706/709 to amend a return you already filed. Include a statement explaining why the return is being amended and check the “Amended Return” box on the front of the return. Enter the amount paid with the original return on Line 18.

If you overpaid your Connecticut gift or estate tax, you must amend Form CT-706/709 within three years after the due date for which the overpayment was made. If additional tax is due, interest applies. See *Interest and Penalties* on Page 6.

The following circumstances require filing an amended Form CT-706/709 for gift or estate tax.

<p>1. The IRS or federal courts change or correct the federal gift or estate tax return and the change or correction results in the Connecticut gift or estate tax being overpaid or underpaid.</p>	<p>File no later than 90 days after the final determination. If you file an amended Form CT-706/709 no later than 90 days after the final determination, any Connecticut gift or estate tax overpayment resulting from the final determination will be refunded even if the Connecticut statute of limitations has otherwise expired.</p>
<p>2. The donor files a timely amended federal gift or estate tax return and the amendment results in the Connecticut gift or estate tax being overpaid or underpaid.</p>	<p>File no later than 90 days after the date of filing the timely amended federal gift or estate tax return. If you file an amended Form CT-706/709 no later than 90 days after the date of filing the timely amended federal gift or estate tax return, any Connecticut gift or estate tax overpayment resulting from filing the timely amended federal gift or estate tax return will be refunded even if the Connecticut statute of limitations has otherwise expired.</p>
<p>3. The donor made a mistake or omission on Form CT-706/709 and the mistake or omission results in the Connecticut gift or estate tax being overpaid or underpaid.</p>	<p>File no later than three years after the due date for which the overpayment was made.</p>

Notes

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