

**§ 1.733-1**

the special aggregate stock ownership rules of § 1.1502-34.

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**§ 1.733-1 Basis of distributee partner's interest.**

In the case of a distribution by a partnership to a partner other than in liquidation of a partner's entire interest, the adjusted basis to such partner of his interest in the partnership shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the amount of any money distributed to such partner and by the amount of the basis to him of distributed property other than money as determined under section 732 and §§ 1.732-1 and 1.732-2.

**§ 1.734-1 Optional adjustment to basis of undistributed partnership property.**

(a) *General rule.* A partnership shall not adjust the basis of partnership property as the result of a distribution of property to a partner, unless the election provided in section 754 (relating to optional adjustment to basis of partnership property) is in effect.

(b) *Method of adjustment—(1) Increase in basis.* Where an election under section 754 is in effect and a distribution of partnership property is made, whether or not in liquidation of the partner's entire interest in the partnership, the adjusted basis of the remaining partnership assets shall be increased by:

(i) The amount of any gain recognized under section 731(a)(1) to the distributee partner, or

(ii) The excess of the adjusted basis to the partnership immediately before the distribution of any property distributed (including adjustments under section 743(b) or section 732(d) when applied) over the basis under section 732 (including such special basis adjustments) of such property to the distributee partner.

The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

*Example 1.* Partner A has a basis of \$10,000 for his one-third interest in partnership ABC. The partnership has no liabilities and has assets consisting of cash of \$11,000 and property with a partnership basis of \$19,000 and a value of \$22,000. A receives \$11,000 in cash in liquidation of his entire interest in

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the partnership. He has a gain of \$1,000 under section 731(a)(1). If the election under section 754 is in effect, the partnership basis for the property becomes \$20,000 (\$19,000 plus \$1,000).

*Example 2.* Partner D has a basis of \$10,000 for his one-third interest in partnership DEF. The partnership balance sheet before the distribution shows the following:

ASSETS		
	Adjusted basis	Value
Cash .....	\$4,000	\$4,000
Property X .....	11,000	11,000
Property Y .....	15,000	18,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>

  

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		
	Adjusted basis	Value
Liabilities .....	\$0	\$0
Capital:		
D .....	10,000	11,000
E .....	10,000	11,000
F .....	10,000	11,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>

In liquidation of his entire interest in the partnership, D received property X with a partnership basis of \$11,000. D's basis for property X is \$10,000 under section 732(b). Where the election under section 754 is in effect, the excess of \$1,000 (the partnership basis before the distribution less D's basis for property X after distribution) is added to the basis of property Y. The basis of property Y becomes \$16,000 (\$15,000 plus \$1,000). If the distribution is made to a transferee partner who elects under section 732(d), see § 1.734-2.

(2) *Decrease in basis.* Where the election provided in section 754 is in effect and a distribution is made in liquidation of a partner's entire interest, the partnership shall decrease the adjusted basis of the remaining partnership property by:

(i) The amount of loss, if any, recognized under section 731(a)(2) to the distributee partner, or

(ii) The excess of the basis of the distributed property to the distributee, as determined under section 732 (including adjustments under section 743(b) or section 732(d) when applied) over the adjusted basis of such property to the partnership (including such special basis adjustments) immediately before such distribution.

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