

# Form W-4 (2018)

**Future developments.** For the latest information about any future developments related to Form W-4, such as legislation enacted after it was published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW4](http://www.irs.gov/FormW4).

**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.** You may claim exemption from withholding for 2018 if **both** of the following apply.

- For 2017 you had a right to a refund of all federal income tax withheld because you had **no** tax liability, and
- For 2018 you expect a refund of all federal income tax withheld because you expect to have **no** tax liability.

If you're exempt, complete **only** lines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 and sign the form to validate it. Your exemption for 2018 expires February 15, 2019. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax, to learn more about whether you qualify for exemption from withholding.

## General Instructions

If you aren't exempt, follow the rest of these instructions to determine the number of withholding allowances you should claim for withholding for 2018 and any additional amount of tax to have withheld. For regular wages, withholding must be based on allowances you claimed and may not be a flat amount or percentage of wages.

You can also use the calculator at [www.irs.gov/W4App](http://www.irs.gov/W4App) to determine your tax withholding more accurately. Consider

using this calculator if you have a more complicated tax situation, such as if you have a working spouse, more than one job, or a large amount of nonwage income outside of your job. After your Form W-4 takes effect, you can also use this calculator to see how the amount of tax you're having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2018. If you use the calculator, you don't need to complete any of the worksheets for Form W-4.

Note that if you have too much tax withheld, you will receive a refund when you file your tax return. If you have too little tax withheld, you will owe tax when you file your tax return, and you might owe a penalty.

**Filers with multiple jobs or working spouses.** If you have more than one job at a time, or if you're married and your spouse is also working, read all of the instructions including the instructions for the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet before beginning.

**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 might owe additional tax. Or, you can use the Deductions, Adjustments, and Other Income Worksheet on page 3 or the calculator at [www.irs.gov/W4App](http://www.irs.gov/W4App) to make sure you have enough tax withheld from your paycheck. If you have pension or annuity income, see Pub. 505 or use the calculator at [www.irs.gov/W4App](http://www.irs.gov/W4App) to find out if you should adjust your withholding on Form W-4 or W-4P.

**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

### Personal Allowances Worksheet

Complete this worksheet on page 3 first to determine the number of withholding allowances to claim.

#### Line C. Head of household please note:

Generally, you can claim head of household filing status on your tax return only if you're unmarried and pay more than 50% of the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and a qualifying individual. See Pub. 501 for more information about filing status.

**Line E. Child tax credit.** When you file your tax return, you might be eligible to claim a credit for each of your qualifying children. To qualify, the child must be under age 17 as of December 31 and must be your dependent who lives with you for more than half the year. To learn more about this credit, see Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit. To reduce the tax withheld from your pay by taking this credit into account, follow the instructions on line E of the worksheet. On the worksheet you will be asked about your total income. For this purpose, total income includes all of your wages and other income, including income earned by a spouse, during the year.

**Line F. Credit for other dependents.** When you file your tax return, you might be eligible to claim a credit for each of your dependents that don't qualify for the child tax credit, such as any dependent children age 17 and older. To learn more about this credit, see Pub. 505. To reduce the tax withheld from your pay by taking this credit into account, follow the instructions on line F of the worksheet. On the worksheet, you will be asked about your total income. For this purpose, total income includes all of

----- Separate here and give Form W-4 to your employer. Keep the worksheet(s) for your records. -----

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| Form <b>W-4</b><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service  |  | <b>Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate</b> |  | OMB No. 1545-0074<br><b>2018</b>        |  |
| ▶ Whether you're 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.   |  |   |  |   |  |
| 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.<br>Note: If married filing separately, check "Married, but withhold at higher Single rate." |   |  |
| 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 800-772-1213 for a replacement card. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>  |   |  |
| 5 Total number of allowances you're claiming (from the applicable worksheet on the following pages)  |  |   |  | 5                                       |  |
| 6 Additional amount, if any, you want withheld from each paycheck  |  |   |  | 6 \$                                    |  |
| 7 I claim exemption from withholding for 2018, and I certify that I meet <b>both</b> of the following conditions for exemption.<br>• Last year I had a right to a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I had <b>no</b> tax liability, and<br>• This year I expect a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I expect to have <b>no</b> tax liability.<br>If you meet both conditions, write "Exempt" here . . . . . ▶ |  |   |  | 7                                       |  |
| 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.  |  |   |  |   |  |
| Employee's signature<br>(This form is not valid unless you sign it.) ▶   |  |   |  |   |  |
| 8 Employer's name and address (Employer: Complete boxes 8 and 10 if sending to IRS and complete boxes 8, 9, and 10 if sending to State Directory of New Hires.)  |  |   |  | 9 First date of employment              |  |
|  |  |   |  | 10 Employer identification number (EIN) |  |

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

- A Enter "1" for yourself . . . . . A \_\_\_\_\_
- B Enter "1" if you will file as married filing jointly . . . . . B \_\_\_\_\_
- C Enter "1" if you will file as head of household . . . . . C \_\_\_\_\_
- D Enter "1" if:
  - You're single, or married filing separately, and have only one job; or
  - You're married filing jointly, 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.
 } . . . . . D \_\_\_\_\_
- E **Child tax credit.** See Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information.
  - If your total income will be less than \$69,801 (\$101,401 if married filing jointly), enter "4" for each eligible child.
  - If your total income will be from \$69,801 to \$175,550 (\$101,401 to \$339,000 if married filing jointly), enter "2" for each eligible child.
  - If your total income will be from \$175,551 to \$200,000 (\$339,001 to \$400,000 if married filing jointly), enter "1" for each eligible child.
  - If your total income will be higher than \$200,000 (\$400,000 if married filing jointly), enter "-0-" . . . . . E \_\_\_\_\_
- F **Credit for other dependents.**
  - If your total income will be less than \$69,801 (\$101,401 if married filing jointly), enter "1" for each eligible dependent.
  - If your total income will be from \$69,801 to \$175,550 (\$101,401 to \$339,000 if married filing jointly), enter "1" for every two dependents (for example, "-0-" for one dependent, "1" if you have two or three dependents, and "2" if you have four dependents).
  - If your total income will be higher than \$175,550 (\$339,000 if married filing jointly), enter "-0-" . . . . . F \_\_\_\_\_
- G **Other credits.** If you have other credits, see Worksheet 1-6 of Pub. 505 and enter the amount from that worksheet here . . . . . G \_\_\_\_\_
- H Add lines A through G and enter the total here . . . . . ► H \_\_\_\_\_

For accuracy, complete all worksheets that apply.

- If you plan to itemize or claim adjustments to income and want to reduce your withholding, or if you have a large amount of nonwage income and want to increase your withholding, see the **Deductions, Adjustments, and Additional Income Worksheet** below.
- If you have more than one job at a time or are married filing jointly and you and your spouse both work, and the combined earnings from all jobs exceed \$52,000 (\$24,000 if married filing jointly), see the **Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet** on page 4 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 above.

**Deductions, Adjustments, and Additional Income Worksheet**

**Note:** Use this worksheet *only* if you plan to itemize deductions, claim certain adjustments to income, or have a large amount of nonwage income.

- 1 Enter an estimate of your 2018 itemized deductions. These include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes (up to \$10,000), and medical expenses in excess of 7.5% of your income. See Pub. 505 for details . . . . . 1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter:
  - \$24,000 if you're married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)
  - \$18,000 if you're head of household
  - \$12,000 if you're single or married filing separately
 } . . . . . 2 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter "-0-" . . . . . 3 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Enter an estimate of your 2018 adjustments to income and any additional standard deduction for age or blindness (see Pub. 505 for information about these items) . . . . . 4 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Add lines 3 and 4 and enter the total . . . . . 5 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Enter an estimate of your 2018 nonwage income (such as dividends or interest) . . . . . 6 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero, enter "-0-". If less than zero, enter the amount in parentheses . . . . . 7 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Divide the amount on line 7 by \$4,150 and enter the result here. If a negative amount, enter in parentheses. Drop any fraction . . . . . 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Enter the number from the **Personal Allowances Worksheet**, line H above . . . . . 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Add lines 8 and 9 and enter the total here. If zero or less, enter "-0-". If you plan to use the **Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet**, also enter this total on line 1, page 4. Otherwise, stop here and enter this total on Form W-4, line 5, page 1 . . . . . 10 \_\_\_\_\_