

# Form W-4 (2019)

**Future developments.** For the latest information about any future developments related to Form W-4, such as legislation enacted after it was published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW4](http://www.irs.gov/FormW4).

**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 2019 if **both** of the following apply.

- For 2018 you had a right to a refund of **all** federal income tax withheld because you had **no** tax liability, **and**
- For 2019 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 2019 expires February 17, 2020. 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 2019 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](http://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 not subject to withholding 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 2019. 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 filing jointly 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 not subject to withholding, 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 Additional Income Worksheet on page 3 or the calculator at [www.irs.gov/W4App](http://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](http://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 may 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 may be eligible to claim a child tax credit for each of your eligible children. To qualify, the child must be under age 17 as of December 31, must be your dependent who lives with you for more than half the year, and must have a valid social security number. 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 if you are filing a joint return.

**Line F. Credit for other dependents.** When you file your tax return, you may be eligible to claim a credit for other dependents for whom a child tax credit can't be claimed, such as a qualifying child who doesn't meet the age or social security number requirement for the child tax credit, or a qualifying relative. To learn more about this credit, see Pub. 972. 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

----- Separate here and give Form W-4 to your employer. Keep the worksheet(s) for your records. -----

<b>Form W-4</b> Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		<b>Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate</b>		OMB No. 1545-0074 <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2019</span>	
<b>▶ 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.</b>					
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. <b>Note:</b> 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 2019, and I certify that I meet <b>both</b> of the following conditions for exemption. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last year I had a right to a refund of <b>all</b> federal income tax withheld because I had <b>no</b> tax liability, <b>and</b></li> <li>• This year I expect a refund of <b>all</b> federal income tax withheld because I expect to have <b>no</b> tax liability.</li> </ul> If you meet both conditions, write "Exempt" here . . . . . ▶					
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.)				Date ▶	
9 First date of employment			10 Employer identification number (EIN)		

**Personal Allowances Worksheet (Keep for your records.)**

<b>A</b>	Enter "1" for yourself . . . . .	<b>A</b>	_____
<b>B</b>	Enter "1" if you will file as married filing jointly . . . . .	<b>B</b>	_____
<b>C</b>	Enter "1" if you will file as head of household . . . . .	<b>C</b>	_____
<b>D</b>	Enter "1" if: <span style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">{</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You're single, or married filing separately, and have only one job; or</li> <li>• You're married filing jointly, have only one job, and your spouse doesn't work; or</li> <li>• Your wages from a second job or your spouse's wages (or the total of both) are \$1,500 or less.</li> </ul> <span style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</span>	<b>D</b>	_____
<b>E</b>	<p><b>Child tax credit.</b> See Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your total income will be less than \$71,201 (\$103,351 if married filing jointly), enter "4" for each eligible child.</li> <li>• If your total income will be from \$71,201 to \$179,050 (\$103,351 to \$345,850 if married filing jointly), enter "2" for each eligible child.</li> <li>• If your total income will be from \$179,051 to \$200,000 (\$345,851 to \$400,000 if married filing jointly), enter "1" for each eligible child.</li> <li>• If your total income will be higher than \$200,000 (\$400,000 if married filing jointly), enter "-0-" . . . . .</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>	_____
<b>F</b>	<p><b>Credit for other dependents.</b> See Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your total income will be less than \$71,201 (\$103,351 if married filing jointly), enter "1" for each eligible dependent.</li> <li>• If your total income will be from \$71,201 to \$179,050 (\$103,351 to \$345,850 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).</li> <li>• If your total income will be higher than \$179,050 (\$345,850 if married filing jointly), enter "-0-" . . . . .</li> </ul>	<b>F</b>	_____
<b>G</b>	<p><b>Other credits.</b> If you have other credits, see Worksheet 1-6 of Pub. 505 and enter the amount from that worksheet here. If you use Worksheet 1-6, enter "-0-" on lines E and F . . . . .</p>	<b>G</b>	_____
<b>H</b>	Add lines A through G and enter the total here . . . . .	<b>H</b>	_____

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 not subject to withholding 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 \$53,000 (\$24,450 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 not subject to withholding.

<b>1</b>	Enter an estimate of your 2019 itemized deductions. These 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. See Pub. 505 for details . . . . .	<b>1</b>	\$ _____
<b>2</b>	Enter: <span style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">{</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$24,400 if you're married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)</li> <li>\$18,350 if you're head of household</li> <li>\$12,200 if you're single or married filing separately</li> </ul> <span style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</span> . . . . .	<b>2</b>	\$ _____
<b>3</b>	<b>Subtract</b> line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter "-0-" . . . . .	<b>3</b>	\$ _____
<b>4</b>	Enter an estimate of your 2019 adjustments to income, qualified business income deduction, and any additional standard deduction for age or blindness (see Pub. 505 for information about these items) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	\$ _____
<b>5</b>	<b>Add</b> lines 3 and 4 and enter the total . . . . .	<b>5</b>	\$ _____
<b>6</b>	Enter an estimate of your 2019 nonwage income not subject to withholding (such as dividends or interest) . . . . .	<b>6</b>	\$ _____
<b>7</b>	<b>Subtract</b> line 6 from line 5. If zero, enter "-0-". If less than zero, enter the amount in parentheses . . . . .	<b>7</b>	\$ _____
<b>8</b>	<b>Divide</b> the amount on line 7 by \$4,200 and enter the result here. If a negative amount, enter in parentheses. Drop any fraction . . . . .	<b>8</b>	_____
<b>9</b>	Enter the number from the <b>Personal Allowances Worksheet</b> , line H, above . . . . .	<b>9</b>	_____
<b>10</b>	<b>Add</b> lines 8 and 9 and enter the total here. If zero or less, enter "-0-". If you plan to use the <b>Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet</b> , also enter this total on line 1 of that worksheet on page 4. Otherwise, <b>stop here</b> and enter this total on Form W-4, line 5, page 1 . . . . .	<b>10</b>	_____