

Form W-4 (2009)

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 2009 expires February 16, 2010. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Note. You cannot claim exemption from withholding if (a) your income exceeds \$950 and includes more than \$300 of unearned income (for example, interest and dividends) and (b) another person can claim you as a dependent on their 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-earner/multiple job 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 the Instructions for Form 8233 before completing this Form W-4.

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 2009. See Pub. 919, especially if your earnings exceed \$130,000 (Single) or \$180,000 (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 \$1,500 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 \$1,800 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. **G** _____
 • If your total income will be less than \$61,000 (\$90,000 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 \$61,000 and \$84,000 (\$90,000 and \$119,000 if married), enter "1" for each eligible child plus "1" **additional** if you have six or more eligible children.

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 \$40,000 (\$25,000 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		Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate		OMB No. 1545-0074 2009
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 \$
6 Additional amount, if any, you want withheld from each paycheck				
7 I claim exemption from withholding for 2009, and I certify that I meet both of the following conditions for exemption. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)

Notice to Employee

1. For state purposes, an individual may claim only natural dependency exemptions. This includes the taxpayer, spouse and each dependent. Dependents are the same as defined in the Internal Revenue Code and as claimed in the taxpayer's federal income tax return for the taxable year for which the taxpayer would have been permitted to claim had the taxpayer filed such a return.
2. You may file a new certificate at any time if the number of your exemptions **increases**.

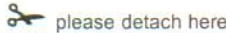
You must file a new certificate within 10 days if the number of exemptions previously claimed by you **decreases** because:

- (a) Your spouse for whom you have been claiming exemption is divorced or legally separated, or claims her (or his) own exemption on a separate certificate.
- (b) The support of a dependent for whom you claimed exemption is taken over by someone else.
- (c) You find that a dependent for whom you claimed exemption must be dropped for federal purposes.

The death of a spouse or a dependent does not affect your withholding until the next year but requires the filing of a new certificate. If possible, file a new certificate by Dec. 1st of the year in which the death occurs.

For further information, consult the Ohio Department of Taxation, Personal and School District Income Tax Division, or your employer.

3. If you expect to owe more Ohio income tax than will be withheld, you may claim a smaller number of exemptions; or under an agreement with your employer, you may have an additional amount withheld each pay period.
4. A married couple with both spouses working and filing a joint return will, in many cases, be required to file an individual estimated income tax form IT 1040ES even though Ohio income tax is being withheld from their wages. This result may occur because the tax on their combined income will be greater than the sum of the taxes withheld from the husband's wages and the wife's wages. This requirement to file an individual estimated income tax form IT 1040ES may also apply to an individual who has two jobs, both of which are subject to withholding. In lieu of filing the individual estimated income tax form IT 1040ES, the individual may provide for additional withholding with his employer by using line 5.



Department of
Taxation

Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate

Print full name _____ Social Security number _____

Home address and ZIP code _____

Public school district of residence _____ School district no. _____
(See *The Finder* at tax.ohio.gov.)

1. Personal exemption for yourself, enter "1" if claimed _____

2. If married, personal exemption for your spouse if not separately claimed (enter "1" if claimed) _____

3. Exemptions for dependents _____

4. Add the exemptions that you have claimed above and enter total _____

5. Additional withholding per pay period under agreement with employer _____ \$ _____

Under the penalties of perjury, I certify that the number of exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled.

Signature _____ Date _____