

Employee's Withholding Certificate

▶ **Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay.**
 ▶ **Give Form W-4 to your employer.**
 ▶ **Your withholding is subject to review by the IRS.**

2020

Step 1: Enter Personal Information	(a) First name and middle initial	Last name	(b) Social security number
	Address		▶ Does your name match the name on your social security card? If not, to ensure you get credit for your earnings, contact SSA at 800-772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov .
	City or town, state, and ZIP code		
	(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Single or Married filing separately <input type="checkbox"/> Married filing jointly (or Qualifying widow(er)) <input type="checkbox"/> Head of household (Check only if you're unmarried and pay more than half the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and a qualifying individual.)		

Complete Steps 2–4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwise, skip to Step 5. See page 2 for more information on each step, who can claim exemption from withholding, when to use the online estimator, and privacy.

Step 2: Multiple Jobs or Spouse Works

Complete this step if you (1) hold more than one job at a time, or (2) are married filing jointly and your spouse also works. The correct amount of withholding depends on income earned from all of these jobs.

Do **only one** of the following.

(a) Use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App for most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3–4); **or**

(b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result in Step 4(c) below for roughly accurate withholding; **or**

(c) If there are only two jobs total, you may check this box. Do the same on Form W-4 for the other job. This option is accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise, more tax than necessary may be withheld ▶

TIP: To be accurate, submit a 2020 Form W-4 for all other jobs. If you (or your spouse) have self-employment income, including as an independent contractor, use the estimator.

Complete Steps 3–4(b) on Form W-4 for only ONE of these jobs. Leave those steps blank for the other jobs. (Your withholding will be most accurate if you complete Steps 3–4(b) on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.)

Step 3: Claim Dependents	If your income will be \$200,000 or less (\$400,000 or less if married filing jointly):		
	Multiply the number of qualifying children under age 17 by \$2,000 ▶ \$ _____		
	Multiply the number of other dependents by \$500 ▶ \$ _____		
	Add the amounts above and enter the total here	3	\$ _____
Step 4 (optional): Other Adjustments	(a) Other income (not from jobs). If you want tax withheld for other income you expect this year that won't have withholding, enter the amount of other income here. This may include interest, dividends, and retirement income	4(a)	\$ _____
	(b) Deductions. If you expect to claim deductions other than the standard deduction and want to reduce your withholding, use the Deductions Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result here	4(b)	\$ _____
	(c) Extra withholding. Enter any additional tax you want withheld each pay period	4(c)	\$ _____
	Claim exempt --->		

Step 5: Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.

▶ _____ ▶ _____
Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.) **Date**

Employers Only	Employer's name and address	First date of employment	Employer identification number (EIN)

General Instructions

Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Form W-4, such as legislation enacted after it was published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW4.

Purpose of Form

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. If too little is withheld, you will generally owe tax when you file your tax return and may owe a penalty. If too much is withheld, you will generally be due a refund. Complete a new Form W-4 when changes to your personal or financial situation would change the entries on the form. For more information on withholding and when you must furnish a new Form W-4, see Pub. 505.

Exemption from withholding. You may claim exemption from withholding for 2020 if you meet both of the following conditions: you had no federal income tax liability in 2019 **and** you expect to have no federal income tax liability in 2020. You had no federal income tax liability in 2019 if (1) your total tax on line 16 on your 2019 Form 1040 or 1040-SR is zero (or less than the sum of lines 18a, 18b, and 18c), or (2) you were not required to file a return because your income was below the filing threshold for your correct filing status. **If you claim exemption, you will have no income tax withheld from your paycheck and may owe taxes and penalties when you file your 2020 tax return. To claim exemption from withholding, certify that you meet both of the conditions above by writing "Exempt" on Form W-4 in the space below Step 4(c). Then, complete Steps 1a, 1b, and 5. Do not complete any other steps. You will need to submit a new Form W-4 by February 16, 2021.**

Your privacy. If you prefer to limit information provided in Steps 2 through 4, use the online estimator, which will also increase accuracy.

As an alternative to the estimator: if you have concerns with Step 2(c), you may choose Step 2(b); if you have concerns with Step 4(a), you may enter an additional amount you want withheld per pay period in Step 4(c). If this is the only job in your household, you may instead check the box in Step 2(c), which will increase your withholding and significantly reduce your paycheck (often by thousands of dollars over the year).

When to use the estimator. Consider using the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App if you:

1. Expect to work only part of the year;
2. Have dividend or capital gain income, or are subject to additional taxes, such as the additional Medicare tax;
3. Have self-employment income (see below); or
4. Prefer the most accurate withholding for multiple job situations.

Self-employment. Generally, you will owe both income and self-employment taxes on any self-employment income you receive separate from the wages you receive as an employee. If you want to pay these taxes through withholding from your wages, use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App to figure the amount to have withheld.

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

Step 1(c). Check your anticipated filing status. This will determine the standard deduction and tax rates used to compute your withholding.

Step 2. Use this step if you (1) have more than one job at the same time, or (2) are married filing jointly and you and your spouse both work.

Option **(a)** most accurately calculates the additional tax you need to have withheld, while option **(b)** does so with a little less accuracy.

If you (and your spouse) have a total of only two jobs, you may instead check the box in option **(c)**. The box must also be checked on the Form W-4 for the other job. If the box is checked, the standard deduction and tax brackets will be cut in half for each job to calculate withholding. This option is roughly accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise, more tax than necessary may be withheld, and this extra amount will be larger the greater the difference in pay is between the two jobs.



Multiple jobs. Complete Steps 3 through 4(b) on only one Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you do this on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.

Step 3. Step 3 of Form W-4 provides instructions for determining the amount of the child tax credit and the credit for other dependents that you may be able to claim when you file your tax return. To qualify for the child tax credit, the child must be under age 17 as of December 31, must be your dependent who generally lives with you for more than half the year, and must have the required social security number. You may be able to claim a credit for other dependents for whom a child tax credit can't be claimed, such as an older child or a qualifying relative. For additional eligibility requirements for these credits, see Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents. You can also include **other tax credits** in this step, such as education tax credits and the foreign tax credit. To do so, add an estimate of the amount for the year to your credits for dependents and enter the total amount in Step 3. Including these credits will increase your paycheck and reduce the amount of any refund you may receive when you file your tax return.

Step 4 (optional).

Step 4(a). Enter in this step the total of your other estimated income for the year, if any. You shouldn't include income from any jobs or self-employment. If you complete Step 4(a), you likely won't have to make estimated tax payments for that income. If you prefer to pay estimated tax rather than having tax on other income withheld from your paycheck, see Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

Step 4(b). Enter in this step the amount from the Deductions Worksheet, line 5, if you expect to claim deductions other than the basic standard deduction on your 2020 tax return and want to reduce your withholding to account for these deductions. This includes both itemized deductions and other deductions such as for student loan interest and IRAs.

Step 4(c). Enter in this step any additional tax you want withheld from your pay **each pay period**, including any amounts from the Multiple Jobs Worksheet, line 4. Entering an amount here will reduce your paycheck and will either increase your refund or reduce any amount of tax that you owe.

Step 2(b) – Multiple Jobs Worksheet (Keep for your records.)



If you choose the option in Step 2(b) on Form W-4, complete this worksheet (which calculates the total extra tax for all jobs) on only ONE Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you complete the worksheet and enter the result on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.

Note: If more than one job has annual wages of more than \$120,000 or there are more than three jobs, see Pub. 505 for additional tables; or, you can use the online withholding estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App.

- 1 Two jobs. If you have two jobs or you're married filing jointly and you and your spouse each have one job, find the amount from the appropriate table on page 4. Using the "Higher Paying Job" row and the "Lower Paying Job" column, find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value on line 1. Then, skip to line 3. 1 \$
2 Three jobs. If you and/or your spouse have three jobs at the same time, complete lines 2a, 2b, and 2c below. Otherwise, skip to line 3.
a Find the amount from the appropriate table on page 4 using the annual wages from the highest paying job in the "Higher Paying Job" row and the annual wages for your next highest paying job in the "Lower Paying Job" column. Find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value on line 2a. 2a \$
b Add the annual wages of the two highest paying jobs from line 2a together and use the total as the wages in the "Higher Paying Job" row and use the annual wages for your third job in the "Lower Paying Job" column to find the amount from the appropriate table on page 4 and enter this amount on line 2b. 2b \$
c Add the amounts from lines 2a and 2b and enter the result on line 2c. 2c \$
3 Enter the number of pay periods per year for the highest paying job. For example, if that job pays weekly, enter 52; if it pays every other week, enter 26; if it pays monthly, enter 12, etc. 3
4 Divide the annual amount on line 1 or line 2c by the number of pay periods on line 3. Enter this amount here and in Step 4(c) of Form W-4 for the highest paying job (along with any other additional amount you want withheld). 4 \$

Step 4(b) – Deductions Worksheet (Keep for your records.)



- 1 Enter an estimate of your 2020 itemized deductions (from Schedule A (Form 1040 or 1040-SR)). Such deductions may include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes (up to \$10,000), and medical expenses in excess of 10% of your income. 1 \$
2 Enter: { \$24,800 if you're married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er); \$18,650 if you're head of household; \$12,400 if you're single or married filing separately } 2 \$
3 If line 1 is greater than line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1. If line 2 is greater than line 1, enter "-0-". 3 \$
4 Enter an estimate of your student loan interest, deductible IRA contributions, and certain other adjustments (from Schedule 1 (Form 1040 or 1040-SR)). See Pub. 505 for more information. 4 \$
5 Add lines 3 and 4. Enter the result here and in Step 4(b) of Form W-4. 5 \$

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. Internal Revenue Code sections 3402(f)(2) and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide this information; your employer uses it to determine your federal income tax withholding. Failure to provide a properly completed form will result in your being treated as a single person with no other entries on the form; providing fraudulent information may subject you to penalties. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation; to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws; and to the Department of Health and Human Services for use in the National Directory of New Hires. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Code section 6103.

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.

Employee's Wisconsin Withholding Exemption Certificate/New Hire Reporting

WT-4

Employee's Section (Print clearly)

Employee's legal name (last, first, middle initial)		Social security number		<input type="checkbox"/> Single **Please check one box <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.

- Exemption for yourself – enter 1 _____
 - Exemption for your spouse – enter 1 _____
 - Exemption(s) for dependent(s) – you are entitled to claim an exemption for each dependent _____
 - Total – add lines (a) through (c) _____
- Additional amount per pay period you want deducted (if your employer agrees) _____
- 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/uiuh> 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/uiuh for more information.