

**Internal Revenue Service, Treasury**

**§ 1.642(i)-1**

**§ 1.642(h)-5 Example.**

The application of section 642(h) may be illustrated by the following example:

*Example.* (a) A decedent dies January 31, 1954, leaving a will which provides for distributing all her estate equally to A and an existing trust for B. The period of administration of the estate terminates on December 31, 1954, at which time all the property of the estate is distributed to A and the trust. A reports his income for tax purposes on a calendar year basis, and the trust reports its income on the basis of a fiscal year ending August 31. During the period of the administration, the estate has the following items of income and deductions:

Taxable interest .....	\$2,500
Business income .....	3,000
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Total .....	5,500
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Business expenses (including administrative expense allocable to business income) .....	5,000
Administrative expenses and corpus commissions not allocable to business income .....	9,800
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Total deductions .....	14,800

It also has a capital loss of \$5,000.

(b) Under section 642(h)(1), an unused net operating loss carryover of the estate on termination of \$2,000 will be allowable to: A to the extent of \$1,000 for his taxable year 1954 and the next four taxable years in accordance with section 172; and to the trust to the extent of \$1,000 for its taxable year ending August 31, 1955, and its next four taxable years. The amount of the net operating loss carryover is computed as follows:

Deductions of estate for 1954 .....	\$14,800
Less adjustment under section 172(d)(4) (deductions not attributable to a trade or business (\$9,800) allowable only to extent of gross income not derived from such trade or business (\$2,500)) .....	7,300
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Deductions as adjusted .....	7,500
Gross income of estate for 1954 .....	5,500
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Net operating loss of estate for 1954 ... (No deduction for capital loss of \$5,000 under section 172(d)(2))	2,000

Neither A nor the trust will be allowed to carry back any part of the net operating loss made available to them under section 642(h)(1).

(c) Under section 642(h)(2), excess deductions of the estate of \$7,300 will be allowed as a deduction to A to the extent of \$3,650 for the calendar year 1954 and to the trust to the extent of \$3,650 for the taxable year ending August 31, 1955. The deduction of \$7,300 for administrative expenses and corpus commissions is the only amount which was not taken into account in determining the net operating loss of the estate (\$9,800 of such expenses less \$2,500 taken into account).

(d) Under section 642(h)(1), there will be allowable to A a capital loss carryover of \$2,500 for his taxable year 1954 and for his next 4 taxable years in accordance with paragraph (a) of §1.1212-1. There will be allowable to the trust a similar capital loss carryover of \$2,500 for its taxable year ending August 31, 1955, and its next 4 taxable years (but see paragraph (b) of §1.643(a)-3), (for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1963, net capital losses may be carried over indefinitely by beneficiaries other than corporations, in accordance with §1.642(h)-1 and paragraph (b) of §1.1212-1.)

(e) The carryovers and excess deductions are not allowable directly to B, the trust beneficiary, but to the extent the distributable net income of the trust is reduced by the carryovers and excess deductions B may receive indirect benefit.

[T.D. 6500, 25 FR 11814, Nov. 26, 1960, as amended by T.D. 6828, 30 FR 7806, June 17, 1965]

**§ 1.642(i)-1 Certain distributions by cemetery perpetual care funds.**

(a) *In general.* Section 642 (i) provides that amounts distributed during taxable years ending after December 31, 1963, by a cemetery perpetual care fund trust for the care and maintenance of gravesites shall be treated as distributions solely for purposes of sections 651 and 661. The deduction for such a distribution is allowable only if the fund is taxable as a trust. In addition, the fund must have been created pursuant to local law by a taxable cemetery corporation (as defined in §1.642 (i)-2 (a)) expressly for the care and maintenance of cemetery property. A care fund will be treated as having been created by a taxable cemetery corporation ("cemetery") if the distributee cemetery is taxable, even though the care fund was created by the distributee cemetery in a year that it was tax-exempt or by a predecessor of such distributee cemetery which was tax-exempt in the year the fund was established. The deduction is the amount of the distributions during the fund's taxable year to the cemetery corporation for such care and maintenance that would be otherwise allowable under section 651 or 661, but in no event is to exceed the limitations described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section. The provisions of this paragraph shall not have the effect of extending the period of limitations under section 6511.

(b) *Limitation on amount of deduction.* The deduction in any taxable year may not exceed the product of \$5 multiplied by the aggregate number of gravesites sold by the cemetery corporation before the beginning of the taxable year of the trust. In general, the aggregate number of gravesites sold shall be the aggregate number of interment rights sold by the cemetery corporation (including gravesites sold by the cemetery before a care fund trust law was enacted). In addition, the number of gravesites sold shall include gravesites used to make welfare burials. Welfare burials and pre-trust fund law gravesites shall be included only to the extent that the cemetery cares for and maintain such gravesites. For purposes of this section, a gravesite is sold as of the date on which the purchaser acquires interment rights enforceable under local law. The aggregate number of gravesites includes only those gravesites with respect to which the fund or taxable cemetery corporation has an obligation for care and maintenance.

(c) *Requirements for deductibility of distributions for care and maintenance—(1) Obligation for care and maintenance.* A deduction is allowed only for distributions for the care and maintenance of gravesites with respect to which the fund or taxable cemetery corporation has an obligation for care and maintenance. Such obligation may be established by the trust instrument, by local law, or by the cemetery's practice of caring for and maintaining gravesites, such as welfare burial plots or gravesites sold before the enactment of a care fund trust law.

(2) *Distribution actually used for care and maintenance.* The amount of a deduction otherwise allowable for care fund distributions in any taxable year shall not exceed the portion of such distributions expended by the distributee cemetery corporation for the care and maintenance of gravesites before the end of the fund's taxable year following the taxable year in which it makes the distributions. A 6-month extension of time for filing the trust's return may be obtained upon request under section 6081. The failure of a cemetery to expend the care fund's distributions within a reasonable time be-

fore the due date for filing the return will be considered reasonable grounds for granting a 6-month extension of time for section 6081. For purposes of this paragraph, any amount expended by the care fund directly for the care and maintenance of gravesites shall be treated as an additional care fund distribution which is expended on the day of distribution by the cemetery corporation. The fund shall be allowed a deduction for such direct expenditure in the fund's taxable year during which the expenditure is made.

(3) *Example.* The application of paragraph (c)(2) of this section is illustrated by the following example:

*Example.* A, a calendar-year perpetual care fund trust, meeting the requirements of section 642 (i), makes a \$10,000 distribution on December 1, 1978 to X, a taxable cemetery corporation operating on a May 31 fiscal year. From this \$10,000 distribution, the cemetery makes the following expenditures for the care and maintenance of gravesites: \$2,000 on December 20, 1978; \$4,000 on June 1, 1979; \$2,000 on October 1, 1979; and \$1,000 on April 1, 1980. In addition, as authorized by the trust instrument, A itself makes a direct \$1,000 payment to a contractor on September 1, 1979 for qualifying care and maintenance work performed. As a result of these transactions, A will be allowed an \$8,000 deduction for its 1978 taxable year attributable to the cemetery's expenditures, and a \$1,000 deduction for its 1979 taxable year attributable to the fund's direct payment. A will not be allowed a deduction for its 1978 taxable year for the cemetery's expenditure of either the \$1,000 expended on April 1, 1980 or the remaining unspent portion of the original \$10,000 distribution. The trustee may request a 6-month extension in order to allow the fund until October 15, 1979 to file its return for 1978.

(d) *Certified statement made by cemetery officials to fund trustees.* A trustee of a cemetery perpetual care fund shall not be held personally liable for civil or criminal penalties resulting from false statements on the trust's tax return to the extent that such false statements resulted from the trustee's reliance on a certified statement made by the cemetery specifying the number of interments sold by the cemetery or the amount of the cemetery's expenditures for care and maintenance. The statement must indicate the basis upon which the cemetery determined what portion of its expenditures were made

for the care and maintenance of gravesites. The statement must be certified by an officer or employee of the cemetery who has the responsibility to make or account for expenditures for care and maintenance. A copy of this statement shall be retained by the trustee along with the trust's return and shall be made available for inspection upon request by the Secretary. This paragraph does not relieve the care fund trust of its liability to pay the proper amount of tax due and to maintain adequate records to substantiate each of its deductions, including the deduction provided in section 642(i) and this section.

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**§ 1.642(i)-2 Definitions.**

(a) *Taxable cemetery corporation.* For purposes of section 642(i) and this section, the meaning of the term *taxable cemetery corporation* is limited to a corporation (within the meaning of section 7701(a)(3)) engaged in the business of owning and operating a cemetery that either (1) is not exempt from Federal tax, or (2) is subject to tax under section 511 with respect to its cemetery activities.

(b) *Pursuant to local law.* A cemetery perpetual care fund is created pursuant to local law if:

(1) The governing law of the relevant jurisdiction (State, district, county, parish, etc.) requires or expressly permits the creation of such a fund, or

(2) The legally enforceable bylaws or contracts of a taxable cemetery corporation require a perpetual care fund.

(c) *Gravesite.* A gravesite is any type of interment right that has been sold by a cemetery, including, but not limited to, a burial lot, mausoleum, lawn crypt, niche, or scattering ground. For purposes of § 1.642 (i)-1, the term *gravesites* includes only those gravesites with respect to which the care fund or cemetery has an obligation for care and maintenance within the meaning of § 1.642 (i)-1(c)(1).

(d) *Care and maintenance.* For purposes of section 642(i) and this section, the term *care and maintenance of gravesite* shall be generally defined in accordance with the definition of such term under the local law pursuant to which the cemetery perpetual care

fund is created. If the applicable local law contains no definition, care and maintenance of gravesites may include the upkeep, repair and preservation of those portions of cemetery property in which gravesites (as defined in paragraph (c) of this section) have been sold; including gardening, road maintenance, water line and drain repair and other activities reasonably necessary to the preservation of cemetery property. The costs for care and maintenance include, but are not limited to, expenditures for the maintenance, repair and replacement of machinery, tools, and equipment, compensation of employees performing such work, insurance premiums, reasonable payments for employees' pension and other benefit plans, and the costs of maintaining necessary records of lot ownership, transfers and burials. However, if some of the expenditures of the cemetery corporation, such as officers' salaries, are for both care and maintenance and for other purposes, the expenditures must be properly allocated between care and maintenance of gravesites and the other purposes. Only those expenditures that are properly allocable to those portions of cemetery property in which gravesites have been sold qualify as expenditures for care and maintenance of gravesites.

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**§ 1.643(a)-0 Distributable net income; deduction for distributions; in general.**

The term *distributable net income* has no application except in the taxation of estates and trusts and their beneficiaries. It limits the deductions allowable to estates and trusts for amounts paid, credited, or required to be distributed to beneficiaries and is used to determine how much of an amount paid, credited, or required to be distributed to a beneficiary will be includible in his gross income. It is also used to determine the character of distributions to the beneficiaries. Distributable net income means for any taxable year, the taxable income (as defined in section 63) of the estate or trust, computed with the modifications set forth in §§ 1.643(a)-1 through 1.643(a)-7.