

**701—700.2(422) Confidentiality.**

**700.2(1) Confidential information.** The state and federal returns and accompanying schedules, and the taxpayer's books, records, documents and accounts of any person, firm or corporation are held confidential, except the information which is deemed a public record by state and federal law. See 26 U.S.C. Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code pertaining to the confidentiality and disclosure of federal tax returns and federal tax return information. See rules 701—6.3(17A) and 701—38.6(422) regarding the confidentiality of a decedent's individual income tax returns.

**700.2(2) Information not confidential.** Copies of wills, probate inventories, trust instruments, deeds and other documents which are filed for public record are not confidential. The fact alone that a return has or has not been filed with the department is not confidential information. 1976 Op. Att'y. Gen. 679.

**700.2(3) Documents to be filed.**

*a. Estates of Iowa decedents.* A copy of the inheritance tax return and probate inventory required by Iowa Code section 633.361 and 701—subrule 86.2(2) (relating to inheritance tax) and a copy of the decedent's will in testate estates shall be filed with the first fiduciary return of income, unless previously filed with the department for inheritance tax purposes.

*b. Nonresident decedents—ancillary administration.* If ancillary administration has been opened for the estate of a nonresident decedent, a copy of the inheritance tax return and probate inventory and a copy of the decedent's will in testate estates shall be filed with the department, subject to the same conditions and requirements in estates of resident decedents. If ancillary administration has not been opened for a nonresident decedent with Iowa taxable income, a copy of the inventory filed in the primary estate, or the portion of the inventory listing the property generating the Iowa income and the decedent's will in testate estates, must be filed with the department with the first fiduciary return of income.

*c. Inter vivos trusts.* Inter vivos trusts with a situs in Iowa and inter vivos trusts with a situs outside Iowa with Iowa taxable income shall submit to the department with the first fiduciary return the following: (1) a copy of the trust instrument; (2) a list of the trust assets (those generating Iowa taxable income in case of trusts with a situs outside Iowa); and (3) an estimate of the fair market value of each asset. If the trust instrument is amended or additional assets are added to the trust corpus (additional assets which generate Iowa taxable income in case of trusts with a situs outside Iowa), a copy of the amended items must be submitted to the department with the first fiduciary return of income following the change.

*d. Testamentary trusts.* If the estate was not reported for inheritance tax purposes, a copy of the decedent's will and a list of assets in the trust corpus in testamentary trusts with a situs both within and without Iowa must be submitted to the department with the first fiduciary return of income.

*e. Safe deposit box.* Effective July 1, 1998, there is no longer a requirement for safe deposit boxes to be inventoried and reported to the department prior to the delivery of the assets to the personal representative, transferee, joint owner or beneficiary.

**700.2(4) Required records.** The taxpayer shall keep records and accounts necessary to substantiate reportable income and deductions. Upon request, the taxpayer shall furnish the department documents, such as copies of tax returns, court orders, trust instruments, annual reports, canceled checks and like information, as may be reasonably necessary to enable the department to determine the correct tax liability. *Tiffany v. County Board of Review*, 188 N.W.2d 343, 349 (Iowa 1971). For taxpayers using an electronic data interchange process or technology also see 701—subrule 11.4(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25, 422.27, 422.28, 422.73 and 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 60, sections 1 and 2.

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