



## Charitable status

UCL is an Exempt Charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2006 (Statutory Instrument 1978, number 453). The Charity is exempt from regulation by the Charity Commission but has, as its principal regulator, the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

UCL is a Company Incorporated by Royal Charter (England/Wales), number: RC000631.

Exemptions from taxation (other than Value Added Tax) are available under Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Gifts to University College London for charitable purposes constitute exempt transfers for Inheritance Tax purposes, both in respect of the donor and recipient. Gifts of shares attract relief from Capital Gains Tax and Income Tax.

UCL's registration number with HMRC is X6243.

## Inheritance Tax

### **Inheritance Tax threshold**

Inheritance Tax is the tax imposed on the estate of a person whose permanent residence was in the UK.

The tax threshold and rate of tax are usually reviewed annually by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and implemented with effect from 6 April at the start of each new tax year.

If your estate is worth more than the nil-rate band, currently set at £325,000 for individuals at the time of your death, your estate may be liable for Inheritance Tax at the rate of 40% on all your assets above the nil-rate band. This applies to all your assets, including your house.

Remember that each party to a marriage or Civil Partnership has their own nil rate band. This provides a combined tax free allowance of £650,000.

One way to limit your estate's exposure to Inheritance Tax is to leave a legacy to an institution with charitable status such as UCL. The legacy is free of tax, i.e. its value is deducted from the total assets of the estate liable for Inheritance Tax.

### **Further information**

You can obtain further general information booklets from the Inland Revenue Capital Taxes Office.

### **HM Revenue and Customs**

**0845 30 20 900**

**[www.hmrc.gov.uk/cto/iht.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cto/iht.htm)**

This information is for general guidance only. We recommend that you seek detailed professional advice from a bank, financial adviser, solicitor or accountant if you are concerned about Inheritance Tax. They will be able to advise you fully on the specific effect of Inheritance Tax on your estate as a result of your intentions.