

Form W-4 (2018)

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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 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 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 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.

Form W-4 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate		OMB No. 1545-0074 2018	
▶ 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. 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 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 (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: { <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: { <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$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	_____

EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCE CERTIFICATE

Type or Print Your Full Name	Your Social Security Number
Home Address (Number and Street or Rural Route)	Filing Status Withholding Allowances <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE or MARRIED (with two or more incomes) <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED (one income) <input type="checkbox"/> HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
City, State, and ZIP Code	

- Number of allowances for Regular Withholding Allowances, Worksheet A _____
 Number of allowances from the Estimated Deductions, Worksheet B _____
 Total Number of Allowances (A + B) when using the California Withholding Schedules for 2013 _____
 OR
- Additional amount of state income tax to be withheld each pay period (if employer agrees), Worksheet C _____
 OR
- I certify under penalty of perjury that I am not subject to California withholding. I meet the conditions set forth under the Service Member Civil Relief Act, as amended by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act. (Check box here)

Under the penalties of perjury, I certify that the number of withholding allowances claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled or, if claiming exemption from withholding, that I am entitled to claim the exempt status.

Signature _____ Date _____

Employer's Name and Address	California Employer Account Number
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Give the top portion of this page to your employer and keep the remainder for your records.

YOUR CALIFORNIA PERSONAL INCOME TAX MAY BE UNDERWITHHELD IF YOU DO NOT FILE THIS DE 4 FORM.

IF YOU RELY ON THE FEDERAL FORM W-4 FOR YOUR CALIFORNIA WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCES, YOUR CALIFORNIA STATE PERSONAL INCOME TAX MAY BE UNDERWITHHELD AND YOU MAY OWE MONEY AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

PURPOSE: This certificate, DE 4, is for California Personal Income Tax (PIT) withholding purposes only. The DE 4 is used to compute the amount of taxes to be withheld from your wages, by your employer, to accurately reflect your state tax withholding obligation.

You should complete this form if either:

- You claim a different marital status, number of regular allowances, or different additional dollar amount to be withheld for California PIT withholding than you claim for federal income tax withholding or,
- You claim additional allowances for estimated deductions.

THIS FORM WILL NOT CHANGE YOUR FEDERAL WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCES.

The federal Form W-4 is applicable for California withholding purposes if you wish to claim the same marital status, number of regular allowances, and/or the same additional dollar amount to be withheld for state and federal purposes. However, federal tax brackets and withholding methods do not reflect state PIT withholding tables. **If you rely on the number of withholding**

allowances you claim on your Form W-4 withholding allowance certificate for your state income tax withholding, you may be significantly underwithheld. This is particularly true if your household income is derived from more than one source.

CHECK YOUR WITHHOLDING: After your Form W-4 and/or DE 4 takes effect, compare the state income tax withheld with your estimated total annual tax. For state withholding, use the worksheets on this form, and for federal withholding use the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 919 or federal withholding calculations.

EXEMPTION FROM WITHHOLDING: If you wish to claim exempt, complete the federal Form W-4. You may claim exempt from withholding California income tax if you did not owe any federal income tax last year and you do not expect to owe any federal income tax this year. The exemption automatically expires on February 15 of the next year. If you continue to qualify for the exempt filing status, a new Form W-4 designating EXEMPT must be submitted before February 15. If you are not having federal income tax withheld this year but expect to have a tax liability next year, the law requires you to give your employer a new Form W-4 by December 1.

INSTRUCTIONS — 1 — ALLOWANCES*

When determining your withholding allowances, you must consider your personal situation:

- Do you claim allowances for dependents or blindness?
- Are you going to itemize your deductions?
- Do you have more than one income coming into the household?

TWO-EARNER/TWO-JOBS: When earnings are derived from more than one source, underwithholding may occur. If you have a working spouse or more than one job, it is best to check the box "SINGLE or MARRIED (with two or more incomes)." Figure the total number of allowances you are entitled to claim on all jobs using only one DE 4 form. Claim allowances with one employer. Do not claim the same allowances with more than one employer. Your withholding will usually be most accurate when all allowances are claimed on the DE 4 or Form W-4 filed for the highest paying job and zero allowances are claimed for the others.

MARRIED BUT NOT LIVING WITH YOUR SPOUSE: You may check the "Head of Household" marital status box if you meet all of the following tests:

- (1) Your spouse will not live with you at any time during the year;
- (2) You will furnish over half of the cost of maintaining a home for the entire year for yourself and your child or stepchild who qualifies as your dependent; and
- (3) You will file a separate return for the year.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: To qualify, you must be unmarried or legally separated from your spouse and pay more than 50% of the costs of maintaining a home for the entire year for yourself and your dependent(s) or other qualifying individuals. Cost of maintaining the home includes such items as rent, property insurance, property taxes, mortgage interest, repairs, utilities, and cost of food. It does not include the individual's personal expenses or any amount which represents value of services performed by a member of the household of the taxpayer.

WORKSHEET A

REGULAR WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCES

- (A) Allowance for yourself — enter 1 (A) _____
- (B) Allowance for your spouse (if not separately claimed by your spouse) — enter 1 (B) _____
- (C) Allowance for blindness — yourself — enter 1 (C) _____
- (D) Allowance for blindness — your spouse (if not separately claimed by your spouse) — enter 1 (D) _____
- (E) Allowance(s) for dependent(s) — do not include yourself or your spouse (E) _____
- (F) Total — add lines (A) through (E) above (F) _____

INSTRUCTIONS — 2 — ADDITIONAL WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCES

If you expect to itemize deductions on your California income tax return, you can claim additional withholding allowances. Use Worksheet B to determine whether your expected estimated deductions may entitle you to claim one or more additional withholding allowances. Use last year's FTB 540 form as a model to calculate this year's withholding amounts.

Do not include deferred compensation, qualified pension payments or flexible benefits, etc., that are deducted from your gross pay but are not taxed on this worksheet.

You may reduce the amount of tax withheld from your wages by claiming one additional withholding allowance for each \$1,000, or fraction of \$1,000, by which you expect your estimated deductions for the year to exceed your allowable standard deduction.

WORKSHEET B

ESTIMATED DEDUCTIONS

1. Enter an estimate of your itemized deductions for California taxes for this tax year as listed in the schedules in the FTB 540 form 1. _____
2. Enter \$7,682 if married filing joint with two or more allowances, unmarried head of household, or qualifying widow(er) with dependent(s) or \$3,841 if single or married filing separately, dual income married, or married with multiple employers - 2. _____
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1, enter difference = 3. _____
4. Enter an estimate of your adjustments to income (alimony payments, IRA deposits) + 4. _____
5. Add line 4 to line 3, enter sum = 5. _____
6. Enter an estimate of your nonwage income (dividends, interest income, alimony receipts) - 6. _____
7. If line 5 is greater than line 6 (if less, see below); Subtract line 6 from line 5, enter difference = 7. _____
8. Divide the amount on line 7 by \$1,000, round any fraction to the nearest whole number 8. _____
Enter this number on line 1 of the DE 4. Complete Worksheet C, if needed.
9. If line 6 is greater than line 5;
Enter amount from line 6 (nonwage income) 9. _____
10. Enter amount from line 5 (deductions) 10. _____
11. Subtract line 10 from line 9, enter difference 11. _____
Complete Worksheet C

*Wages paid to registered domestic partners will be treated the same for state income tax purposes as wages paid to spouses for California Personal Income Tax (PIT) withholding and PIT wages. This new law does not impact federal income tax law. A registered domestic partner means an individual partner in a domestic partner relationship within the meaning of Section 297 of the Family Code. For more information, please call our Taxpayer Assistance Center at 888-745-3886.

WORKSHEET C

TAX WITHHOLDING AND ESTIMATED TAX

1. Enter estimate of total wages for tax year 2013 1. _____
2. Enter estimate of nonwage income (line 6 of Worksheet B) 2. _____
3. Add line 1 and line 2. Enter sum 3. _____
4. Enter itemized deductions or standard deduction (line 1 or 2 of Worksheet B, whichever is largest) 4. _____
5. Enter adjustments to income (line 4 of Worksheet B) 5. _____
6. Add line 4 and line 5. Enter sum 6. _____
7. Subtract line 6 from line 3. Enter difference 7. _____
8. Figure your tax liability for the amount on line 7 by using the 2013 tax rate schedules below 8. _____
9. Enter personal exemptions (line F of Worksheet A x \$114.40) 9. _____
10. Subtract line 9 from line 8. Enter difference 10. _____
11. Enter any tax credits. (See FTB Form 540) 11. _____
12. Subtract line 11 from line 10. Enter difference. This is your total tax liability 12. _____
13. Calculate the tax withheld and estimated to be withheld during 2013. Contact your employer to request the amount that will be withheld on your wages based on the marital status and number of withholding allowances you will claim for 2013. Multiply the estimated amount to be withheld by the number of pay periods left in the year. Add the total to the amount already withheld for 2013 13. _____
14. Subtract line 13 from line 12. Enter difference. If this is less than zero, you do not need to have additional taxes withheld 14. _____
15. Divide line 14 by the number of pay periods remaining in the year. Enter this figure on line 2 of the DE 4 15. _____

NOTE: Your employer is not required to withhold the additional amount requested on line 2 of your DE 4. If your employer does not agree to withhold the additional amount, you may increase your withholdings as much as possible by using the "single" status with "zero" allowances. If the amount withheld still results in an underpayment of state income taxes, you may need to file quarterly estimates on Form 540-ES with the FTB to avoid a penalty.

THESE TABLES ARE FOR CALCULATING WORKSHEET C AND FOR 2013 ONLY

SINGLE OR MARRIED WITH DUAL EMPLOYERS				
IF THE TAXABLE INCOME IS		COMPUTED TAX IS		
OVER	BUT NOT OVER	OF AMOUNT OVER . . .	PLUS*	
\$0	\$7,455 ...	1.100%	\$0	\$0.00
\$7,455	\$17,676 ...	2.200%	\$7,455	\$82.01
\$17,676	\$27,897 ...	4.400%	\$17,676	\$306.87
\$27,897	\$38,726 ...	6.600%	\$27,897	\$756.59
\$38,726	\$48,942 ...	8.800%	\$38,726	\$1,471.30
\$48,942	\$250,000 ...	10.230%	\$48,942	\$2,370.31
\$250,000	\$300,000 ...	11.330%	\$250,000	\$22,938.54
\$300,000	\$500,000 ...	12.430%	\$300,000	\$28,603.54
\$500,000	\$1,000,000 ...	13.530%	\$500,000	\$53,463.54
\$1,000,000	and over	14.630%	\$1,000,000	\$121,113.54

MARRIED FILING JOINT OR QUALIFYING WIDOW(ER) TAXPAYERS				
IF THE TAXABLE INCOME IS		COMPUTED TAX IS		
OVER	BUT NOT OVER	OF AMOUNT OVER . . .	PLUS*	
\$0	\$14,910 ...	1.100%	\$0	\$0.00
\$14,910	\$35,352 ...	2.200%	\$14,910	\$164.01
\$35,352	\$55,794 ...	4.400%	\$35,352	\$613.73
\$55,794	\$77,452 ...	6.600%	\$55,794	\$1,513.18
\$77,452	\$97,884 ...	8.800%	\$77,452	\$2,942.61
\$97,884	\$500,000 ...	10.230%	\$97,884	\$4,740.63
\$500,000	\$600,000 ...	11.330%	\$500,000	\$45,877.10
\$600,000	\$1,000,000 ...	12.430%	\$600,000	\$57,207.10
\$1,000,000	and over	14.630%	\$1,000,000	\$106,927.10

UNMARRIED HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD TAXPAYERS				
IF THE TAXABLE INCOME IS		COMPUTED TAX IS		
OVER	BUT NOT OVER	OF AMOUNT OVER . . .	PLUS*	
\$0	\$14,920 ...	1.100%	\$0	\$0.00
\$14,920	\$35,351 ...	2.200%	\$14,920	\$164.12
\$35,351	\$45,571 ...	4.400%	\$35,351	\$613.60
\$45,571	\$56,400 ...	6.600%	\$45,571	\$1,063.28
\$56,400	\$66,618 ...	8.800%	\$56,400	\$1,777.99
\$66,618	\$340,000 ...	10.230%	\$66,618	\$2,677.17
\$340,000	\$408,000 ...	11.330%	\$340,000	\$30,644.15
\$408,000	\$680,000 ...	12.430%	\$408,000	\$38,348.55
\$680,000	\$1,000,000 ...	13.530%	\$680,000	\$72,158.15
\$1,000,000	and over	14.630%	\$1,000,000	\$115,454.15

IF YOU NEED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, SEE THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT CAME WITH YOUR LAST CALIFORNIA INCOME TAX RETURN OR CALL FRANCHISE TAX BOARD:

IF YOU ARE CALLING FROM WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 800-852-5711 (voice)
800-822-6268 (TTY)

IF YOU ARE CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES (Not Toll Free) 916-845-6500

*marginal tax

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