

New HMRC Inheritance Tax account form to be launched this Autumn



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The Inland Revenue has announced plans to replace the current IHT200 form completed on the death of a person whose assets exceed the exempt amount. The new form IHT400, due to be launched in October 2008, is the result of a lengthy period of consultation with representative bodies and user trials, and is intended to simplify and clarify the existing system.

What changes will be made?

The new form IHT400 will incorporate a series of new supplementary pages, including one for listing bank and building society accounts, and also integrates the form IHT216 for claims for the transfer of any unused nil Rate Band Allowance between spouses.

The new form also includes a revised form of calculation of tax to include details of lifetime gifts in chronological order. The revision of this section is intended to make the rules on lifetime gifting clearer, and to demonstrate how these can use-up the Nil Rate Band Allowance available on death.

Still to be confirmed are requirements in the new form for more explicit details of farming activities for which relief is being claimed.

The form will ultimately be available for download from the Inheritance Tax section of the Inland Revenue website at: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cto/iht.htm>

For further information about Probate and Administration of Estates, advice about the Inheritance Tax implications of Lifetime Gifts or to review your current Will provision and IHT planning, please contact us at law@pwjsolicitors.co.uk or by telephone on **020 8441 1556** or **020 8364 9955**.

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