

Form **944-X: Adjusted Employer's ANNUAL Federal Tax Return or Claim for Refund**

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Employer identification number (EIN)   -

Name (not your trade name)

Trade name (if any)

Address

Number Street Suite or room number

City State ZIP code

Foreign country name Foreign province/county Foreign postal code

**Return You Are Correcting ...**

Check the type of return you are correcting:

- 944
- 944-SS

Enter the calendar year you are correcting:

(YYYY)

**Enter the date you discovered errors:**

/  /   
(MM / DD / YYYY)

Read the separate instructions before completing this form. Use this form to correct errors you made on Form 944 or Form 944-SS. Use a separate Form 944-X for each year that needs correction. Type or print within the boxes. You MUST complete all three pages. Do not attach this form to Form 944.

**Part 1: Select ONLY one process. See page 4 for additional guidance.**

- 1. Adjusted employment tax return.** Check this box if you underreported amounts. Also check this box if you overreported amounts and you would like to use the adjustment process to correct the errors. You must check this box if you are correcting both underreported and overreported amounts on this form. The amount shown on line 19, if less than zero, may only be applied as a credit to your Form 944, Form 941, or Form 941-SS for the tax period in which you are filing this form.
- 2. Claim.** Check this box if you overreported amounts only and you would like to use the claim process to ask for a refund or abatement of the amount shown on line 19. Do not check this box if you are correcting ANY underreported amounts on this form.

**Part 2: Complete the certifications.**

- 3. I certify that I have filed or will file Forms W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, or Forms W-2c, Corrected Wage and Tax Statement, as required.**

Note. If you are correcting underreported amounts only, go to Part 3 on page 2 and skip lines 4 and 5. If you are correcting overreported amounts, for purposes of the certifications on lines 4 and 5, Medicare tax does not include Additional Medicare Tax. Form 944-X cannot be used to correct overreported amounts of Additional Medicare Tax unless the amounts were not withheld from employee wages.

- 4. If you checked line 1 because you are adjusting overreported amounts, check all that apply.** You must check at least one box.

I certify that:


- a.** I repaid or reimbursed each affected employee for the overcollected social security tax and Medicare tax for prior years. I have a written statement from each affected employee stating that he or she has not claimed (or the claim was rejected) and will not claim a refund or credit for the overcollection.
- b.** The adjustments of social security tax and Medicare tax are for the employer's share only. I could not find the affected employees or each affected employee did not give me a written statement that he or she has not claimed (or the claim was rejected) and will not claim a refund or credit for the overcollection.
- c.** The adjustment is for federal income tax, social security tax, Medicare tax, or Additional Medicare Tax that I did not withhold from employee wages.

- 5. If you checked line 2 because you are claiming a refund or abatement of overreported employment taxes, check all that apply.**

You must check at least one box.

I certify that:

- a.** I repaid or reimbursed each affected employee for the overcollected social security tax and Medicare tax for prior years. I have a written statement from each affected employee stating that he or she has not claimed (or the claim was rejected) and will not claim a refund or credit for the overcollection.
- b.** I have a written consent from each affected employee stating that I may file this claim for the employee's share of social security tax and Medicare tax overcollected in prior years. I also have a written statement from each affected employee stating that he or she has not claimed (or the claim was rejected) and will not claim a refund or credit for the overcollection.
- c.** The claim for social security tax and Medicare tax is for the employer's share only. I could not find the affected employees; or each affected employee did not give me a written consent to file a claim for the employee's share of social security tax and Medicare tax; or each affected employee did not give me a written statement that he or she has not claimed (or the claim was rejected) and will not claim a refund or credit for the overcollection.
- d.** The claim is for federal income tax, social security tax, Medicare tax, or Additional Medicare Tax that I did not withhold from employee wages.

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**Part 3: Enter the corrections for the calendar year you are correcting. If any line does not apply, leave it blank.**

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
	<i>Total corrected amount (for ALL employees)</i>	<i>Amount originally reported or as previously corrected (for ALL employees)</i>	<i>Difference (If this amount is a negative number, use a minus sign.)</i>	<i>Tax correction</i>
6. <b>Wages, tips and other compensation</b> (Form 944, line 1)	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	Use the amount in Column 1 when you prepare your Forms W-2 or Forms W-2c.
7. <b>Federal income tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation</b> (Form 944, line 2)	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	Copy Column 3 here ▶ [ ]
8. <b>Taxable social security wages</b> (Form 944 or Form 944-SS, line 4a, Column 1)	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	× .124* = [ ]
*If you are correcting a 2011 or 2012 return, use .104. If you are correcting your employer share only, use .062. See instructions.				
9. <b>Taxable social security tips</b> (Form 944 or Form 944-SS, line 4b, Column 1)	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	× .124* = [ ]
*If you are correcting a 2011 or 2012 return, use .104. If you are correcting your employer share only, use .062. See instructions.				
10. <b>Taxable Medicare wages &amp; tips</b> (Form 944 or Form 944-SS, line 4c, Column 1)	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	× .029* = [ ]
*If you are correcting your employer share only, use .0145. See instructions.				
11. <b>Taxable wages &amp; tips subject to Additional Medicare Tax withholding</b> (Form 944 line 4d, only for years beginning after December 31, 2012)	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	× .009* = [ ]
*Certain wages & tips reported in Column 3 should not be multiplied by .009. See instructions.				
12. <b>Tax adjustments</b> (Form 944 or Form 944-SS, line 6)	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	Copy Column 3 here ▶ [ ]
13. <b>Special addition to wages for federal income tax</b>	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	See instructions [ ]
14. <b>Special addition to wages for social security taxes</b>	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	See instructions [ ]
15. <b>Special addition to wages for Medicare taxes</b>	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	See instructions [ ]
16. <b>Special addition to wages for Additional Medicare Tax</b>	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	See instructions [ ]
17. <b>Subtotal.</b> Combine the amounts on lines 7–16 of Column 4 . . . . .				[ ]
18a. <b>COBRA premium assistance payments</b> (see instructions)	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	See instructions [ ]
18b. <b>Number of individuals provided COBRA premium assistance</b> (see instructions)	[ ]	[ ]	= [ ]	
19. <b>Total.</b> Combine the amounts on lines 17 and 18a of Column 4 . . . . .				[ ]

**If line 19 is less than zero:**

- If you checked line 1, this is the amount you want applied as a credit to your Form 944 for the tax period in which you are filing this form (If you are currently filing a Form 941 or Form 941-SS, Employer’s QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return, see the instructions.)
- If you checked line 2, this is the amount you want refunded or abated.

**If line 19 is more than zero, this is the amount you owe.** Pay this amount by the time you file this return. For information on how to pay, see *Amount you owe* in the instructions.



Type of errors  
you are  
correcting

## Form 944-X: Which process should you use?

### Underreported amounts ONLY

**Use the adjustment process** to correct underreported amounts.

- Check the box on line 1.
- Pay the amount you owe from line 19 by the time you file Form 944-X.

### Overreported amounts ONLY

The process you  
use depends on  
**when** you file  
Form 944-X.

**If you are filing Form 944-X  
MORE THAN 90 days before the  
period of limitations on credit or  
refund for Form 944 or Form  
944-SS expires . . .**

Choose either the adjustment process or the claim  
process to correct the overreported amounts.

**Choose the adjustment process** if you want the  
amount shown on line 19 credited to your Form 944,  
941, or 941-SS, for the period in which you file Form  
944-X. Check the box on line 1.

OR

**Choose the claim process** if you want the amount  
shown on line 19 refunded to you or abated. Check  
the box on line 2.

**If you are filing Form 944-X  
WITHIN 90 days of the expiration  
of the period of limitations on  
credit or refund for Form 944 or  
Form 944-SS . . .**

You must use the **claim process** to correct the  
overreported amounts. Check the box on line 2.

### BOTH underreported and overreported amounts

The process you  
use depends on  
**when** you file  
Form 944-X.

**If you are filing Form 944-X  
MORE THAN 90 days before the  
period of limitations on credit or  
refund for Form 944 or Form  
944-SS expires . . .**

Choose either the adjustment process or both the  
adjustment process and the claim process when you  
correct both underreported and overreported amounts.

**Choose the adjustment process** if combining your  
underreported amounts and overreported amounts  
results in a balance due or creates a credit that you  
want applied to Form 944, 941, or 941-SS.

- File one Form 944-X, and
- Check the box on line 1 and follow the instructions  
on line 19.

OR

**Choose both the adjustment process and the  
claim process** if you want the overreported amount  
refunded to you or abated.

File two separate forms.

- 1. For the adjustment process**, file one Form 944-X  
to correct the underreported amounts. Check the  
box on line 1. Pay the amount you owe from line 19  
by the time you file Form 944-X.
- 2. For the claim process**, file a second Form 944-X  
to correct the overreported amounts. Check the  
box on line 2.

**If you are filing Form 944-X  
WITHIN 90 days of the  
expiration of the period of  
limitations on credit or refund  
for Form 944 or Form 944-SS. . .**

**You must use both the adjustment process and  
the claim process.**

File two separate forms.

- 1. For the adjustment process**, file one Form 944-X  
to correct the underreported amounts. Check the  
box on line 1. Pay the amount you owe from line 19  
by the time you file Form 944-X.
- 2. For the claim process**, file a second Form 944-X  
to correct the overreported amounts. Check the  
box on line 2.