

701—89.3(422) Situs of trusts.

89.3(1) Testamentary trusts. The situs of a testamentary trust for tax purposes is the state of the decedent's residence at the time of death until the jurisdiction of the court in which the trust proceedings are pending is terminated. In the event of termination and the trust remains open, the situs of the trust is governed by the same rules as pertain to the situs of inter vivos trusts.

89.3(2) Inter vivos trusts. If an inter vivos trust is created by order of court or makes an accounting to the court, its situs is the state where the court having jurisdiction is located until the jurisdiction is terminated. The situs of an inter vivos trust which is subject to the grantor trust rules under 26 U.S.C. Sections 671 to 679 is the state of the grantor's residence, or the state of residence of the person other than the grantor deemed the owner, to the extent the income of the trust is governed by the grantor trust rules.

If an inter vivos trust (other than a trust subject to the grantor trust rules in 26 U.S.C. Sections 671 to 679) is not required to make an accounting to and is not subject to the control of a court, its situs depends on the relevant facts of each case. The relevant facts include, but are not limited to: the residence of the trustees or a majority of them; the location of the principal office where the trust is administered; and the location of the evidence of the intangible assets of the trust (such as stocks, bonds, bank accounts, etc.). The residence of the grantor of a trust, not subject to the grantor trust rules under 26 U.S.C. Sections 671 to 679, is not a controlling factor as to the situs of the trust, unless the person is also a trustee. A statement in the trust instrument that the law of a certain jurisdiction shall govern the administration of the trust is not a controlling factor in determining situs. The residence of the beneficiaries of a trust is also not relevant in determining situs.

89.3(3) Part year trust. A trust that has its situs part of the year within Iowa and part of the same year outside of Iowa is to report its income on Iowa Form IA-1041. Essentially, to report the income, the trust will be treated similarly to a nonresident for Iowa income tax purposes. To complete the return, the trust should complete page one of Form IA-1041, the income and deductions portions of the form. The income and deductions reported in these two portions of the form should include the trust's income only for the period during the tax year at issue when the trust had its situs in Iowa, and all Iowa source income for the tax year at issue, regardless of the situs of the trust. After the previous computation has been completed, then all of the trust's income for the tax year at issue, regardless of the source of the income, is to be reported by completing Schedule C. After Schedule C is completed, then lines 33 through 36 on the first page of the form must be completed to determine the Iowa fiduciary tax due.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.6, 422.8, and 422.14.