

Form W-4 (2016)

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 2016 expires February 15, 2017. 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 \$1,050 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 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 2016. 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.

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are single and have only one job; or • You are married, have only one job, and your spouse does not 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 (Note: Do not include child support payments. See Pub. 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses, for details.)	F _____
G	Child Tax Credit (including additional child tax credit). See Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 that apply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 W-4 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate		OMB No. 1545-0074 2016
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. Note: 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 _____		
6 Additional amount, if any, you want withheld from each paycheck		6 \$ _____		
7 I claim exemption from withholding for 2016, and I certify that I meet both of the following conditions for exemption.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year I had a right to a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I had no tax liability, and • This year I expect a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I expect to have no tax liability. 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 (This form is not valid unless you sign it.) ▶		Date ▶		
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)	

Employee's Wisconsin Withholding Exemption Certificate/New Hire Reporting

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Employee's Section (Print clearly)

Employee's legal name (last, first, middle initial)			Social security number		<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married, but withhold at higher Single rate Note: If married, but legally separated, check the Single box.
Employee's address (number and street)			Date of birth		
City	State	Zip code	Date of hire		

FIGURE YOUR TOTAL WITHHOLDING EXEMPTIONS BELOW

Complete Lines 1 through 3 only if your Wisconsin exemptions are different than your federal allowances.

1. (a) Exemption for yourself – enter 1 _____
- (b) Exemption for your spouse – enter 1 _____
- (c) Exemption(s) for dependent(s) – you are entitled to claim an exemption for each dependent _____
- (d) Total – add lines (a) through (c) _____

2. Additional amount per pay period you want deducted (if your employer agrees) _____

3. I claim complete exemption from withholding (see instructions). Enter "Exempt" _____

I CERTIFY that the number of withholding exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled. If claiming complete exemption from withholding, I certify that I incurred no liability for Wisconsin income tax for last year and that I anticipate that I will incur no liability for Wisconsin income tax for this year.

Signature _____

Date Signed _____

EMPLOYEE INSTRUCTIONS:

- **WHO MUST FILE:**
Every Employee is required to file a completed Form WT-4 with each of his or her employers unless the Employee claims the same number of withholding exemptions for Wisconsin withholding tax purpose as for federal withholding tax purpose. Form WT-4 (or federal Form W-4 if a Form WT-4 is not filed) will be used by your employer to determine the amount of Wisconsin income tax to be withheld from your paychecks. If you have more than one employer, you should claim a smaller number or no exemptions on each Form WT-4 filed with employers other than your principal employer so that the total amount withheld will be closer to your actual income tax liability.
Your employer may also require you to complete this form to report your hiring to the Department of Workforce Development.
You may file a new Form WT-4 any time you wish to change the amount of withholding from your paychecks, providing the number of exemptions you claim does not exceed the number you are entitled to claim.
- **UNDER WITHHOLDING:**
If sufficient tax is not withheld from your wages, you may incur additional interest charges under the tax laws. In general, 90% of the net tax shown on your income tax return should be withheld.
- **OVER WITHHOLDING:**
If you are using Form WT-4 to claim the maximum number of exemptions to which you are entitled and your withholding exceeds your expected income tax liability, you may use Form WT-4A to minimize the over withholding.
- **WHEN TO FILE IF YOUR EXEMPTIONS CHANGE:**
You must file a new certificate within 10 days if the number of exemptions previously claimed by you DECREASES.
You may file a new certificate at any time if the number of your exemptions INCREASES.

WT-4 Instructions – Provide your information in the employee section.

- **LINE 1:**
(a)-(c) Number of exemptions – Do not claim more than the correct number of exemptions. If you expect to owe more income tax for the year than will be withheld if you claim every exemption to which you are entitled, you may increase your withholding by claiming a smaller number of exemptions on lines 1(a)-(c) or you may enter into an agreement with your employer to have additional amounts withheld (see instruction for line 2).
(c) Dependents – Those persons who qualify as your dependents for federal income tax purposes may also be claimed as dependents for Wisconsin purposes. The term "dependents" does not include you or your spouse. Indicate the number of dependents that you are claiming in the space provided.
- **LINE 2:**
Additional withholding – If you have claimed "zero" exemptions on line 1, but still expect to have a balance due on your tax return for the year, you may wish to request your employer to withhold an additional amount of tax for each pay period. If your employer agrees to this additional withholding, enter the additional amount you want deducted from each of your paychecks on line 2.
- **LINE 3:**
Exemption from withholding – You may claim exemption from withholding of Wisconsin income tax if you had no liability for income tax for last year, and you expect to incur no liability for income tax for this year. You may not claim exemption if your return shows tax liability before the allowance of any credit for income tax withheld. If you are exempt, your employer will not withhold Wisconsin income tax from your wages.
You must revoke this exemption (1) within 10 days from the time you expect to incur income tax liability for the year or (2) on or before December 1 if you expect to incur Wisconsin income tax liabilities for the next year. If you want to stop or are required to revoke this exemption, you must file a new Form WT-4 with your employer showing the number of withholding exemptions you are entitled to claim. This certificate for exemption from withholding will expire on April 30 of next year unless a new Form WT-4 is filed before that date.

Employer's Section

Employer's name			Federal Employer ID Number		
Employer's payroll address (number and street)			City	State	Zip code
Completed by	Title	Phone number ()	Email		

EMPLOYER INSTRUCTIONS for Department of Revenue:

- If you do not have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), contact the Internal Revenue Service to obtain a FEIN.
- If the Employee has claimed more than 10 exemptions OR has claimed complete exemption from withholding and earns more than \$200.00 a week or is believed to have claimed more exemptions than he or she is entitled to, mail a copy of this certificate to: Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Audit Bureau, PO Box 8906, Madison WI 53708 or fax (608) 267-0834.
- Keep a copy of this certificate with your records. If you have questions about the Department of Revenue requirements, call (608) 266-8646 or (608) 266-2776.

EMPLOYER INSTRUCTIONS for New Hire Reporting:

- This report contains the required information for reporting a New Hire to Wisconsin. If you are reporting new hires electronically, you do not need to forward a copy of this report to the Department of Workforce Development. Visit <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uinh> to report new hires.
- If you do not report new hires electronically, mail the original form to the Department of Workforce Development, New Hire Reporting, PO Box 14431, Madison WI 53708-0431 or fax toll free to 1-800-277-8075.
- If you have questions about New Hire requirements, call toll free (888) 300-HIRE (888-300-4473). Visit dwd.wisconsin.gov/uinh for more information.