

# Form W-4 (2018)

**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 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](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 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](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 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.

<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;">2018</span>		
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 <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 tax liability, 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 tax liability.</b></li> </ul> If you meet both conditions, write "Exempt" here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>					
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.						
<b>Employee's signature</b> (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)	

# Illinois Withholding Allowance Worksheet

## General Information

Complete this worksheet to figure your total withholding allowances.

Complete Step 1.

Complete Step 2 if

- you (or your spouse) are age 65 or older or legally blind, or
- you wrote an amount on Line 4 of the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet for federal Form W-4.

If you have more than one job or your spouse works, your withholding usually will be more accurate if you claim all of your allowances on the Form IL-W-4 for the highest-paying job and claim zero on all of your other IL-W-4 forms.

You may reduce the number of allowances or request that your employer withhold an additional amount from your pay, which may help avoid having too little tax withheld.

## Step 1: Figure your basic personal allowances (including allowances for dependents)

Check all that apply:

- No one else can claim me as a dependent.  
 I can claim my spouse as a dependent.

- 1 Enter the total number of boxes you checked. 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the number of dependents (other than you or your spouse) you will claim on your tax return. 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Add Lines 1 and 2. Enter the result. This is the total number of basic personal allowances to which you are **entitled**. You are not required to claim these allowances. The number of basic personal allowances that you choose to claim will determine how much money is withheld from your pay. See Line 4 for more information. 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Enter the total number of basic personal allowances you choose to claim on this line and Line 1 of Form IL-W-4 below. This number may not exceed the amount on Line 3 above, however you can claim as few as zero. Entering lower numbers here will result in more money being withheld(deducted) from your pay. 4 \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 2: Figure your additional allowances

Check all that apply:

- I am 65 or older.  I am legally blind.  
 My spouse is 65 or older.  My spouse is legally blind.

- 5 Enter the total number of boxes you checked. 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Enter any amount that you reported on Line 4 of the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet for federal Form W-4 plus any additional Illinois subtractions or deductions. 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Divide Line 6 by 1,000. Round to the nearest whole number. Enter the result on Line 7. 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Add Lines 5 and 7. Enter the result. This is the total number of additional allowances to which you are **entitled**. You are not required to claim these allowances. The number of additional allowances that you choose to claim will determine how much money is withheld from your pay. 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Enter the total number of additional allowances you elect to claim on Line 2 of Form IL-W-4, below. This number may not exceed the amount on Line 8 above, however you can claim as few as zero. Entering lower numbers here will result in more money being withheld(deducted) from your pay. 9 \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** If you want to have additional amounts withheld from your pay, you may enter a dollar amount on Line 3 of Form IL-W-4 below. This amount will be deducted from your pay in addition to the amounts that are withheld as a result of the allowances you have claimed.

----- Cut here and give the certificate to your employer. Keep the top portion for your records. -----

## Illinois Department of Revenue IL-W-4 Employee's Illinois Withholding Allowance Certificate

Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box if you are exempt from federal and Illinois Income Tax withholding and sign and date the certificate.

- 1 Enter the total number of basic allowances that you are claiming (Step 1, Line 4, of the worksheet). 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the total number of additional allowances that you are claiming (Step 2, Line 9, of the worksheet). 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Enter the additional amount you want withheld (deducted) from each pay. 3 \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am entitled to the number of withholding allowances claimed on this certificate.

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form is authorized under the Illinois Income Tax Act. Disclosure of this information is required. Failure to provide information may result in this form not being processed and may result in a penalty.

**Employer:** Keep this certificate with your records. If you have referred the employee's federal certificate to the IRS and the IRS has notified you to disregard it, you may also be required to disregard this certificate. Even if you are not required to refer the employee's federal certificate to the IRS, you still may be required to refer this certificate to the Illinois Department of Revenue for inspection. See Illinois Income Tax Regulations 86 Ill. Adm. Code 100.7110.