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# CIRD45200 - Intangible assets: related party rules: interest held jointly CTA09/PART8/S839 - 840

For the purposes described in <u>CIRD45180</u> (<a href="https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/corporate-intangibles-research-and-development-manual/cird45180">https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/corporate-intangibles-research-and-development-manual/cird45180</a>) interests held jointly are treated as follows:

#### General rule

The general rule is that the rights and powers of a person (including those which that person is, or will become, entitled to acquire) include rights held jointly with others.

#### **Exception for partnerships**

But in the case of partnership the rights and powers of a member are disregarded unless the member has control or a major interest in the partnership. To determine whether that is the case the provisions of Part 8 used to determine whether a person has control of, or a major interest in, a company are applied as if the partnership was a company.

#### **Consequences in practice**

This exception will be of particular relevance to situations involving companies (usually not themselves close), which are members of a partnership with a stake in a non-close company. It ensures for example that a company with a small minority stake in a partnership is not regarded as controlling any non-close company that the partnership controls by virtue of the general rule on joint interests.

It is of no relevance to situations where a partnership has a controlling stake in a close company. In that situation all the partners are related parties of the company by virtue of being participators in the close company (S835 (5)). See CIRD45250 (https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/corporate-intangibles-research-and-development-manual/cird45250).

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