

# DEATH TAXES

Death Taxes – aka: Estate Tax, Federal Estate Tax, and Inheritance Tax

In the United States a taxable estate is generally the value of everything owned or have certain interest in at the time of death, minus deductions, such as funeral expense.

Benjamin Franklin once wrote: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

As the saying goes... you are Taxed when you are coming and Taxed when you are going. Estate tax rates vary between 37% to 55%, depending on each individual.



Beneficiaries of life insurance proceeds may be required to pay estate tax attributable to the death proceeds, in either of the following circumstances:

- The insured (decedent) has directed in his/her will that the life insurance beneficiary pay the share of death taxes attributable to the proceeds.
- The state of the decedent's domicile has a statute that apportions the burden of death taxes among probate and non-probate beneficiaries in absence of any direction from the decedent regarding where the burden of death taxes should fall.

## Resources on this subject:

mystatewill.com gives a great answer to the question: Is life insurance subject to the Federal estate tax?

[www.mystatewill.com](http://www.mystatewill.com)

Tax Laws change often, which means It's always best to view the [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) site under [Estate and Gift Taxes](#) for the current laws.

FAQ's Estate Taxes

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