



# In-Home Supportive Services Provider Packet

For Enrollment, Direct Deposit, Contacts, and  
Government Forms

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# New Provider Enrollment

## Step-by-Step Instructions

**Returning IHSS providers:** please contact the San Francisco Independent Provider Assistance Center (IPAC) at [\(415\) 557-6200](tel:4155576200) or [ihsspaymentunits@sfgov.org](mailto:ihsspaymentunits@sfgov.org) before following the steps below.

### 1. Register Online]

- Go to [ihss.sfipenroll.org](http://ihss.sfipenroll.org).
- Register.
- Watch videos.
- Schedule an orientation appointment
- Electronically sign forms SOC 426 and SOC 846
- **Important:** Write down your username, password, and security question answers. They are case sensitive and are required to watch the videos.

### 2. Prepare Documents for Orientation

- Active email address with password
- Valid state or U.S. government issued photo ID
- Original Social Security card
- A work authorization (required only if your Social Security card states “Valid for work only with DHS or INS authorization”)
- Completed “Recipient Designation of Provider” form SOC 426A with your IHSS recipient. To request a form, call [\(415\) 557-6200](tel:4155576200) or visit [sfhsa.org](http://sfhsa.org)
- Name on the ID and Social Security card must match, photocopies are not accepted.
- If you need a recipient and want to be placed on the Provider Registry List, please contact the San Francisco Public Authority at [\(415\) 243-4477](tel:4152434477).

### 3. Attend Orientation at 77 Otis Street (for 1 to 2 hours)

- Bring documents listed above in Step 2.
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the appointment time.
- Receive Live Scan form for fingerprints.



#### 4. Background Check

- Take Live Scan form to a vendor to complete background check.
- Keep copy of Live Scan form and payment receipt.
- The result of the background check will be automatically sent to IHSS.

#### 5. Timesheets

- Once your background check has cleared (can take up to six weeks) that means you are now a paid care provider!
- To receive payment, sign-up for electronic timesheets at [etimesheets.ihss.ca.gov](https://etimesheets.ihss.ca.gov).

#### 6. Need Help or Have Questions?

- Call [\(415\) 557-6200](tel:(415)557-6200) or email [ihsspayoutunits@sfgov.org](mailto:ihsspayoutunits@sfgov.org).

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## Support Contacts

### SF Independent Provider Center

- Physical address: 2 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.
- Mailing address: Attention N3AX, P.O. Box 7988, San Francisco, CA 94120-9939
- Phone: [\(415\) 557-6200](tel:4155576200)
- Email: [ihsspayoutunits@sfgov.org](mailto:ihsspayoutunits@sfgov.org)

### Bank on San Francisco Program

- Assistance to get a bank account: [\(415\) 701-2311](tel:4157012311).

### IHSS Public Authority

- 832 Folsom Street, 9th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94107
- [\(415\) 243-4477](tel:4152434477) or [sfihsspa.org](http://sfihsspa.org)
- **Provider Health Benefits Call:** [\(415\) 593-8125](tel:4155938125)

### Homebridge

- 1035 Market St. L-1, San Francisco, CA 94103
- [\(415\) 255-2079](tel:4152552079) or [homebridgeca.org](http://homebridgeca.org)

### Electronic Timesheets

- [etimesheets.ihss.ca.gov](http://etimesheets.ihss.ca.gov)
- For help, please call the Electronic Timesheet Help Desk: [\(866\) 376-7066](tel:8663767066).

### Independent Provider Union SEIU 20215

- Local office: 1645 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94109
- [\(855\) 810-2015](tel:8558102015)

### Tax-Related Information

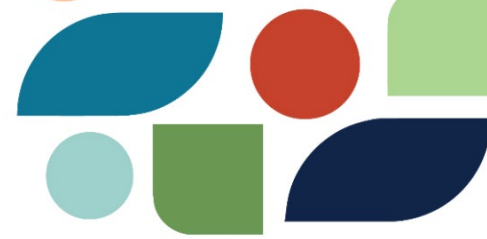
See a tax professional for assistance with completing tax forms.

The following forms are available at 2 Gough Street as needed:

- For Federal Tax Withholdings complete form W4
- For CA State Tax Withholdings complete form DE-4
- For Live-in Providers only:
  - Form SOC 2298 for Federal/State wage exclusion
  - Form SOC 2299 Live-In Self-Certification Cancellation Form

### Mandated Reporting of Abuse

- For adults: [\(415\) 557-6200](tel:4155576200) or for children: 1 [\(800\) 856-5533](tel:8008565533)
- To report Medi-Cal fraud: [\(888\) 717-3202](tel:8887173202) or [dhcs.ca.gov](http://dhcs.ca.gov)
- To report fraud to the San Francisco Human Services Agency: [\(415\) 557-5771](tel:4155575771)



## Direct Deposit Sign-up

### Get Paid Faster! Sign Up for Direct Deposit Now!

State law requires that all In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers sign up for direct deposit for each recipient. Follow the two simple steps below to sign up.

#### 1. Select Payment Method

**Bank:**

- You'll need your bank information: routing and account numbers.

**Pay Card:**

- You'll need your pay card information: routing and account numbers.
- You may obtain a pay card from one of the State's suggested pay card companies or at your local retailer.
- On June 7, 2021 the State notified all IHSS Providers of this new direct deposit requirement with a letter that included a list of pay card companies.
- Visit [cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ihss-providers/resources/direct-deposit](https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ihss-providers/resources/direct-deposit) for a copy of the letter and more information.

#### 2. Register

**Online:**

- Log into your IHSS Electronic Services Portal at [etimesheets.ihss.ca.gov](https://etimesheets.ihss.ca.gov).
- You must enroll in direct deposit for each recipient.
- Go to Financial tab > Direct Deposit Entry for Each recipient.

**Mail:**

- Complete the Provider Direct Deposit Form (SOC 829) enclosed for each recipient.
- Mail SOC 829 to Provider Forms Processing Center, P.O. Box 1697, West Sacramento, CA 95691-6697.

#### Need Help?

- Call: [\(866\) 376-7066](tel:8663767066) or [\(415\) 557-6200](tel:4155576200), Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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## IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) PROGRAM RECIPIENT DESIGNATION OF PROVIDER

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use black or blue ink. Print information clearly.
- You (or your authorized representative) must complete PART A of this form to let the county know who you have chosen to provide your authorized services.
- If you have multiple providers, you must fill out a separate form for each person who will be providing authorized services for you.
- You must sign the acknowledgment in PART C of this form.
- Please return this completed and signed form to the county. The county will keep the original form and give you a copy.

### PART A. RECIPIENT DESIGNATION OF PROVIDER

1. Recipient's Name:	
2. County IHSS Case #:	
3. Provider's Name:	
4. Provider's Address:	
City, State, ZIP Code:	
5. Provider's Telephone Number:	
6. Provider's Date of Birth	
7. Provider's Social Security #*:	
8. Provider's Gender (check box):	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
9. Provider's Relationship to Recipient (if any):	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Domestic Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Conservator <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
10. Provider's Start Date:	

\*NOTE: The collection of the Social Security Number is required by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Public Law 99-603 (8 USC 1324a), for the purposes of verifying the individual's identity and authorization to work in the United States.

I choose the person listed above to be my IHSS provider. This person will provide some or all of the services authorized by the county.

**PART B. RECIPIENT AGREEMENT****I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT:**

- The person I have chosen to be my provider cannot be paid federal and/or state money for providing services to me until he/she completes all of the provider enrollment requirements. These requirements include completing, signing, and returning (in person) the Provider Enrollment Form (SOC 426), submitting fingerprints and being cleared of disqualifying crimes through a criminal background check, completing a provider orientation, and returning a signed Provider Enrollment Agreement (SOC 846).
- The county will send me a notice telling me if the person I have chosen as my provider does not complete the provider enrollment requirements or if he/she is not eligible to be an IHSS provider.
- If I choose to have this person provide services for me before he/she is enrolled as an IHSS provider, and the county sends me a notice telling me that he/she is not eligible to be an IHSS provider, I will have to pay him/her with my own money for the services that he/she provided before he/she was determined ineligible to be a provider and for any services he/she provides after the county notifies me that he/she is ineligible.
- Neither the county nor the State will be held responsible for any claims and/or losses caused by the above-named person I choose to hire as my IHSS provider. I agree to hold harmless the State and county, their officers, agents, and employees, and to take responsibility for any and all claims and/or losses to any person caused by the named person I choose to hire as my IHSS provider.
- The county can provide information about my authorized services and service hours to the person I have chosen as my provider. The county will send my provider the IHSS Provider Notice of Recipient Authorized Hours and Services(SOC 2271).
- My total monthly authorized hours will be divided by 4 to determine my maximum weekly hours. The maximum weekly hours is a guideline telling me the highest number of hours my provider(s) will be able to work for me during a workweek. However, since most months are slightly longer than 4 weeks, I will work with my provider(s) to spread his/her hours throughout the month in order to make sure I have all the service hours I need for the month.
- Sometimes I may need my provider to work more than my maximum weekly hours. I must ask for county approval to adjust my maximum weekly hours only if the change requires my provider to work:
  1. More overtime hours in the month than he/she would normally work.
  2. More than 40 hours for me in a workweek if my maximum weekly hours are 40 hours or less in a workweek.
- If I do not get an approved exception, my provider will get a violation for working more than my maximum weekly hours.
- I can **never** authorize my provider to work more than my total authorized monthly service hours. Therefore, when I authorize my provider to work extra hours in one week, I must have the provider work fewer hours in the other week(s) of the month.



- If my provider works for another recipient, the maximum number of hours that he/she may claim in a workweek for all of the time he/she works for his/her recipients combined is (begin underline) 66 (end underline) 66hours. **I must make a work schedule for my provider to determine how many hours he/she will be working for me each week to make sure he/she does not work more than 66 hours per workweek.** I will get a Recipient Notification of Maximum Weekly Hours (SOC 2271A) which will include information on my maximum weekly hours so I can use it to make the work schedule for my provider(s). In order to make the schedule, my provider must tell me how many hours he/she is available to work for me each workweek. If my provider cannot work all of my authorized hours, I will need to hire additional provider(s). **If I need help finding and hiring another provider(s), I can call my county IHSS Public Authority to obtain a provider from the registry or my county IHSS office.**
- The county will send me a notice each time my provider gets a violation. If my provider gets three violations, he/she will be suspended from providing IHSS for three months. If he/she gets another violation after being reinstated from the three-month suspension, he/she will be terminated as a provider for one year.

**PART C. RECIPIENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**I understand and agree to follow all of the requirements listed in this form.**

Recipient's Signature:

Date:

Printed Name:

Authorized Representative's Signature:

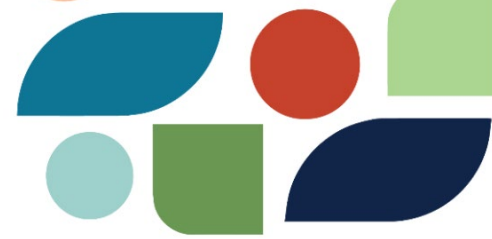
Date:

Printed Name:

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Worker Name:

Date:



## In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

### Recipient's Contact Information

#### Recipient's Name in English

Please print your recipient's name in English.

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#### Recipient's Address

Please print your recipient's full address including the zip code.

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## IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES RECIPIENT/EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY CHECKLIST

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY MY SOCIAL WORKER THAT AS A RECIPIENT/EMPLOYER, I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW.

1. Provide required documentation to my Social Worker to determine continued eligibility and need for services. Information to report includes, but is not limited to, changes to my income, household composition, marital status, property ownership, phone number, and time I am away from my home.
2. Find, hire, train, supervise, and fire the provider I employ.
3. Comply with laws and regulations relating to wages/hours/working conditions and hiring of persons under age 18.

**NOTE:** Refer to Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) Order Number 15 regarding wages/hours/working conditions obtainable from the State Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards and Enforcement listed in the telephone book. Additional information regarding the hiring of minors may be obtained by contacting your local school district.

4. Verify that my provider legally resides in the United States. My provider and I will complete Form I-9. I will retain the I-9 for at least three (3) years or one (1) year after employment ends, which ever is longer. I will protect the provider's confidential information, such as his/her social security number, address, and phone number.

5. Ensure standards of compensation, work scheduling, and working conditions for my provider.
6. Inform my Social Worker of any future change in my provider(s), including:
  - \_\_\_ Name
  - \_\_\_ Address
  - \_\_\_ Telephone Number
  - \_\_\_ Relationship to me, if any
  - \_\_\_ Hours to be worked and services to be performed by each provider
7. Inform my provider that the gross hourly rate of pay is \$\_\_\_\_\_, and that Social Security and State Disability Insurance taxes are deducted from the provider's wages.
8. Inform my provider that he/she may request that Federal and/or State income taxes be deducted from his/her wages. Instruct the provider to submit Form W-4 (for federal income tax withholding) and/or Form DE 4 (for state income tax withholding).
9. Inform my provider that he/she is covered by Workers' Compensation, State Unemployment Insurance benefits, and State Disability Insurance benefits.
10. Inform my provider that he/she will receive an information sheet that will state my authorized services and the authorized time given to perform those services. Payment will not be made for any services not authorized.

11. Pay my share of cost, if any.
12. Ensure the total hours reported by each provider for services provided to me while working for the IHSS program does not exceed more than my total weekly authorized hours in one workweek, unless I receive county approval for the increase.
13. Verify and sign my provider's timesheet for each pay period, showing the correct day(s) and the total number of hours worked. I understand I can be prosecuted under Federal and State laws for reporting false information or concealing information.
14. Ensure my provider signed his/her timesheet.
15. Advise my provider to mail his/her signed timesheet to the appropriate address at the end of each pay period.

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Recipient' Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THE RECIPIENT/EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY CHECKLIST

1. This form is used for review with recipients receiving service from Individual Providers **only**.
2. Counties shall use this form to assure that recipients have been advised of and understand their basic responsibilities as employers of IHSS providers.
3. Review each item with the recipient and explain how the recipient can comply with each requirement.
4. Leave a copy of the form with the recipient.



# Employment Eligibility Verification

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS  
Form I-9

OMB No.1615-0047

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**START HERE:** Employers must ensure the form instructions are available to employees when completing this form. Employers are liable for failing to comply with the requirements for completing this form. See below and the [Instructions](#).

**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE:** All employees can choose which acceptable documentation to present for Form I-9. Employers cannot ask employees for documentation to verify information in **Section 1**, or specify which acceptable documentation employees must present for **Section 2** or Supplement B, Reverification and Rehire. Treating employees differently based on their citizenship, immigration status, or national origin may be illegal.

**Section 1. Employee Information and Attestation:** Employees must complete and sign Section 1 of Form I-9 no later than the **first day of employment**, but not before accepting a job offer.

Last Name (Family Name)		First Name (Given Name)		Middle Initial (if any)	Other Last Names Used (if any)	
Address (Street Number and Name)			Apt. Number (if any)	City or Town		State ZIP Code
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	U.S. Social Security Number <div></div>		Employee's Email Address			Employee's Telephone Number
<b>I am aware that federal law provides for imprisonment and/or fines for false statements, or the use of false documents, in connection with the completion of this form. I attest, under penalty of perjury, that this information, including my selection of the box attesting to my citizenship or immigration status, is true and correct.</b>		Check one of the following boxes to attest to your citizenship or immigration status (See page 2 and 3 of the instructions.):				
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1. A citizen of the United States				
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2. A noncitizen national of the United States (See Instructions.)				
		<input type="checkbox"/> 3. A lawful permanent resident (Enter USCIS or A-Number.)				
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4. An alien authorized to work until (exp. date, if any)				
		If you check <b>Item Number 4.</b> , enter one of these:				
		USCIS A-Number	OR	Form I-94 Admission Number	OR	Foreign Passport Number and Country of Issuance
Signature of Employee					Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	

If a preparer and/or translator assisted you in completing Section 1, that person **MUST** complete the [Preparer and/or Translator Certification](#) on Page 3.

**Section 2. Employer Review and Verification:** Employers or their authorized representative must complete and sign **Section 2** within three business days after the employee's first day of employment, and must physically examine, or examine consistent with an alternative procedure authorized by the Secretary of DHS, documentation from List A OR a combination of documentation from List B and List C. Enter any additional documentation in the Additional Information box; see Instructions.

List A		OR	List B	AND	List C
Document Title 1					
Issuing Authority					
Document Number (if any)					
Expiration Date (if any)					
Document Title 2 (if any)		<b>Additional Information</b>			
Issuing Authority		Check here if you used an alternative procedure authorized by DHS to examine documents.			
Document Number (if any)					
Expiration Date (if any)					
Document Title 3 (if any)					
Issuing Authority					
Document Number (if any)					
Expiration Date (if any)					
<b>Certification:</b> I attest, under penalty of perjury, that (1) I have examined the documentation presented by the above-named employee, (2) the above-listed documentation appears to be genuine and to relate to the employee named, and (3) to the best of my knowledge, the employee is authorized to work in the United States.			First Day of Employment (mm/dd/yyyy):		
Last Name, First Name and Title of Employer or Authorized Representative			Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative		Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Employer's Business or Organization Name		Employer's Business or Organization Address, City or Town, State, ZIP Code			

For reverification or rehire, complete [Supplement B, Reverification and Rehire](#) on Page 4.

## LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS

All documents containing an expiration date must be unexpired.

\* Documents extended by the issuing authority are considered unexpired.

Employees may present one selection from List A or a combination of one selection from List B and one selection from List C.

**Examples of many of these documents appear in the Handbook for Employers (M-274).**

LIST A		LIST B	LIST C
Documents that Establish Both Identity and Employment Authorization	OR	Documents that Establish Identity	AND Documents that Establish Employment Authorization
1. U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card		1. Driver's license or ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color, and address	1. A Social Security Account Number card, unless the card includes one of the following restrictions:  (1) NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT  (2) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH INS AUTHORIZATION  (3) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION
2. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)		2. ID card issued by federal, state or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color, and address	2. Certification of report of birth issued by the Department of State (Forms DS-1350, FS-545, FS-240)
3. Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa		3. School ID card with a photograph	3. Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal
4. Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)		4. Voter's registration card	4. Native American tribal document
5. For an individual temporarily authorized to work for a specific employer because of his or her status or parole:  a. Foreign passport; and  b. Form I-94 or Form I-94A that has the following:  (1) The same name as the passport; and (2) An endorsement of the individual's status or parole as long as that period of endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment is not in conflict with any restrictions or limitations identified on the form.		5. U.S. Military card or draft record	5. U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197)
		6. Military dependent's ID card	6. Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-179)
		7. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card	7. Employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security  For examples, see <a href="#">Section 7</a> and <a href="#">Section 13</a> of the M-274 on <a href="https://uscis.gov/i-9-central">uscis.gov/i-9-central</a> .  The Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document, is a List A, <b>Item Number 4.</b> document, not a List C document.
		8. Native American tribal document	
		9. Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority	
		<b>For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above:</b>	
		10. School record or report card	
		11. Clinic, doctor, or hospital record	
		12. Day-care or nursery school record	
<b>Acceptable Receipts</b>  May be presented in lieu of a document listed above for a temporary period.  For receipt validity dates, see the M-274.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List A document.</li><li>Form I-94 issued to a lawful permanent resident that contains an I-551 stamp and a photograph of the individual.</li><li>Form I-94 with "RE" notation or refugee stamp issued to a refugee.</li></ul>	OR	Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List B document.	Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List C document.

\*Refer to the Employment Authorization Extensions page on [I-9 Central](#) for more information.





# Supplement A, Preparer and/or Translator Certification for Section 1

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS  
Form I-9  
Supplement A  
OMB No. 1615-0047  
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Last Name ( <i>Family Name</i> ) from <b>Section 1</b> .	First Name ( <i>Given Name</i> ) from <b>Section 1</b> .	Middle initial (if any) from <b>Section 1</b> .
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**Instructions:** This supplement must be completed by any preparer and/or translator who assists an employee in completing Section 1 of Form I-9. The preparer and/or translator must enter the employee's name in the spaces provided above. Each preparer or translator must complete, sign, and date a separate certification area. Employers must retain completed supplement sheets with the employee's completed Form I-9.

**I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of Section 1 of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct.**

Signature of Preparer or Translator		Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	
Last Name ( <i>Family Name</i> )	First Name ( <i>Given Name</i> )		Middle Initial ( <i>if any</i> )
Address ( <i>Street Number and Name</i> )	City or Town	State	ZIP Code

**I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of Section 1 of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct.**

Signature of Preparer or Translator		Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	
Last Name ( <i>Family Name</i> )	First Name ( <i>Given Name</i> )		Middle Initial ( <i>if any</i> )
Address ( <i>Street Number and Name</i> )	City or Town	State	ZIP Code

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Signature of Preparer or Translator		Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	
Last Name ( <i>Family Name</i> )	First Name ( <i>Given Name</i> )		Middle Initial ( <i>if any</i> )
Address ( <i>Street Number and Name</i> )	City or Town	State	ZIP Code



**Supplement B,**  
**Reverification and Rehire (formerly Section 3)**

**Department of Homeland Security**  
**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

**USCIS**  
**Form I-9**  
**Supplement B**  
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Last Name ( <i>Family Name</i> ) from <b>Section 1</b> .	First Name ( <i>Given Name</i> ) from <b>Section 1</b> .	Middle initial (if any) from <b>Section 1</b> .
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**Instructions:** This supplement replaces Section 3 on the previous version of Form I-9. Only use this page if your employee requires reverification, is rehired within three years of the date the original Form I-9 was completed, or provides proof of a legal name change. Enter the employee's name in the fields above. Use a new section for each reverification or rehire. Review the Form I-9 instructions before completing this page. Keep this page as part of the employee's Form I-9 record. Additional guidance can be found in the [Handbook for Employers: Guidance for Completing Form I-9 \(M-274\)](#)

Date of Rehire ( <i>if applicable</i> )	New Name ( <i>if applicable</i> )		
Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	Last Name ( <i>Family Name</i> )	First Name ( <i>Given Name</i> )	Middle Initial
Reverification: If the employee requires reverification, your employee can choose to present any acceptable List A or List C documentation to show continued employment authorization. Enter the document information in the spaces below.			
Document Title	Document Number (if any)	Expiration Date (if any) ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	
<b>I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge, this employee is authorized to work in the United States, and if the employee presented documentation, the documentation I examined appears to be genuine and to relate to the individual who presented it.</b>			
Name of Employer or Authorized Representative	Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative		Today's Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )
Additional Information (Initial and date each notation.)			Check here if you used an alternative procedure authorized by DHS to examine documents.

Date of Rehire ( <i>if applicable</i> )	New Name ( <i>if applicable</i> )		
Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	Last Name ( <i>Family Name</i> )	First Name ( <i>Given Name</i> )	Middle Initial
Reverification: If the employee requires reverification, your employee can choose to present any acceptable List A or List C documentation to show continued employment authorization. Enter the document information in the spaces below.			
Document Title	Document Number (if any)	Expiration Date (if any) ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	
<b>I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge, this employee is authorized to work in the United States, and if the employee presented documentation, the documentation I examined appears to be genuine and to relate to the individual who presented it.</b>			
Name of Employer or Authorized Representative	Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative		Today's Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )
Additional Information (Initial and date each notation.)			Check here if you used an alternative procedure authorized by DHS to examine documents.

Date of Rehire ( <i>if applicable</i> )	New Name ( <i>if applicable</i> )		
Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	Last Name ( <i>Family Name</i> )	First Name ( <i>Given Name</i> )	Middle Initial
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Name of Employer or Authorized Representative	Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative		Today's Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )
Additional Information (Initial and date each notation.)			Check here if you used an alternative procedure authorized by DHS to examine documents.

**Employee's Withholding Certificate**

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.

**2026****Step 1:**  
**Enter**  
**Personal**  
**Information**

(a) First name and middle initial	Last name	(b) Social security number
Address		Does your name match the name on your social security card? If not, to ensure you get credit for your earnings, contact SSA at 800-772-1213 or go to <a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a> .
City or town, state, and ZIP code		
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Single or Married filing separately		
<input type="checkbox"/> Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)		
<b>Caution:</b> To claim certain credits or deductions on your tax return, you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) are required to have a social security number valid for employment. See page 2 for more information.		

**TIP:** Consider using the estimator at [www.irs.gov/W4App](http://www.irs.gov/W4App) to determine the most accurate withholding for the rest of the year if you: are completing this form after the beginning of the year; expect to work only part of the year; or have changes during the year in your marital status, number of jobs for you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly), dependents, other income (not from jobs), deductions, or credits. Have your most recent pay stub(s) from this year available when using the estimator. At the beginning of next year, use the estimator again to recheck your withholding.

**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, and when to use the estimator at [www.irs.gov/W4App](http://www.irs.gov/W4App).

**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/W4App](http://www.irs.gov/W4App) for the most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3–4). If you or your spouse have self-employment income, use this option; **or**
- (b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result in Step 4(c) below; **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 generally more accurate than Step 2(b) if pay at the lower paying job is more than half of the pay at the higher paying job. Otherwise, Step 2(b) is more accurate . . . . . ☐

**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**  
**Dependent**  
**and Other**  
**Credits**

If your total income will be \$200,000 or less (\$400,000 or less if married filing jointly):

(a) Multiply the number of qualifying children under age 17 by \$2,200 . . . . . **3(a)** \$

(b) Multiply the number of other dependents by \$500 . . . . . **3(b)** \$

Add the amounts from Steps 3(a) and 3(b), plus the amount for other credits. Enter the total here . . . . . **3** \$

**Step 4:**  
**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.** Use the Deductions Worksheet on page 4 to determine the amount of deductions you may claim, which will reduce your withholding. (If you skip this line, your withholding will be based on the standard deduction.) Enter the result here . . . **4(b)** \$

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

**Exempt from**  
**withholding**

I claim exemption from withholding for 2026, and I certify that I meet **both** of the conditions for exemption for 2026. See *Exemption from withholding* on page 2. I understand I will need to submit a new Form W-4 for 2027 . . . ☐

**Step 5:**  
**Sign**  
**Here**

Under penalties 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)

## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

### Future Developments

For the latest information about 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 of Form

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. If too little is withheld, you will generally owe tax when you file your tax return and may owe a penalty. If too much is withheld, you will generally be due a refund. Complete a new Form W-4 when changes to your personal or financial situation would change the entries on the form. For more information on withholding and when you must furnish a new Form W-4, see Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

**Exemption from withholding.** You may claim exemption from withholding for 2026 if you meet both of the following conditions: you had no federal income tax liability in 2025 **and** you expect to have no federal income tax liability in 2026. You had no federal income tax liability in 2025 if (1) your total tax on line 24 on your 2025 Form 1040 or 1040-SR is zero (or less than the sum of lines 27a, 28, 29, and 30), or (2) you were not required to file a return because your income was below the filing threshold for your correct filing status. If you claim exemption, you will have no income tax withheld from your paycheck and may owe taxes and penalties when you file your 2026 tax return. To claim exemption from withholding, certify that you meet both of the conditions by checking the box in the *Exempt from withholding* section. Then, complete Steps 1(a), 1(b), and 5. Do not complete any other steps. You will need to submit a new Form W-4 by February 16, 2027.

**Your privacy.** Steps 2(c) and 4(a) ask for information regarding income you received from sources other than the job associated with this Form W-4. If you have concerns with providing the information asked for in Step 2(c), you may choose Step 2(b) as an alternative; if you have concerns with providing the information asked for in Step 4(a), you may enter an additional amount you want withheld per pay period in Step 4(c) as an alternative.

**When to use the estimator.** Consider using the estimator at [www.irs.gov/W4App](http://www.irs.gov/W4App) if you:

1. Are submitting this form after the beginning of the year;
2. Expect to work only part of the year;
3. Have changes during the year in your marital status, number of jobs for you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly), or number of dependents, or changes in your deductions or credits;
4. Receive dividends, capital gains, social security, bonuses, or business income, or are subject to the Additional Medicare Tax or Net Investment Income Tax; or
5. Prefer the most accurate withholding for multiple job situations.

**TIP:** Have your most recent pay stub(s) from this year available when using the estimator to account for federal income tax that has already been withheld this year. At the beginning of next year, use the estimator again to recheck your withholding.

**Self-employment.** Generally, you will owe both income and self-employment taxes on any self-employment income you receive separate from the wages you receive as an employee. If you want to pay these taxes through withholding from your wages, use the estimator at [www.irs.gov/W4App](http://www.irs.gov/W4App) to figure the amount to have withheld.

**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

**Step 1(c).** Check your anticipated filing status. This will determine the standard deduction and tax rates used to compute your withholding.

**Step 2.** Use this step if you (1) have more than one job at the same time, or (2) are married filing jointly and you and your spouse both work. Submit a separate Form W-4 for each job.

Option **(a)** most accurately calculates the additional tax you need to have withheld, while option **(b)** does so with a little less accuracy.

Instead, if you (and your spouse) have a total of only two jobs, you may check the box in option **(c)**. The box must also be checked on the Form W-4 for the other job. If the box is checked, the standard deduction and tax brackets will be cut in half for each job to calculate withholding. This option is accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise, more tax than necessary may be withheld, and this extra amount of tax withheld will be larger the greater the difference in pay is between the two jobs.



**Multiple jobs.** Complete Steps 3 through 4(b) on only one Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you do this on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.

**Step 3.** This step provides instructions for determining the amount of the child tax credit and the credit for other dependents that you may be able to claim when you file your tax return. To qualify for the child tax credit, the child must be under age 17 as of December 31, must be your dependent who generally lives with you for more than half the year, and must have the required social security number. You (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) must have the required social security number to claim certain credits. You may be able to claim a credit for other dependents for whom a child tax credit can't be claimed, such as an older child or a qualifying relative. For additional eligibility requirements for these credits, see Pub. 501, Dependents, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information. You can also include **other tax credits** for which you are eligible in this step, such as the foreign tax credit and the education tax credits. To do so, add an estimate of the amount for the year to your credits for dependents and enter the total amount in Step 3. Including these credits will increase your paycheck and reduce the amount of any refund you may receive when you file your tax return.

### Step 4.

**Step 4(a).** Enter in this step the total of your other estimated income for the year, if any. You shouldn't include income from any jobs or self-employment. If you complete Step 4(a), you likely won't have to make estimated tax payments for that income. If you prefer to pay estimated tax rather than having tax on other income withheld from your paycheck, see Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

**Step 4(b).** Enter in this step the amount from the Deductions Worksheet, line 15, if you expect to claim deductions other than the basic standard deduction on your 2026 tax return and want to reduce your withholding to account for these deductions. This includes both itemized deductions and other deductions such as for qualified tips, overtime compensation, and passenger vehicle loan interest; student loan interest; IRAs; and seniors. You (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) must have the required social security number to claim certain deductions. For additional eligibility requirements, see Pub. 501.

**Step 4(c).** Enter in this step any additional tax you want withheld from your pay **each pay period**, including any amounts from the Multiple Jobs Worksheet, line 4. Entering an amount here will reduce your paycheck and will either increase your refund or reduce any amount of tax that you owe when you file your tax return.

**Step 2(b) – Multiple Jobs Worksheet** *(Keep for your records.)*

If you choose the option in Step 2(b) on Form W-4, complete this worksheet (which calculates the total extra tax for all jobs) on **only ONE** Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you complete the worksheet and enter the result on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job. To be accurate, submit a new Form W-4 for all other jobs if you have not updated your withholding since 2019.

**Note:** If more than one job has annual wages of more than \$120,000 or there are more than three jobs, see Pub. 505 for additional tables; or, you can use the online withholding estimator at [www.irs.gov/W4App](http://www.irs.gov/W4App).

- 1 Two jobs.** If you have two jobs or you're married filing jointly and you and your spouse each have one job, find the amount from the appropriate table on page 5. Using the "Higher Paying Job" row and the "Lower Paying Job" column, find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value on line 1. Then, **skip** to line 3 . . . . . **1** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Three jobs.** If you and/or your spouse have three jobs at the same time, complete lines 2a, 2b, and 2c below. Otherwise, skip to line 3.

  - a** Find the amount from the appropriate table on page 5 using the annual wages from the highest paying job in the "Higher Paying Job" row and the annual wages for your next highest paying job in the "Lower Paying Job" column. Find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value on line 2a . . . . . **2a** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - b** Add the annual wages of the two highest paying jobs from line 2a together and use the total as the wages in the "Higher Paying Job" row and use the annual wages for your third job in the "Lower Paying Job" column to find the amount from the appropriate table on page 5 and enter this amount on line 2b . . . . . **2b** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - c** Add the amounts from lines 2a and 2b and enter the result on line 2c . . . . . **2c** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3** Enter the number of pay periods per year for the highest paying job. For example, if that job pays weekly, enter 52; if it pays every other week, enter 26; if it pays monthly, enter 12, etc. . . . . **3** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Divide** the annual amount on line 1 or line 2c by the number of pay periods on line 3. Enter this amount here and in **Step 4(c)** of Form W-4 for the highest paying job (plus any other additional amount you want withheld) . . . . . **4** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 4(b)—Deductions Worksheet** *(Keep for your records.)*

See the Instructions for Schedule 1-A (Form 1040) for more information about whether you qualify for the deductions on lines 1a, 1b, 1c, 3a, and 3b.

<b>1</b>	Deductions for qualified tips, overtime compensation, and passenger vehicle loan interest.	
<b>a</b>	<b>Qualified tips.</b> If your total income is less than \$150,000 (\$300,000 if married filing jointly), enter an estimate of your qualified tips up to \$25,000 . . . . .	<b>1a</b> \$ _____
<b>b</b>	<b>Qualified overtime compensation.</b> If your total income is less than \$150,000 (\$300,000 if married filing jointly), enter an estimate of your qualified overtime compensation up to \$12,500 (\$25,000 if married filing jointly) of the "and-a-half" portion of time-and-a-half compensation . . . . .	<b>1b</b> \$ _____
<b>c</b>	<b>Qualified passenger vehicle loan interest.</b> If your total income is less than \$100,000 (\$200,000 if married filing jointly), enter an estimate of your qualified passenger vehicle loan interest up to \$10,000 . . . . .	<b>1c</b> \$ _____
<b>2</b>	Add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Enter the result here . . . . .	<b>2</b> \$ _____
<b>3</b>	<b>Seniors age 65 or older.</b> If your total income is less than \$75,000 (\$150,000 if married filing jointly):	
<b>a</b>	Enter \$6,000 if you are age 65 or older before the end of the year . . . . .	<b>3a</b> \$ _____
<b>b</b>	Enter \$6,000 if your spouse is age 65 or older before the end of the year and has a social security number valid for employment . . . . .	<b>3b</b> \$ _____
<b>4</b>	Add lines 3a and 3b. Enter the result here . . . . .	<b>4</b> \$ _____
<b>5</b>	Enter an estimate of your student loan interest, deductible IRA contributions, educator expenses, alimony paid, and certain other adjustments from Schedule 1 (Form 1040), Part II. See Pub. 505 for more information . . . . .	<b>5</b> \$ _____
<b>6</b>	<b>Itemized deductions.</b> Enter an estimate of your 2026 itemized deductions from Schedule A (Form 1040). Such deductions may include qualifying:	
<b>a</b>	<b>Medical and dental expenses.</b> Enter expenses in excess of 7.5% (0.075) of your total income . . . . .	<b>6a</b> \$ _____
<b>b</b>	<b>State and local taxes.</b> If your total income is less than \$505,000 (\$252,500 if married filing separately), enter state and local taxes paid up to \$40,400 (\$20,200 if married filing separately) . . . . .	<b>6b</b> \$ _____
<b>c</b>	<b>Home mortgage interest.</b> If your home acquisition debt is less than \$750,000 (\$375,000 if married filing separately), enter your home mortgage interest expense (including mortgage insurance premiums) . . . . .	<b>6c</b> \$ _____
<b>d</b>	<b>Gifts to charities.</b> Enter contributions in excess of 0.5% (0.005) of your total income . . . . .	<b>6d</b> \$ _____
<b>e</b>	<b>Other itemized deductions.</b> Enter the amount for other itemized deductions . . . . .	<b>6e</b> \$ _____
<b>7</b>	Add lines 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, and 6e. Enter the result here . . . . .	<b>7</b> \$ _____
<b>8</b>	<b>Limitation on itemized deductions.</b>	
<b>a</b>	Enter your total income . . . . .	<b>8a</b> \$ _____
<b>b</b>	Subtract line 4 from line 8a. If line 4 is greater than line 8a, enter -0- here and on line 10. Skip line 9 . . . . .	<b>8b</b> \$ _____
<b>9</b>	Enter: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \$768,700 \text{ if you're married filing jointly or a qualifying surviving spouse} \\ \bullet \$640,600 \text{ if you're single or head of household} \\ \bullet \$384,350 \text{ if you're married filing separately} \end{array} \right\}$ . . . . .	<b>9</b> \$ _____
<b>10</b>	If line 9 is greater than line 8b, enter the amount from line 7. Otherwise, multiply line 7 by 94% (0.94) and enter the result here . . . . .	<b>10</b> \$ _____
<b>11</b>	<b>Standard deduction.</b>	
	Enter: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \$32,200 \text{ if you're married filing jointly or a qualifying surviving spouse} \\ \bullet \$24,150 \text{ if you're head of household} \\ \bullet \$16,100 \text{ if you're single or married filing separately} \end{array} \right\}$ . . . . .	<b>11</b> \$ _____
<b>12</b>	<b>Cash gifts to charities.</b> If you take the standard deduction, enter cash contributions up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 if married filing jointly) . . . . .	<b>12</b> \$ _____
<b>13</b>	Add lines 11 and 12. Enter the result here . . . . .	<b>13</b> \$ _____
<b>14</b>	If line 10 is greater than line 13, subtract line 11 from line 10 and enter the result here. If line 13 is greater than line 10, enter the amount from line 12 . . . . .	<b>14</b> \$ _____
<b>15</b>	Add lines 2, 4, 5, and 14. Enter the result here and in Step 4(b) of Form W-4 . . . . .	<b>15</b> \$ _____

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The average time and expenses required to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. For estimated averages, see the instructions for your income tax return.

If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.

**Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Surviving Spouse**

Higher Paying Job Annual Taxable Wage & Salary	Lower Paying Job Annual Taxable Wage & Salary											
	\$0 - 9,999	\$10,000 - 19,999	\$20,000 - 29,999	\$30,000 - 39,999	\$40,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 59,999	\$60,000 - 69,999	\$70,000 - 79,999	\$80,000 - 89,999	\$90,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 109,999	\$110,000 - 120,000
\$0 - 9,999	\$0	\$0	\$480	\$850	\$850	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020
\$10,000 - 19,999	0	480	1,480	1,850	2,050	2,220	2,220	2,220	2,220	2,220	2,220	2,620
\$20,000 - 29,999	480	1,480	2,480	3,050	3,250	3,420	3,420	3,420	3,420	3,420	3,820	4,820
\$30,000 - 39,999	850	1,850	3,050	3,620	3,820	3,990	3,990	3,990	3,990	4,390	5,390	6,390
\$40,000 - 49,999	850	2,050	3,250	3,820	4,020	4,190	4,190	4,190	4,590	5,590	6,590	7,590
\$50,000 - 59,999	1,020	2,220	3,420	3,990	4,190	4,360	4,360	4,760	5,760	6,760	7,760	8,760
\$60,000 - 69,999	1,020	2,220	3,420	3,990	4,190	4,360	4,760	5,760	6,760	7,760	8,760	9,760
\$70,000 - 79,999	1,020	2,220	3,420	3,990	4,190	4,760	5,760	6,760	7,760	8,760	9,760	10,760
\$80,000 - 99,999	1,020	2,220	3,420	4,240	5,440	6,610	7,610	8,610	9,610	10,610	11,610	12,610
\$100,000 - 149,999	1,870	4,070	6,270	7,840	9,040	10,210	11,210	12,210	13,210	14,210	15,360	16,560
\$150,000 - 239,999	1,870	4,100	6,500	8,270	9,670	11,040	12,240	13,440	14,640	15,840	17,040	18,240
\$240,000 - 319,999	2,040	4,440	6,840	8,610	10,010	11,380	12,580	13,780	14,980	16,180	17,380	18,580
\$320,000 - 364,999	2,040	4,440	6,840	8,610	10,010	11,380	12,580	13,860	15,860	17,860	19,860	21,860
\$365,000 - 524,999	2,720	5,920	9,390	12,260	14,760	17,230	19,530	21,830	24,130	26,430	28,730	31,030
\$525,000 and over	3,140	6,840	10,540	13,610	16,310	18,980	21,480	23,980	26,480	28,980	31,480	33,990

**Single or Married Filing Separately**

Higher Paying Job Annual Taxable Wage & Salary	Lower Paying Job Annual Taxable Wage & Salary											
	\$0 - 9,999	\$10,000 - 19,999	\$20,000 - 29,999	\$30,000 - 39,999	\$40,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 59,999	\$60,000 - 69,999	\$70,000 - 79,999	\$80,000 - 89,999	\$90,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 109,999	\$110,000 - 120,000
\$0 - 9,999	\$90	\$850	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,070	\$1,870	\$1,870	\$1,870	\$1,870	\$1,870	\$1,970
\$10,000 - 19,999	850	1,780	1,980	1,980	2,030	3,030	3,830	3,830	3,830	3,830	3,930	4,130
\$20,000 - 29,999	1,020	1,980	2,180	2,230	3,230	4,230	5,030	5,030	5,030	5,130	5,330	5,530
\$30,000 - 39,999	1,020	1,980	2,230	3,230	4,230	5,230	6,030	6,030	6,130	6,330	6,530	6,730
\$40,000 - 59,999	1,020	2,880	4,080	5,080	6,080	7,080	7,950	8,150	8,350	8,550	8,750	8,950
\$60,000 - 79,999	1,870	3,830	5,030	6,030	7,100	8,300	9,300	9,500	9,700	9,900	10,100	10,300
\$80,000 - 99,999	1,870	3,830	5,100	6,300	7,500	8,700	9,700	9,900	10,100	10,300	10,500	10,700
\$100,000 - 124,999	2,030	4,190	5,590	6,790	7,990	9,190	10,190	10,390	10,590	10,940	11,940	12,940
\$125,000 - 149,999	2,040	4,200	5,600	6,800	8,000	9,200	10,200	10,950	11,950	12,950	13,950	14,950
\$150,000 - 174,999	2,040	4,200	5,600	6,800	8,150	10,150	11,950	12,950	13,950	14,950	16,170	17,470
\$175,000 - 199,999	2,040	4,200	6,150	8,150	10,150	12,150	13,950	15,020	16,320	17,620	18,920	20,220
\$200,000 - 249,999	2,720	5,680	7,880	10,140	12,440	14,740	16,840	18,140	19,440	20,740	22,040	23,340
\$250,000 - 449,999	2,970	6,230	8,730	11,030	13,330	15,630	17,730	19,030	20,330	21,630	22,930	24,240
\$450,000 and over	3,140	6,600	9,300	11,800	14,300	16,800	19,100	20,600	22,100	23,600	25,100	26,610

**Head of Household**

Higher Paying Job Annual Taxable Wage & Salary	Lower Paying Job Annual Taxable Wage & Salary											
	\$0 - 9,999	\$10,000 - 19,999	\$20,000 - 29,999	\$30,000 - 39,999	\$40,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 59,999	\$60,000 - 69,999	\$70,000 - 79,999	\$80,000 - 89,999	\$90,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 109,999	\$110,000 - 120,000
\$0 - 9,999	\$0	\$280	\$850	\$950	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$1,560	\$1,870	\$1,870	\$1,870
\$10,000 - 19,999	280	1,280	1,950	2,150	2,220	2,220	2,220	2,760	3,760	4,070	4,070	4,210
\$20,000 - 29,999	850	1,950	2,720	2,920	2,980	2,980	3,520	4,520	5,520	5,830	5,980	6,180
\$30,000 - 39,999	950	2,150	2,920	3,120	3,180	3,720	4,720	5,720	6,720	7,180	7,380	7,580
\$40,000 - 59,999	1,020	2,220	2,980	3,570	4,640	5,640	6,640	7,750	8,950	9,460	9,660	9,860
\$60,000 - 79,999	1,020	2,610	4,370	5,570	6,640	7,750	8,950	10,150	11,350	11,860	12,060	12,260
\$80,000 - 99,999	1,870	4,070	5,830	7,150	8,410	9,610	10,810	12,010	13,210	13,720	13,920	14,120
\$100,000 - 124,999	1,870	4,270	6,230	7,630	8,900	10,100	11,300	12,500	13,700	14,210	14,720	15,720
\$125,000 - 149,999	2,040	4,440	6,400	7,800	9,070	10,270	11,470	12,670	14,580	15,890	16,890	17,890
\$150,000 - 174,999	2,040	4,440	6,400	7,800	9,070	10,580	12,580	14,580	16,580	17,890	18,890	20,170
\$175,000 - 199,999	2,040	4,440	6,400	8,510	10,580	12,580	14,580	16,580	18,710	20,320	21,620	22,920
\$200,000 - 249,999	2,720	5,920	8,680	10,900	13,270	15,570	17,870	20,170	22,470	24,080	25,380	26,680
\$250,000 - 449,999	2,970	6,470	9,540	12,040	14,410	16,710	19,010	21,310	23,610	25,220	26,520	27,820
\$450,000 and over	3,140	6,840	10,110	12,810	15,380	17,880	20,380	22,880	25,380	27,190	28,690	30,190



## Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate

Complete this form so that your employer can withhold the correct California state income tax from your pay.

<b>Personal Information</b>	
First, Middle, Last Name	Social Security Number
Address	Filing Status
City State ZIP Code	Single or Married (with two or more incomes) Married (one income) Head of Household

1. Use Worksheet A for Regular Withholding allowances. Use other worksheets on the following pages as applicable.

1a. Number of Regular Withholding Allowances (**Worksheet A**) \_\_\_\_\_

1b. Number of allowances from the Estimated Deductions (**Worksheet B**) \_\_\_\_\_

1c. Total Number of Allowances you are claiming \_\_\_\_\_

2. Additional amount, if any, you want withheld each pay period (if employer agrees), (**Worksheet C**) \_\_\_\_\_

OR

### Exemption from Withholding

3. I claim exemption from withholding for 2026, and I certify I meet both conditions for exemption. (Check box here)

OR

4. 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 and the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018. (Check box here)

Under penalty 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.

Employee's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Employer's Section:</b> Employer's Name and Address	California Employer Payroll Tax Account Number
_____ _____ _____	_____

The *Employee's Withholding Allowance 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.

As of January 1, 2020, the *Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate* (Form W-4) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is used for federal income tax withholding **only**. You must file the state form DE 4 to determine the appropriate California PIT withholding.

If you do not provide your employer a completed DE 4, your employer must use Single with Zero withholding allowance.

**Check Your Withholding:** After your 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.

**Exemption From Withholding:** If you wish to claim exempt, complete the federal Form W-4 and the state DE 4. You may claim exempt from withholding California income tax if you meet both of the following conditions for exemption:

1. You did not owe any federal and state income tax last year, and
2. You do not expect to owe any federal and state income tax this year.

If you continue to qualify for the exempt filing status, a new DE 4 designating **exempt** must be submitted by February 15 each year to continue your exemption. If you are not having federal and state income tax withheld this year but expect to have a tax liability next year, you are required to give your employer a new DE 4 by December 1.

**Member Service Civil Relief Act:** Under this act, as provided by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act and the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, you may be exempt from California income tax withholding on your wages if

- (i) Your spouse is a member of the armed forces present in California in compliance with military orders;
- (ii) You are present in California solely to be with your spouse; and
- (iii) You maintain your domicile in another state.

If you claim exemption under this act, **check the box on Line 4**. You may be required to provide proof of exemption upon request.



The *California Employer's Guide (DE 44)* ([edd.ca.gov/pdf\\_pub\\_ctr/de44.pdf](http://edd.ca.gov/pdf_pub_ctr/de44.pdf)) provides the income tax withholding tables. This publication can be found by visiting Payroll Taxes - Forms and Publications ([edd.ca.gov/Payroll\\_Taxes/Forms\\_and\\_Publications.htm](http://edd.ca.gov/Payroll_Taxes/Forms_and_Publications.htm)). To assist you in calculating your tax liability, visit the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) ([ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov)).

If you need information on your last *California Resident Income Tax Return* (FTB Form 540), visit the FTB ([ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov)).

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**Notification:** The burden of proof rests with the employee to show the correct California income tax withholding. Pursuant to section 4340-1(e) of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) ([govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Search/Index](http://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Search/Index)), the FTB or the EDD may require an employer to submit a Form W-4 or DE 4 when such forms are necessary for the administration of the withholding tax programs.

**Penalty:** You may be fined \$500 if you file, with no reasonable basis, a DE 4 that results in less tax being withheld than is properly allowable. Criminal penalties apply for willfully supplying false or fraudulent information or failing to supply information requiring an increase in withholding. This is provided by section 13101 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code ([leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml](http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml)) and section 19176 of the Revenue and Taxation Code ([leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml](http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml)).

# Worksheets

## Instructions — 1 — Allowances\*

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

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

**Two-Earners or Multiple Incomes:** When earnings come from more than one source, under-withholding 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 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:

- (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 percent 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 and enter on line 1a of the DE 4                   | (F) _____ |

## Instructions — 2 — Additional Withholding Allowances (Optional)

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 Form 540 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

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.

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| 1. Enter an estimate of your itemized deductions for California taxes for this tax year as listed in the schedules in the FTB Form 540   | 1. _____   |
| 2. Enter \$11,412 if married filing joint with two or more allowances, unmarried head of household, or qualifying widow(er) with dependent(s) or \$5,706 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 [go to line 9]); 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 enter this number on line 1b of the DE 4. Complete Worksheet C, if needed, otherwise <b>stop here</b> .  | 8. _____   |
| 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. Then, complete Worksheet C.  | 11. _____  |

\*Wages paid to registered domestic partners will be treated the same for state income tax purposes as wages paid to spouses for California PIT withholding and PIT wages. This 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, call our Taxpayer Assistance Center at 1-888-745-3886.

## Worksheet C

## Additional Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax

1. Enter estimate of total wages for tax year 2026. 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 2026 tax rate schedules below. 8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Enter personal exemptions (line F of Worksheet A x \$168.30). 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 2026. 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 2026. 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 2026. 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 2026 Only*

**Single Persons, Dual Income Married  
or Married With Multiple Employers**

IF THE TAXABLE INCOME IS		COMPUTED TAX IS		
OVER	BUT NOT OVER	OF AMOUNT OVER...	PLUS	
\$0	\$11,079	1.100%	\$0	\$0.00
\$11,079	\$26,264	2.200%	\$11,079	\$121.87
\$26,264	\$41,452	4.400%	\$26,264	\$455.94
\$41,452	\$57,542	6.600%	\$41,452	\$1,124.21
\$57,542	\$72,724	8.800%	\$57,542	\$2,186.15
\$72,724	\$371,479	10.230%	\$72,724	\$3,522.17
\$371,479	\$445,771	11.330%	\$371,479	\$34,084.81
\$445,771	\$742,953	12.430%	\$445,771	\$42,502.09
\$742,953	\$1,000,000	13.530%	\$742,953	\$79,441.81
\$1,000,000	and over	14.630%	\$1,000,000	\$114,220.27

**Married Persons**

IF THE TAXABLE INCOME IS		COMPUTED TAX IS		
OVER	BUT NOT OVER	OF AMOUNT OVER...	PLUS	
\$0	\$22,158	1.100%	\$0	\$0.00
\$22,158	\$52,528	2.200%	\$22,158	\$243.74
\$52,528	\$82,904	4.400%	\$52,528	\$911.88
\$82,904	\$115,084	6.600%	\$82,904	\$2,248.42
\$115,084	\$145,448	8.800%	\$115,084	\$4,372.30
\$145,448	\$742,958	10.230%	\$145,448	\$7,044.33
\$742,958	\$891,542	11.330%	\$742,958	\$68,169.60
\$891,542	\$1,000,000	12.430%	\$891,542	\$85,004.17
\$1,000,000	\$1,485,906	13.530%	\$1,000,000	\$98,485.50
\$1,485,906	and over	14.630%	\$1,485,906	\$164,228.58

**Unmarried/Head of Household**

IF THE TAXABLE INCOME IS		COMPUTED TAX IS		
OVER	BUT NOT OVER	OF AMOUNT OVER...	PLUS	
\$0	\$22,173	1.100%	\$0	\$0.00
\$22,173	\$52,530	2.200%	\$22,173	\$243.90
\$52,530	\$67,716	4.400%	\$52,530	\$911.75
\$67,716	\$83,805	6.600%	\$67,716	\$1,579.93
\$83,805	\$98,990	8.800%	\$83,805	\$2,641.80
\$98,990	\$505,208	10.230%	\$98,990	\$3,978.08
\$505,208	\$606,251	11.330%	\$505,208	\$45,534.18
\$606,251	\$1,000,000	12.430%	\$606,251	\$56,982.35
\$1,000,000	\$1,010,417	13.530%	\$1,000,000	\$105,925.35
\$1,010,417	and over	14.630%	\$1,010,417	\$107,334.77

If you need information on your last California Resident Income Tax Return, FTB Form 540, visit [FTB \(ftb.ca.gov\)](http://ftb.ca.gov).

The DE 4 information is collected for purposes of administering the PIT law and under the authority of Title 22, CCR, section 4340-1, and the California Revenue and Taxation Code, including section 18624. The Information Practices Act of 1977 requires that individuals be notified of how information they provide may be used. More information is in the instructions that came with your last California resident income tax return.