

**2010 Form W-4
Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate**

- Purpose: This is the first circulated draft of the 2010 Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. See below for a discussion of major changes.
- TCCC Meeting: There is no meeting scheduled, but you may request one.
- Prior Version: The 2009 Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, is available at:
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4.pdf>
- Other Products: Circulations of draft tax forms, instructions, notices, and publications are posted at:
<http://taxforms.web.irs.gov/circulations/index.htm>
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Description of Major Changes for 2010 Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate

- All years and dates have been updated as appropriate.
- All dollar amounts have been temporarily changed to placeholders (\$XXX), (\$X,XXX), (\$XX,XXX), etc. until final amounts are provided by Treasury.
- On page 2 at the end of line 2 in the *Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet*, replace "3" with "X." until final amounts are provided by Treasury. SE:W:CAR:MP:T:B:R email April 23, 2009.
- In the instructions area at the top of the form under Nonresident alien, replaced reference to Form 8233 with Notice XXX, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens. [XXX as placeholder until Notice number assigned] IRPAC request, April 22, 2009.

Form W-4 (2010)

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 2010 expires February 16, 2011. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

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

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 may 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. 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding, 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. 919 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. 919 for details.

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

Check your withholding. After your Form W-4 takes effect, use Pub. 919 to see how the amount you are having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2010. See Pub. 919, especially if your earnings exceed \$XXX,XXX (Single) or \$XXX,XXX (Married).

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 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 \$X,XXX 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 \$X,XXX 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 \$XX,XXX (\$XX,XXX if married), enter "2" for each eligible child; then **less** "1" if you have three or more eligible children.
 • If your total income will be between \$XX,XXX and \$XX,XXX (\$XX,XXX and \$XXX,XXX if married), enter "1" for each eligible child plus "1" **additional** if you have six or more eligible children. **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.**
 { • 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 have **more than one job** or are **married and you and your spouse both work** and the combined earnings from all jobs exceed \$XX,XXX (\$XX,XXX 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.

----- Cut 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	<h2 style="margin:0;">Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate</h2> <p style="margin:0;">► 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.</p>	OMB No. 1545-0074 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin:0;">2010</h1>
1 Type or print 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 \$ _____
7 I claim exemption from withholding for 2010, and I certify that I meet both of the following conditions for exemption. • 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 (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)

Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet

Note. Use this worksheet *only* if you plan to itemize deductions, or claim certain credits, adjustments to income, or an additional standard deduction.

- 1 Enter an estimate of your 2010 itemized deductions. These include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, medical expenses in excess of 7.5% of your income, and miscellaneous deductions. (For 2010, you may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over \$XXX,XXX (\$XX,XXX if married filing separately). See *Worksheet 2* in Pub. 919 for details.) 1 \$ _____
- 2 Enter: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \$XX,XXX \text{ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)} \\ \$ X,XXX \text{ if head of household} \\ \$ X,XXX \text{ if single or married filing separately} \end{array} \right\}$ 2 \$ _____
- 3 **Subtract** line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter "-0-" 3 \$ _____
- 4 Enter an estimate of your 2010 adjustments to income and any additional standard deduction. (Pub. 919) 4 \$ _____
- 5 **Add** lines 3 and 4 and enter the total. (Include any amount for credits from *Worksheet 8* in Pub. 919.) 5 \$ _____
- 6 Enter an estimate of your 2010 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 \$X,XXX 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 \$XX,XXX or less, do not enter more than "X." 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 4-9 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 2010. For example, divide by 26 if you are paid every two weeks and you complete this form in December 2009. Enter the result here and on Form W-4, line 6, page 1. This is the additional amount to be withheld from each paycheck 9 \$ _____

Table 1

Table 2

Married Filing Jointly		All Others		Married Filing Jointly		All Others	
If wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above	If wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above	If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above	If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above
\$0 - \$X,XXX -	0	\$0 - \$X,XXX -	0	\$0 - \$XX,XXX	\$XXX	\$0 - \$XX,XXX	\$XXX
X,XXX - X,XXX -	1	X,XXX - X,XXX -	1	XX,XXX - XXX,XXX	XXX	XX,XXX - XX,XXX	XXX
X,XXX - XX,XXX -	2	X,XXX - XX,XXX -	2	XXX,XXX - XXX,XXX	X,XXX	XX,XXX - XXX,XXX	X,XXX
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	3	XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	3	XXX,XXX - XXX,XXX	X,XXX	XXX,XXX - XXX,XXX	X,XXX
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	4	XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	4	XXX,XXX and over	X,XXX	XXX,XXX and over	X,XXX
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	5	XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	5				
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	6	XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	6				
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	7	XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	7				
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	8	XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	8				
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	9	XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	9				
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	10	XXX,XXX and over	10				
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	11						
XX,XXX - XX,XXX -	12						
XX,XXX - XXX,XXX -	13						
XXX,XXX - XXX,XXX -	14						
XXX,XXX - and over	15						

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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.