

# Form W-4 (2017)

**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 2017 expires February 15, 2018. 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 can't claim exemption from withholding if your total income exceeds \$1,050 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 don't apply to supplemental wages greater than \$1,000,000.

**Basic instructions.** If you aren't 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 2017. See Pub. 505, especially if you are 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.)

- A Enter "1" for yourself if no one else can claim you as a dependent . . . . . A \_\_\_\_\_
- B Enter "1" if: {
  - You're single and have only one job; or
  - You're married, have only one job, and your spouse doesn't work; or
  - Your wages from a second job or your spouse's wages (or the total of both) are \$1,500 or less.} . . . . . B \_\_\_\_\_
- C Enter "1" for your spouse. 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.) . . . . . C \_\_\_\_\_
- D Enter number of dependents (other than your spouse or yourself) you will claim on your tax return . . . . . D \_\_\_\_\_
- E Enter "1" if you will file as head of household on your tax return (see conditions under Head of household above) . . . . . E \_\_\_\_\_
- F Enter "1" if you have at least \$2,000 of child or dependent care expenses for which you plan to claim a credit . . . . . F \_\_\_\_\_
- Note:** Do not include child support payments. See Pub. 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses, for details.)
- G **Child Tax Credit (including additional child tax credit).** See Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information.
- If your total income will be less than \$70,000 (\$100,000 if married), enter "2" for each eligible child; then less "1" if you have two to four eligible children or less "2" if you have five or more eligible children.
  - If your total income will be between \$70,000 and \$84,000 (\$100,000 and \$119,000 if married), enter "1" for each eligible child. . . . . G \_\_\_\_\_
- H Add lines A through G and enter total here. **Note:** This may be different from the number of exemptions you claim on your tax return.) . . . . . H \_\_\_\_\_

For accuracy, complete all worksheets {

- 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.

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### 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 2017 itemized deductions. These include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, medical expenses in excess of 10% of your income, and miscellaneous deductions. For 2017, you may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over \$313,800 and you're married filing jointly or you're a qualifying widow(er); \$287,650 if you're head of household; \$261,500 if you're single, not head of household and not a qualifying widow(er); or \$156,900 if you're married filing separately. See Pub. 505 for details . . . . .	1	\$ _____
2	Enter: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \$12,700 \text{ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)} \\ \$9,350 \text{ if head of household} \\ \$6,350 \text{ if single or married filing separately} \end{array} \right\}$ . . . . .	2	\$ _____
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter "-0-" . . . . .	3	\$ _____
4	Enter an estimate of your 2017 adjustments to income and any additional standard deduction (see Pub. 505)	4	\$ _____
5	Add lines 3 and 4 and enter the total. (Include any amount for credits from the Converting Credits to Withholding Allowances for 2017 Form W -4 worksheet in Pub. 505.) . . . . .	5	\$ _____
6	Enter an estimate of your 2017 nonwage income (such as dividends or interest) . . . . .	6	\$ _____
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero or less, enter "-0-" . . . . .	7	\$ _____
8	Divide the amount on line 7 by \$4,050 and enter the result here. Drop any fraction . . . . .	8	_____
9	Enter the number from the Personal Allowances Worksheet, line H, page 1 . . . . .	9	_____
10	Add lines 8 and 9 and enter the total here. If you plan to use the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet, also enter this total on line 1 below. Otherwise, stop here and enter this total on Form W -4, line 5, page 1 . . . . .	10	_____

### 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 (or from line 10 above if you used the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet)	1	_____
2	Find the number in Table 1 below that applies to the LOWEST paying job and enter it here. However, if you are married filing jointly and wages from the highest paying job are \$65,000 or less, do not enter more than "3" . . . . .	2	_____
3	If line 1 is more than or equal to line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the result here (if zero, enter "-0-") and on Form W -4, line 5, page 1. Do not use the rest of this worksheet . . . . .	3	_____

Note: If line 1 is less than line 2, enter "-0-" on Form W -4, line 5, page 1. Complete lines 4 through 9 below to figure the additional withholding amount necessary to avoid a year-end tax bill.

4	Enter the number from line 2 of this worksheet . . . . .	4	_____
5	Enter the number from line 1 of this worksheet . . . . .	5	_____
6	Subtract line 5 from line 4 . . . . .	6	_____
7	Find the amount in Table 2 below that applies to the HIGHEST paying job and enter it here . . . . .	7	\$ _____
8	Multiply line 7 by line 6 and enter the result here. This is the additional annual withholding needed . . . . .	8	\$ _____
9	Divide line 8 by the number of pay periods remaining in 2017. For example, divide by 25 if you are paid every two weeks . . . . .	9	_____