

Business Relief and HMRC Claims

London & Colonial Assurance PCC Plc ('LCA') was established in 2001 as a Protected Cell Company. This means that LCA creates 'individual' Cells to hold clients' investments.

Buying a Preference Share in LCA, which is attached to the client's individual Cell, ensures any value left in the Cell, after the annuity ceases, can be returned to the estate. The purchase of a Preference Share is a totally separate commercial transaction from the purchase of an LCA product.

Current Legislation (and up to 05 April 2026): the proceeds from the Preference Share are tax-free after two years of owning the LCA Preference Share.

From 06 April 2026, the proceeds of the Preference Share, up to £1m, are 100% exempt from IHT. Any proceeds that exceed the £1m allowance will benefit from 50% Business Relief and IHT will be payable on the excess.

Open Products

- Flexible Life Annuity
- Flexible Pension Annuitu
- Launched May 2019
- 122 cases written (31 December 2023)
- 9 notified deaths

Closed (Legacy) Products

- Open Annuity
- New Open Annuity

- 1,651 cases written (31 December 2023)
- 213 notified deaths

Business Relief

Feedback from estates who have claimed Business Relief:

 100% obtained Business Relief on the Preference Share

Please Note:

LCA accept no responsibility for any changes in legislation or HMRC assessing that Business Relief is not available.



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HM Revenue & Customs ('HMRC') only conduct Business Relief assessments when the estate makes a claim after death. Whilst we are not party to applying for the Business Relief, we have received no negative feedback.

In fact, some of our advisers have provided confirmation of the application for Business Relief being successful. We have reproduced extracts from HMRC correspondence to an adviser relating to a Business Relief claim on a LCA Preference Share below.

HM Revenue & Customs	Shares & Assets Valuation HM Revenue and Customs
	Phone Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm
	Web www.gov.uk
Date 13 March	
Our Ref	
Dear Mr	
London & Colonial Assurance Pcc Plc	
The estate of -100% Business Relief Claim	
I have been asked to consider the 100% Business Relief death at	claim for the share held on in London & Colonial Assurance Pcc PLC.
With regards to London & Colonial Assurance Pcc PLC, I require further information to co Business Relief claim.	
I would be grateful if you could provide this information by 21st April	
Yours sincerely	
Share Valuer	
Join the millions of taxpayers already using their Personal Tax Account to get started, go to www.gov.uk/personal-tax-account Or you can use	
To find out about the service and standard of behaviour you can expec	
If you need extra support, for example if you have a disability, a mentowww.gov.uk and search for 'get help from HMRC'. Text Relay service prefix number – 18001	al health condition, or do not speak English/Welsh, go to

From: @hmrc.gov.uk <@hmrc.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 8:47 AM
То:
Subject: RE: The estate of deceased -
Dear,
Thank you for your email.
I can now accept 100% Business Relief for the shares held in London & Colonial Assurance.
This acceptance is on a without prejudice basis. I will advise my colleague dealing with the IHT estate accordingly.
Kind regards,



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