

Instructions for Beneficiary Filing Form 1040

Note. The fiduciary's instructions for completing Schedule K-1 are in the Instructions for Form 1041.

What's New

If Schedule K-1 shows backup withholding in box 13, code B, attach a copy to your return.

General Instructions

Purpose of Form

Use Schedule K-1 to report your share of the estate's or trust's income, credits, deductions, etc. Keep it for your records. Do not file it with your tax return, unless backup withholding was reported in box 13, code B.

Inconsistent Treatment of Items

Generally, you must report items shown on your Schedule K-1 (including attached schedules) the same way that the estate or trust treated the items on its return.

If the treatment of an item on your original or amended return is inconsistent with the estate's or trust's treatment (or if the estate or trust was required to but has not filed a return), you must file Form 8082, Notice of Inconsistent Treatment or Administrative Adjustment Request (AAR), with your original or amended return to identify and explain any inconsistency (or to note that an estate or trust return has not been filed).

If you are required to file Form 8082 but fail to do so, you may be subject to the accuracy-related penalty. This penalty is in addition to any tax that results from making your amount or treatment of the item consistent with that shown on the estate's or trust's return. Any deficiency that results from making the amounts consistent may be assessed immediately.

Errors

If you believe the fiduciary has made an error on your Schedule K-1, notify the fiduciary and ask for an amended or a corrected Schedule K-1. Do **not** change any items on your copy. Be sure that the fiduciary sends a copy of the amended Schedule K-1 to the IRS. If you are unable to reach an agreement with the fiduciary regarding the inconsistency, you must file Form 8082.

Beneficiaries of Generation-Skipping Trusts

If you received Form 706-GS(D-1), Notification of Distribution From a Generation-Skipping Trust, and paid a generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax on Form 706-GS(D), Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Return for Distributions, you can deduct the GST tax paid on income distributions on Schedule A (Form 1040), line 8. To figure the deduction, see the Instructions for Form 706-GS(D).

Specific Instructions

Part I—Information About the Estate or Trust

Item E

If the item E box is checked, this is the final year of the estate or trust.

Note. If the "Final K-1" box at the top of Schedule K-1 is checked, this is the final return for the beneficiary.

Part III—Beneficiary's Share of Current Year Income, Deductions, Credits, and Other Items

The amounts shown in boxes 1 through 14 reflect your share of income, loss, deductions, credits, etc., from an estate or trust. For Form 1040 filers, page 2 of Schedule K-1 provides summarized reporting information. The summarized reporting information reflects references to forms in use for calendar year 2010.

If you are not an individual, report the amounts in each box as instructed on your tax return.

Codes. In box 9 and boxes 11 through 14, the fiduciary will identify each item by entering a code in the column to the left of the dollar amount entry space. These codes are identified on page 2 of Schedule K-1.

Attached statements. The fiduciary will enter an asterisk (*) after the code, if any, in the column to the left of the dollar amount entry space for each item for which it has attached a statement providing additional information. For those informational items that cannot be reported as a single dollar amount, the estate or trust will enter an asterisk in the left column and write "STMT" in the dollar amount entry space to indicate the information is provided on an attached statement.

Boxes 3 and 4a—Net Short-Term and Net Long-Term Capital Gain

If there is an attachment to this Schedule K-1 reporting a disposition of a passive activity, see the Instructions for Form 8582, Passive Activity Loss Limitations, for information on the treatment of a disposition of an interest in a passive activity.

Box 5—Other Portfolio and Nonbusiness Income

The amount reported in this box is your distributive share of royalties, annuities, and other income that is not subject to the passive activity rules. It also includes income in respect of a decedent (IRD), which is not included in boxes 1, 2a, 3, 4a, 6, 7, or 8.

Boxes 6 through 8—Ordinary Business Income, Net Rental Real Estate Income, and Other Rental Income

The deductions in boxes 6 through 8 may be subject to the passive loss limitations of Internal Revenue Code section 469, which generally limits deductions from passive activities to the income from those activities. The fiduciary will provide you with a separate schedule showing your distributive share of income from each trade or business, net rental real estate, or other rental activity. The rules for applying these limitations to beneficiaries have not yet been issued. For more details, see Pub. 925, Passive Activity and At-Risk Rules.

Box 9—Directly Apportioned Deductions

The fiduciary must attach a statement showing depreciation, depletion, and amortization directly apportioned to you, if any, for each activity reported in boxes 5 through 8.

Box 12—Alternative Minimum Tax Items

The information reported in box 12, codes A through I is used to prepare your Form 6251, Alternative Minimum Tax—Individuals. Code A, Adjustment for minimum tax purposes, is the total amount reported on Form 6251, line 15. Codes B through F represent the portion, if any, of the amount included in code A.

Codes B through F. If you have an amount in box 12 with code B, C, D, E, or F, see the instructions for lines 37, 38, and 39 of Form 6251.

Codes G through I. Include the amount with any of these codes on the applicable line of Form 6251.

Code J. Exclusion items. If you pay alternative minimum tax in 2010, the amount in box 12, code J will help you figure any minimum tax credit for 2011. See the 2011 Form 8801, Credit for Prior Year Minimum Tax—Individuals, Estates, and Trusts, for more information.

Box 13—Credits and Credit Recapture

Codes A through T list all the credits that may be allocated to you as a beneficiary. The corresponding line shows you what form to use when reporting the amount.

Code A. Credit for estimated taxes. The beneficiary treats this amount as a payment of estimated tax. To figure any underpayment and penalty on Form 2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates, and Trusts, treat the amount entered on box 13, code A, as an estimated tax payment made on January 15, 2011.

Note. Form 1041-T, Allocation of Estimated Tax Payments to Beneficiaries, must be timely filed by the fiduciary for the beneficiary to get the credit for an estimated tax payment.

Code C. Low-income housing credit. The fiduciary will provide you with a statement showing the amount to report on lines 4 and 11 of Form 8586, Low-Income Housing Credit. If you only have an amount to report on line 4 of Form 8586 and your only source for the credit is a pass-through entity, such as an estate or trust, then you can report the amount on line 1d of Form 3800, General Business Credit, and you do not have to complete Form 8586.

Code D. Rehabilitation credit and energy credit. The fiduciary must give you a statement that shows the information you will need and where to enter it on Form 3468, Investment Credit, so that you can figure the amount of any rehabilitation credit and energy credit that you may claim.

Code E. Other qualifying investment credit. This code is used to report the qualified investment for figuring the qualifying advanced coal project credit, the qualifying gasification project credit, the qualifying advanced energy project credit, and the qualifying therapeutic discovery project credit. The fiduciary must provide you with a statement that shows the information you will need and where to report it on Form 3468 so that you can figure the amount of the previously listed credits that you may claim.

Code H. Alcohol and cellulosic biofuel fuels credit. If this credit includes the small ethanol producer credit, the fiduciary will provide additional information on an attached statement. If a statement is attached, see the instructions for line 16 of Form 6478, Alcohol and Cellulosic Biofuel Fuels Credit.

If no statement is attached, report this amount on Form 6478, line 8.

Code J. Renewable electricity, refined coal, and Indian coal production credit. Complete Form 8835, Renewable Electricity, Refined Coal, and Indian Coal Production Credit, to figure the amount of your credit. The fiduciary must provide a statement showing the amount of credit to report on line 9 in Part I, and how much to report on line 29 in Part II of Form 8835.

Code O. Biodiesel and renewable diesel fuels credit. If this credit includes the small agri-biodiesel producer credit, the fiduciary will provide additional information on an attached statement. If no statement is attached, report this amount on line 9 of Form 8864, Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Fuels Credit. If a statement is attached, see the instructions for Form 8864, line 11.

Code U. Recapture of credits. If you are required to recapture any credits, the fiduciary will provide a statement with the information you need to figure your credit recapture.

Box 14—Other Information

Code C. Qualified production activities income. If any of the income is oil-related qualified production activities income, the fiduciary must give you a statement that shows the amount. Enter the oil-related amount on Form 8903, line 7, col. (a). Enter the amount from all activities on Form 8903, line 7, col. (b).

Code F. Gross farming and fishing income. The amount of farming and fishing income is included in box 6. This income is separately stated to help determine if you are subject to a penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Report the amount of gross farming and fishing income on Schedule E (Form 1040), line 42.

Code H. Other information. If this code is used, the fiduciary will provide you with any additional information you may need to file your return that is not shown elsewhere on this Schedule K-1.