# Form W-4

**Employee's Withholding Certificate** 

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay.

► Give Form W-4 to your employer.

► Your withholding is subject to review by the IRS.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Step 1:	(a) First name and middle initial	Last name		(b) Social security number		
Enter Personal Information	Address			▶ Does your name match the		
				name on your social security card? If not, to ensure you get		
	City or town, state, and ZIP code			credit for your earnings, contact SSA at 800-772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov.		
	(c) Single or Married filing separately					
	Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er)					
	Head of household (Check only if you're unma	rried and pay more than half the costs	of keeping up a home for y	ourself and a qualifying individual.)		
	ps 2–4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwi on from withholding, when to use the estima			on on each step, who can		
Step 2: Multiple Jobs	Complete this step if you (1) hold more than one job at a time, or (2) are married filing jointly and your spouse also works. The correct amount of withholding depends on income earned from all of these jobs.					
or Spouse	Do only one of the following.					
Works	(a) Use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App for most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3-4); or					
	(b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on	page 3 and enter the result in S	tep 4(c) below for roug	hly accurate withholding; or		
	(c) If there are only two jobs total, you is accurate for jobs with similar pa	-				
	<b>TIP:</b> To be accurate, submit a 2021 Form W-4 for all other jobs. If you (or your spouse) have self-employment income, including as an independent contractor, use the estimator.					
	ps 3-4(b) on Form W-4 for only ONE of the ate if you complete Steps 3-4(b) on the Form			bbs. (Your withholding will		
Step 3:	If your total income will be \$200,000	or less (\$400,000 or less if ma	arried filing jointly):			
Claim Dependents	Multiply the number of qualifying cl	hildren under age 17 by \$2,000	<b>▶</b> \$	-		
	Multiply the number of other depe	endents by \$500	<b>▶</b> \$	-		
	Add the amounts above and enter the	e total here		3 \$		
Step 4 (optional): Other Adjustments	(a) Other income (not from jobs). If this year that won't have withholdi include interest, dividends, and reti	ng, enter the amount of other i				
	(b) <b>Deductions.</b> If you expect to cla and want to reduce your withhold enter the result here					
	(c) Extra withholding. Enter any add	litional tax you want withheld	each <b>pay period</b> .	4(c) \$		
Step 5: Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.					
	Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)  Date					
Employers Only	Employer's name and address		First date of employment	Employer identification number (EIN)		

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#### **General Instructions**

### **Future Developments**

For the latest information about developments related to Form W-4, such as legislation enacted after it was published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW4.

#### **Purpose of Form**

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. If too little is withheld, you will generally owe tax when you file your tax return and may owe a penalty. If too much is withheld, you will generally be due a refund. Complete a new Form W-4 when changes to your personal or financial situation would change the entries on the form. For more information on withholding and when you must furnish a new Form W-4, see Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Exemption from withholding. You may claim exemption from withholding for 2021 if you meet both of the following conditions: you had no federal income tax liability in 2020 and you expect to have no federal income tax liability in 2021. You had no federal income tax liability in 2020 if (1) your total tax on line 24 on your 2020 Form 1040 or 1040-SR is zero (or less than the sum of lines 27, 28, 29, and 30), or (2) you were not required to file a return because your income was below the filing threshold for your correct filing status. If you claim exemption, you will have no income tax withheld from your paycheck and may owe taxes and penalties when you file your 2021 tax return. To claim exemption from withholding, certify that you meet both of the conditions above by writing "Exempt" on Form W-4 in the space below Step 4(c). Then, complete Steps 1(a), 1(b), and 5. Do not complete any other steps. You will need to submit a new Form W-4 by February 15, 2022.

**Your privacy.** If you prefer to limit information provided in Steps 2 through 4, use the online estimator, which will also increase accuracy.

As an alternative to the estimator: if you have concerns with Step 2(c), you may choose Step 2(b); if you have concerns with Step 4(a), you may enter an additional amount you want withheld per pay period in Step 4(c). If this is the only job in your household, you may instead check the box in Step 2(c), which will increase your withholding and significantly reduce your paycheck (often by thousands of dollars over the year).

When to use the estimator. Consider using the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App if you:

- Expect to work only part of the year;
- 2. Have dividend or capital gain income, or are subject to additional taxes, such as Additional Medicare Tax;
- 3. Have self-employment income (see below); or
- 4. Prefer the most accurate withholding for multiple job situations.

**Self-employment.** Generally, you will owe both income and self-employment taxes on any self-employment income you receive separate from the wages you receive as an employee. If you want to pay these taxes through withholding from your wages, use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App to figure the amount to have withheld.

**Nonresident alien.** If you're a nonresident alien, see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing this form.

## **Specific Instructions**

**Step 1(c).** Check your anticipated filing status. This will determine the standard deduction and tax rates used to compute your withholding.

**Step 2.** Use this step if you (1) have more than one job at the same time, or (2) are married filing jointly and you and your spouse both work.

Option (a) most accurately calculates the additional tax you need to have withheld, while option (b) does so with a little less accuracy.

If you (and your spouse) have a total of only two jobs, you may instead check the box in option (c). The box must also be checked on the Form W-4 for the other job. If the box is checked, the standard deduction and tax brackets will be cut in half for each job to calculate withholding. This option is roughly accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise, more tax than necessary may be withheld, and this extra amount will be larger the greater the difference in pay is between the two jobs.



**Multiple jobs.** Complete Steps 3 through 4(b) on only one Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you do this on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.

Step 3. This step provides instructions for determining the amount of the child tax credit and the credit for other dependents that you may be able to claim when you file your tax return. To qualify for the child tax credit, the child must be under age 17 as of December 31, must be your dependent who generally lives with you for more than half the year, and must have the required social security number. You may be able to claim a credit for other dependents for whom a child tax credit can't be claimed, such as an older child or a qualifying relative. For additional eligibility requirements for these credits, see Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents. You can also include other tax credits in this step, such as education tax credits and the foreign tax credit. To do so, add an estimate of the amount for the year to your credits for dependents and enter the total amount in Step 3. Including these credits will increase your paycheck and reduce the amount of any refund you may receive when you file your tax return.

#### Step 4 (optional).

Step 4(a). Enter in this step the total of your other estimated income for the year, if any. You shouldn't include income from any jobs or self-employment. If you complete Step 4(a), you likely won't have to make estimated tax payments for that income. If you prefer to pay estimated tax rather than having tax on other income withheld from your paycheck, see Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

**Step 4(b).** Enter in this step the amount from the Deductions Worksheet, line 5, if you expect to claim deductions other than the basic standard deduction on your 2021 tax return and want to reduce your withholding to account for these deductions. This includes both itemized deductions and other deductions such as for student loan interest and IRAs.

**Step 4(c).** Enter in this step any additional tax you want withheld from your pay **each pay period**, including any amounts from the Multiple Jobs Worksheet, line 4. Entering an amount here will reduce your paycheck and will either increase your refund or reduce any amount of tax that you owe.

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#### Step 2(b) – Multiple Jobs Worksheet (Keep for your records.)



If you choose the option in Step 2(b) on Form W-4, complete this worksheet (which calculates the total extra tax for all jobs) on **only ONE** Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you complete the worksheet and enter the result on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.

**Note:** If more than one job has annual wages of more than \$120,000 or there are more than three jobs, see Pub. 505 for additional tables; or, you can use the online withholding estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App.

1	<b>Two jobs.</b> If you have two jobs or you're married filing jointly and you and your spouse each have one job, find the amount from the appropriate table on page 4. Using the "Higher Paying Job" row and the "Lower Paying Job" column, find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value on line 1. Then, <b>skip</b> to line 3	1	\$
2	<b>Three jobs.</b> If you and/or your spouse have three jobs at the same time, complete lines 2a, 2b, and 2c below. Otherwise, skip to line 3.		
	<b>a</b> Find the amount from the appropriate table on page 4 using the annual wages from the highest paying job in the "Higher Paying Job" row and the annual wages for your next highest paying job in the "Lower Paying Job" column. Find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value on line 2a	2a	\$
	<b>b</b> Add the annual wages of the two highest paying jobs from line 2a together and use the total as the wages in the "Higher Paying Job" row and use the annual wages for your third job in the "Lower Paying Job" column to find the amount from the appropriate table on page 4 and enter this amount on line 2b	2b	\$
	c Add the amounts from lines 2a and 2b and enter the result on line 2c	2c	\$
3	Enter the number of pay periods per year for the highest paying job. For example, if that job pays weekly, enter 52; if it pays every other week, enter 26; if it pays monthly, enter 12, etc	3	
4	<b>Divide</b> the annual amount on line 1 or line 2c by the number of pay periods on line 3. Enter this amount here and in <b>Step 4(c)</b> of Form W-4 for the highest paying job (along with any other additional amount you want withheld)	4	\$
	Step 4(b) - Deductions Worksheet (Keep for your records.)		
1	Enter an estimate of your 2021 itemized deductions (from Schedule A (Form 1040)). Such deductions may include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes (up to \$10,000), and medical expenses in excess of 10% of your income	1	\$
2	Enter:   • \$25,100 if you're married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) • \$18,800 if you're head of household • \$12,550 if you're single or married filing separately	2	\$
3	If line 1 is greater than line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1 and enter the result here. If line 2 is greater than line 1, enter "-0-"	3	\$
4	Enter an estimate of your student loan interest, deductible IRA contributions, and certain other adjustments (from Part II of Schedule 1 (Form 1040)). See Pub. 505 for more information	4	\$
5	Add lines 3 and 4. Enter the result here and in Step 4(b) of Form W-4	5	\$

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. Internal Revenue Code sections 3402(f)(2) and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide this information; your employer uses it to determine your federal income tax withholding. Failure to provide a properly completed form will result in your being treated as a single person with no other entries on the form; providing fraudulent information may subject you to penalties. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation; to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws; and to the Department of Health and Human Services for use in the National Directory of New Hires. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

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The average time and expenses required to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. For estimated averages, see the instructions for your income tax return.

If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.

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Wage & Salary         9,999         19,999         29,999         39,999         49,999         59,999         69,999         79,999         89,999         99,999         109,999           \$0 - 9,999         \$0         \$190         \$850         \$890         \$1,020         \$1,020         \$1,020         \$1,020         \$1,100         \$1,100         \$1,870           \$10,000 - 19,999         190         1,190         1,890         2,090         2,220         2,220         2,220         2,220         2,300         3,300         4,070           \$20,000 - 29,999         850         1,890         2,750         2,950         3,080         3,080         3,160         4,160         5,160         5,930           \$30,000 - 39,999         890         2,090         2,950         3,150         3,280         3,280         3,360         4,360         5,360         6,360         7,130           \$40,000 - 49,999         1,020         2,220         3,080         3,280         3,410         3,490         4,490         5,490         6,490         7,490         8,490         9,260           \$50,000 - 59,999         1,020         2,220         3,080         3,360         4,490         5,490         6,490	\$110,000 - 120,000 \$1,870 4,070 5,930 7,130 8,260 9,260 10,260 11,260 13,460 15,290 16,400 18,040 19,640 21,240 22,840
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\$300,000 - 319,999	
\$320,000 - 364,999   2,720   5,920   8,780   10,980   13,110   15,110   17,110   19,110   21,190   23,490   25,560   \$365,000 - 524,999   2,970   6,470   9,630   12,130   14,560   16,860   19,160   21,460   23,760   26,060   28,130	26,860 29,430
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Single or Married Filing Separately	31,000
Higher Paying Job  Lower Paying Job Annual Taxable Wage & Salary	
	\$110,000 -
Wage & Salary 9,999 19,999 29,999 39,999 49,999 59,999 69,999 79,999 89,999 99,999 109,999	120,000
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\$10,000 - 19,999   940   1,540   1,620   2,020   3,020   3,470   3,470   3,470   3,640   3,840   3,840	3,840
\$20,000 - 29,999   1,020   1,620   2,100   3,100   4,100   4,550   4,550   4,720   4,920   5,120   5,120	5,120
\$30,000 - 39,999	6,320
\$40,000 - 59,999   1,870   3,470   4,550   5,550   6,690   7,340   7,540   7,740   7,940   8,140   8,150	8,150
\$60,000 -         79,999         1,870         3,470         4,690         5,890         7,090         7,740         7,940         8,140         8,340         8,540         9,190	9,990
\$80,000 - 99,999   2,000   3,810   5,090   6,290   7,490   8,140   8,340   8,540   9,390   10,390   11,190	11,990
\$100,000 - 124,999   2,040   3,840   5,120   6,320   7,520   8,360   9,360   10,360   11,360   12,360   13,410	14,510
<u>\$125,000 - 149,999</u>	17,260
\$150,000 - 174,999   2,220   4,830   6,910   8,910   10,910   12,600   13,900   15,200   16,500   17,800   18,910	20,010
\$175,000 - 199,999   2,720   5,320   7,490   9,790   12,090   13,850   15,150   16,450   17,750   19,050   20,150	21,250
\$200,000 - 249,999	22,030
\$250,000 - 399,999	22,030
\$400,000 - 449,999   2,970   5,880   8,260   10,560   12,860   14,620   15,920   17,220   18,520   19,910   21,220   1,000   1	22,520
\$450,000 and over   3,140   6,250   8,830   11,330   13,830   15,790   17,290   18,790   20,290   21,790   23,100    Head of Household	24,400
Higher Paying Job Lower Paying Job Annual Taxable Wage & Salary	
	\$110,000 - 120,000
\$0 - 9,999 \$0 \$820 \$930 \$1,020 \$1,020 \$1,020 \$1,420 \$1,870 \$1,870 \$2,040	\$2,040
\$10,000 - 19,999   820   1,900   2,130   2,220   2,220   2,620   3,620   4,070   4,110   4,310   4,440	4,440
\$20,000 - 29,999   930   2,130   2,360   2,450   2,850   3,850   4,850   5,340   5,540   5,740   5,870	5,870
\$30,000 - 39,999	7,160
\$40,000 - 59,999   1,020   2,470   3,700   4,790   5,800   7,000   8,200   8,850   9,050   9,250   9,380	9,380
\$60,000 - 79,999   1,870   4,070   5,310   6,600   7,800   9,000   10,200   10,850   11,050   11,250   11,520	12,320
\$80,000 - 99,999	14,320
\$100,000 - 124,999   2,040   4,440   5,870   7,160   8,360   9,560   11,240   12,690   13,690   14,690   15,670	16,770
\$125,000 - 149,999   2,040   4,440   5,870   7,240   9,240   11,240   13,240   14,690   15,890   17,190   18,420	19,520
\$150,000 - 174,999 2,040 4,920 7,150 9,240 11,240 13,290 15,590 17,340 18,640 19,940 21,170	22,270
\$175,000 - 199,999   2,720   5,920   8,150   10,440   12,740   15,040   17,340   19,090   20,390   21,690   22,920	24,020
<u>\$200,000 - 249,999</u>	24,980
\$250,000 - 349,999   2,970   6,470   9,000   11,390   13,690   15,990   18,290   20,040   21,340   22,640   23,880	24,980
\$350,000 - 449,999   2,970   6,470   9,000   11,390   13,690   15,990   18,290   20,040   21,340   22,640   23,900	05.000
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