

**Internal Revenue Service, Treasury**

**§ 1.661(a)-1**

computed with the following modifications: No deductions were allowed for distributions to the beneficiaries and for personal exemption of the trust (section 643(a) (1) and (2)); capital gains were excluded and no deduction under section 1202 (relating to the 50-percent deduction for long-term capital gains) was taken into account (section 643(a)(3)); the tax-exempt interest (as adjusted for expenses) and the dividend exclusion of \$50 were included (section 643(a) (5) and (7)). Since all of the income of the trust is required to be currently distributed, no deduction is allowable for depreciation in the absence of specific provisions in the governing instrument providing for the keeping of the trust corpus intact. See section 167(h) and the regulations thereunder.

(d) The deduction allowable to the trust under section 651(a) for distributions to the beneficiaries is \$67,025, computed as follows:

Distributable net income computed under section 643(a) (see paragraph (c)) .....	\$91,100
Less:	
Tax-exempt interest as adjusted .....	\$24,025
Dividend exclusion .....	50
	<hr/> 24,075
Distributable net income as determined under section 651(b) .....	67,025

Since the amount of the income (\$92,400) required to be distributed currently by the trust exceeds the distributable net income

(\$67,025) as computed under section 651(b), the deduction allowable under section 651(a) is limited to the distributable net income of \$67,025.

(e) The taxable income of the trust is \$7,200 computed as follows:

Rents .....	\$25,000
Dividends (\$50,000 less \$50 exclusion) .....	49,950
Long-term capital gains .....	15,000
	<hr/> 89,950
Gross income .....	89,950
Deductions:	
Rental expenses .....	\$5,000
Trustee's commissions .....	2,925
Capital gain deduction .....	7,500
Distributions to beneficiaries .....	67,025
Personal exemption .....	300
	<hr/> 82,750
Taxable income .....	7,200

The trust is not allowed a deduction for the portion (\$975) of the trustee's commissions allocable to tax-exempt interest in computing its taxable income.

(f) In determining the character of the amounts includible in the gross income of A and B, it is assumed that the trustee elects to allocate to rents the expenses not directly attributable to a specific item of income other than the portion (\$975) of such expenses allocated to tax-exempt interest. The allocation of expenses among the items of income is shown below:

	Rents	Dividends	Tax-exempt interest	Total
Income for trust accounting purposes .....	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$100,000
Less:				
Rental expenses .....	5,000	.....	.....	5,000
Trustee's commissions .....	2,925	.....	975	3,900
	<hr/> 7,925	0	975	<hr/> 8,900
Character of amounts in the hands of the beneficiaries .....	17,075	50,000	24,025	191,100

<sup>1</sup> Distributable net income.

Inasmuch as the income of the trust is to be distributed equally to A and B, each is deemed to have received one-half of each item of income; that is, rents of \$8,537.50, dividends of \$25,000, and tax-exempt interest of \$12,012.50. The dividends of \$25,000 allocated to each beneficiary are to be aggregated with his other dividends (if any) for purposes of the dividend exclusion provided by section 116 and the dividend received credit allowed under section 34. Also, each beneficiary is allowed a deduction of \$2,500 for depreciation of rental property attributable to

the portion (one-half) of the income of the trust distributed to him.

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**ESTATES AND TRUSTS WHICH MAY ACCUMULATE INCOME OR WHICH DISTRIBUTE CORPUS**

**§ 1.661(a)-1 Estates and trusts accumulating income or distributing corpus; general.**

Subpart C, part I, subchapter J, chapter 1 of the Code, is applicable to all

decedents' estates and their beneficiaries, and to trusts and their beneficiaries other than trusts subject to the provisions of subpart B of such part I (relating to trusts which distribute current income only, or "simple" trusts). A trust which is required to distribute amounts other than income during the taxable year may be subject to subpart B, and not subpart C, in the absence of an actual distribution of amounts other than income during the taxable year. See §§ 1.651(a)-1 and 1.651(a)-3. A trust to which subpart C is applicable is referred to as a "complex" trust in this part. Section 661 has no application to amounts excluded under section 663(a).

**§ 1.661(a)-2 Deduction for distributions to beneficiaries.**

(a) In computing the taxable income of an estate or trust there is allowed under section 661(a) as a deduction for distributions to beneficiaries the sum of:

(1) The amount of income for the taxable year which is required to be distributed currently, and

(2) Any other amounts properly paid or credited or required to be distributed for such taxable year.

However, the total amount deductible under section 661(a) cannot exceed the distributable net income as computed under section 643(a) and as modified by section 661(c). See § 1.661(c)-1.

(b) The term *income required to be distributed currently* includes any amount required to be distributed which may be paid out of income or corpus (such as an annuity), to the extent it is paid out of income for the taxable year. See § 1.651(a)-2 which sets forth additional rules which are applicable in determining whether income of an estate or trust is required to be distributed currently.

(c) The term *any other amounts properly paid, credited, or required to be distributed* includes all amounts properly paid, credited, or required to be distributed by an estate or trust during the taxable year other than income required to be distributed currently. Thus, the term includes the payment of an annuity to the extent it is not paid out of income for the taxable year, and a distribution of property in kind (see

paragraph (f) of this section). However, see section 663(a) and regulations thereunder for distributions which are not included. Where the income of an estate or trust may be accumulated or distributed in the discretion of the fiduciary, or where the fiduciary has a power to distribute corpus to a beneficiary, any such discretionary distribution would qualify under section 661(a)(2). The term also includes an amount applied or distributed for the support of a dependent of a grantor or of a trustee or cotrustee under the circumstances described in section 677(b) or section 678(c) out of corpus or out of other than income for the taxable year.

(d) The terms *income required to be distributed currently* and *any other amounts properly paid or credited or required to be distributed* also include any amount used to discharge or satisfy any person's legal obligation as that term is used in § 1.662(a)-4.

(e) The terms *income required to be distributed currently* and *any other amounts properly paid or credited or required to be distributed* include amounts paid, or required to be paid, during the taxable year pursuant to a court order or decree or under local law, by a decedent's estate as an allowance or award for the support of the decedent's widow or other dependent for a limited period during the administration of the estate. The term *any other amounts properly paid or credited or required to be distributed* does not include the value of any interest in real estate owned by a decedent, title to which under local law passes directly from the decedent to his heirs or devisees.

(f) If property is paid, credited, or required to be distributed in kind:

(1) No gain or loss is realized by the trust or estate (or the other beneficiaries) by reason of the distribution, unless the distribution is in satisfaction of a right to receive a distribution in a specific dollar amount or in specific property other than that distributed.

(2) In determining the amount deductible by the trust or estate and includible in the gross income of the beneficiary the property distributed in kind is taken into account at its fair