

# Form W-4 (2014)

**Purpose.** Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Consider completing a new Form W-4 each year and when your personal or financial situation changes.

**Exemption from withholding.** If you are exempt, complete **only** lines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 and sign the form to validate it. Your exemption for 2014 expires February 17, 2015. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

**Note.** If another person can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return, you cannot claim exemption from withholding if your income exceeds \$1,000 and includes more than \$350 of unearned income (for example, interest and dividends).

**Exceptions.** An employee may be able to claim exemption from withholding even if the employee is a dependent, if the employee:

- Is age 65 or older,
- Is blind, or
- Will claim adjustments to income; tax credits; or itemized deductions, on his or her tax return.

The exceptions do not apply to supplemental wages greater than \$1,000,000.

**Basic instructions.** If you are not exempt, complete the **Personal Allowances Worksheet** below. The worksheets on page 2 further adjust your withholding allowances based on itemized deductions, certain credits, adjustments to income, or two-earners/multiple jobs situations.

Complete all worksheets that apply. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) allowances. For regular wages, withholding must be based on allowances you claimed and may not be a flat amount or percentage of wages.

**Head of household.** Generally, you can claim head of household filing status on your tax return only if you are unmarried and pay more than 50% of the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and your dependent(s) or other qualifying individuals. See Pub. 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information, for information.

**Tax credits.** You can take projected tax credits into account in figuring your allowable number of withholding allowances. Credits for child or dependent care expenses and the child tax credit may be claimed using the **Personal Allowances Worksheet** below. See Pub. 505 for information on converting your other credits into withholding allowances.

**Nonwage income.** If you have a large amount of nonwage income, such as interest or dividends, consider making estimated tax payments using Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals. Otherwise, you may owe additional tax. If you have pension or annuity income, see Pub. 505 to find out if you should adjust your withholding on Form W-4 or W-4P.

**Two earners or multiple jobs.** If you have a working spouse or more than one job, figure the total number of allowances you are entitled to claim on all jobs using worksheets from only one Form W-4. Your withholding usually will be most accurate when all allowances are claimed on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job and zero allowances are claimed on the others. See Pub. 505 for details.

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

**Check your withholding.** After your Form W-4 takes effect, use Pub. 505 to see how the amount you are having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2014. See Pub. 505, especially if your earnings exceed \$130,000 (Single) or \$180,000 (Married).

**Future developments.** Information about any future developments affecting Form W-4 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted at [www.irs.gov/w4](http://www.irs.gov/w4).

## Personal Allowances Worksheet (Keep for your records.)

<b>A</b>	Enter "1" for <b>yourself</b> if no one else can claim you as a dependent . . . . .	<b>A</b>	<u>        </u>
<b>B</b>	Enter "1" if: <span style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">{</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are single and have only one job; or</li> <li>• You are married, have only one job, and your spouse does not work; or</li> <li>• Your wages from a second job or your spouse's wages (or the total of both) are \$1,500 or less.</li> </ul>	<b>B</b>	<u>        </u>
<b>C</b>	Enter "1" for your <b>spouse</b> . But, you may choose to enter "-0-" if you are married and have either a working spouse or more than one job. (Entering "-0-" may help you avoid having too little tax withheld.) . . . . .	<b>C</b>	<u>        </u>
<b>D</b>	Enter number of <b>dependents</b> (other than your spouse or yourself) you will claim on your tax return . . . . .	<b>D</b>	<u>        </u>
<b>E</b>	Enter "1" if you will file as <b>head of household</b> on your tax return (see conditions under <b>Head of household</b> above) . . . . .	<b>E</b>	<u>        </u>
<b>F</b>	Enter "1" if you have at least \$2,000 of <b>child or dependent care expenses</b> for which you plan to claim a credit . . . . . ( <b>Note.</b> Do <b>not</b> include child support payments. See Pub. 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses, for details.)	<b>F</b>	<u>        </u>
<b>G</b>	<b>Child Tax Credit</b> (including additional child tax credit). See Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information. • If your total income will be less than \$65,000 (\$95,000 if married), enter "2" for each eligible child; then <b>less</b> "1" if you have three to six eligible children or <b>less</b> "2" if you have seven or more eligible children. • If your total income will be between \$65,000 and \$84,000 (\$95,000 and \$119,000 if married), enter "1" for each eligible child . . . . .	<b>G</b>	<u>        </u>
<b>H</b>	Add lines A through G and enter total here. ( <b>Note.</b> This may be different from the number of exemptions you claim on your tax return.) ▶	<b>H</b>	<u>        </u>

For accuracy, **complete all worksheets that apply.** {

- If you plan to **itemize** or **claim adjustments to income** and want to reduce your withholding, see the **Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet** on page 2.
- If you are **single and have more than one job** or are **married and you and your spouse both work** and the combined earnings from all jobs exceed \$50,000 (\$20,000 if married), see the **Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet** on page 2 to avoid having too little tax withheld.
- If **neither** of the above situations applies, **stop here** and enter the number from line H on line 5 of Form W-4 below.

----- Separate here and give Form W-4 to your employer. Keep the top part for your records. -----

Form <b>W-4</b> Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">▶ <b>Whether you are entitled to claim a certain number of allowances or exemption from withholding is subject to review by the IRS. Your employer may be required to send a copy of this form to the IRS.</b></p>	OMB No. 1545-0074  <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2014</span>
1 Your first name and middle initial	Last name	2 Your social security number
Home address (number and street or rural route)		3 <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married, but withhold at higher Single rate. <b>Note.</b> If married, but legally separated, or spouse is a nonresident alien, check the "Single" box.
City or town, state, and ZIP code		4 If your last name differs from that shown on your social security card, check here. You must call 1-800-772-1213 for a replacement card. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
5 Total number of allowances you are claiming (from line H above or from the applicable worksheet on page 2)		5 <u>        </u>
6 Additional amount, if any, you want withheld from each paycheck . . . . .		6 \$ <u>        </u>
7 I claim exemption from withholding for 2014, and I certify that I meet <b>both</b> of the following conditions for exemption. • Last year I had a right to a refund of <b>all</b> federal income tax withheld because I had <b>no</b> tax liability, <b>and</b> • This year I expect a refund of <b>all</b> federal income tax withheld because I expect to have <b>no</b> tax liability. If you meet both conditions, write "Exempt" here . . . . . ▶		7 <u>        </u>
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certificate and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.		
<b>Employee's signature</b> (This form is not valid unless you sign it.) ▶		<b>Date</b> ▶
8 Employer's name and address (Employer: Complete lines 8 and 10 only if sending to the IRS.)		9 Office code (optional)
		10 Employer identification number (EIN)

Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet

Note. Use this worksheet only if you plan to itemize deductions or claim certain credits or adjustments to income.

1 Enter an estimate of your 2014 itemized deductions... 2 Enter: { \$12,400 if married filing jointly... } 3 Subtract line 2 from line 1... 4 Enter an estimate of your 2014 adjustments to income... 5 Add lines 3 and 4... 6 Enter an estimate of your 2014 nonwage income... 7 Subtract line 6 from line 5... 8 Divide the amount on line 7 by \$3,950... 9 Enter the number from the Personal Allowances Worksheet... 10 Add lines 8 and 9...

Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet (See Two earners or multiple jobs on page 1.)

Note. Use this worksheet only if the instructions under line H on page 1 direct you here.

1 Enter the number from line H, page 1... 2 Find the number in Table 1 below that applies to the LOWEST paying job... 3 If line 1 is more than or equal to line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1... Note. If line 1 is less than line 2, enter "-0-" on Form W-4, line 5... 4 Enter the number from line 2 of this worksheet... 5 Enter the number from line 1 of this worksheet... 6 Subtract line 5 from line 4... 7 Find the amount in Table 2 below that applies to the HIGHEST paying job... 8 Multiply line 7 by line 6... 9 Divide line 8 by the number of pay periods remaining in 2014...

Table 1

Table 2

Table with 8 columns: Married Filing Jointly (Lowest), All Others (Lowest), Married Filing Jointly (Highest), All Others (Highest). Rows show wage brackets and corresponding withholding amounts.

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.

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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.