

W-4 **Employee's Withholding Certificate** OMB No. 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ 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.

2021

Step 1: Enter Personal Information

(a) First name and middle initial Last name
Address
City or town, state, and ZIP code

(b) Social security number

(c) ☐ Single or Married filing separately
☐ Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er)
☐ 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)

▶ Does your name match the name on your social security card? If not, to avoid a tax-got credit for your earnings, contact SSA at 800-752-1233 or go to [ssa.gov](https://www.ssa.gov).

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 estimator at www.irs.gov/irapp, 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/irapp 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 2021 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 total 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 5 and enter the result here 4(b) \$

(c) Extra withholding. Enter any additional tax you want withheld each pay period 4(c) \$

Step 5: Sign Here

Under penalty 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)

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 5. Cat. No. 992900 Form W-4 (2021)

Step 1 and Step 5

Steps 1 and 5 are required. The rest are optional, but filling them out could help you avoid a surprise tax bill later.

Step 2

Use step 2 if both spouses work or if you have more than one job.

Read the instructions carefully here to avoid errors and not have too little (or too much) tax withheld.

4(c)

If you're self-employed on the side, you can have extra money come out of your paycheck to cover the taxes.

