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How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?



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Introduction

The federal income tax is a pay-as-you-go tax. This means you must pay the tax as you earn or receive income during the year.

As a wage earner, you pay federal income tax by having it withheld from your pay during the year. This is your "withholding." Your withholding is based on the number of allowances you claim when you file Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, with your employer.

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Purpose of This Publication

The purpose of this publication is to help you check your withholding and, if necessary, prepare Form W-4 to adjust your withholding. When you first begin a job, you must complete a Form W-4 and give it to your employer to establish your initial withholding. You can adjust your withholding by filing a new Form W-4 with your employer at any time.

Note. You do not have to file Form W-4 each year unless you need to adjust your withholding.

Checking Your Withholding

The purpose of this section is to explain why, when, and how to check your withholding to see if you will have enough, but not too much, tax withheld for 2005.

Why Should I Check My Withholding?

You should try to have your withholding match your actual tax liability. If not enough tax is withheld, you will owe tax at the end of the year and may have to pay interest and a penalty. If too much tax is withheld, you will lose the use of that money until you get your refund.

You should check your withholding if there are personal or financial changes in your life or changes in the law that might change your tax liability. See Figure 1.

When Should I Check My Withholding?

The earlier in the year you check your withholding, the easier it is to get the right amount of tax withheld.

You may want to check your withholding when any of the following situations occur.

- You receive a paycheck stub (statement) covering a full pay period in 2005, showing tax withheld based on 2005 tax rates.
- 2. You prepare your 2004 tax return and get a:
 - a. Big refund, or
 - b. Balance due that is:
 - i. More than you can comfortably pay, or
 - ii. Subject to a penalty.
- 3. There are changes in your life or financial situation that affect your tax liability. See Figure 1.
- 4. There are changes in the tax law that affect your tax liability. See *Tax Law Changes*, later.



You must give your employer a new Form W-4 to adjust your withholding within 10 days of any event that decreases the number of withholding

allowances you can claim, such as your divorce if you are claiming married status.

Tax Law Changes

If there are tax law changes that increase your tax for 2005 and you do not increase your withholding, you may have to pay tax when you file your return. If there are changes that decrease your tax for 2005 and you do not decrease your withholding, you may get a larger refund. You can get this money back earlier by reducing your withholding.

Changes to note for 2005 include a uniform definition of child that will apply for purposes of dependency exemptions and for qualifying for head of household filing status, the earned income credit, the child tax credit, and the child and dependent care credit. Income thresholds and contribution limits for certain retirement savings accounts are increased. You can elect to deduct state and local sales

Figure 1. Personal and Financial Factors

You may want to check your withholding after events in your life that are likely to affect your tax liability. Examples are listed below.

Factor	Examples				
Lifestyle change	Marriage				
, ,	Divorce				
	Birth or adoption of child				
	Loss of an exemption				
	Purchase of a new home				
	Retirement				
Wage income	You or your spouse start or stop working, or start or stop a second job				
Increased or decreased	Interest income				
income not subject to withholding	Dividends				
, and the second	Capital gains				
	Self-employment income				
	IRA distributions (including Roth IRA conversion distributions)				
Increased or decreased	IRA deduction				
adjustments to income	Student loan interest deduction				
	Alimony expense				
Increased or decreased itemized deductions or tax	Medical expenses				
credits	Taxes				
	Interest expense				
	Gifts to charity				
	Job expenses				
	Education credit				

taxes instead of state and local income taxes if you itemize deductions.

For information about changes in the law for 2004 and 2005, get Publication 553, Highlights of 2004 Tax Changes, or visit the IRS web site at *www.irs.gov.*

How Do I Check My Withholding?

You can use the worksheets and tables in this publication to see if you are having the right amount of tax withheld. Follow these steps.

 Fill out Worksheet 1 to project your total federal income tax liability for 2005. 2. Fill out Worksheet 2 to project your total federal withholding for 2005 and to compare your projected tax to your projected withholding.

If you are not having enough tax withheld, Worksheet 2 will show you how much more to have withheld each payday.

If you are having more tax withheld than you need to have withheld, Worksheet 2 will refer you to *How Do I Decrease My Withholding?*.

What If Not Enough Tax Is Being Withheld?

If not enough tax will be withheld, you should give your employer a Form W-4 showing either a reduced number of withholding allowances or an additional amount to be withheld from your pay. See *How Do I Increase My Withholding?*, later.

There is a good chance you are not having enough tax withheld if:

- You have more than one job at a time,
- Your spouse also works,
- You have income not subject to withholding, such as capital gains, rental income, interest, and dividends, or
- You owe other taxes such as self-employment tax or household employment taxes.

If your employer cannot withhold enough additional tax from your pay, you may need to make estimated tax payments. This might be the case if your pay is low and you have substantial nonwage income, such as interest, dividends, capital gains, or earnings from self-employment. For more information on estimated tax, get Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

What If Too Much Tax Is Being Withheld?

If too much tax is withheld, you may receive a large refund when you file your return. If you would prefer to receive the money during the year, you may be able to decrease your withholding by giving your employer a new Form W-4.

There is a good chance you are having too much tax withheld if:

- You got a big refund for 2004 and your income, adjustments, deductions, and credits will remain about the same this year,
- Your income will remain about the same as last year, but your adjustments, deductions, or credits will increase significantly, or
- You got a refund last year; your income, adjustments, and deductions will remain about the same as last year; but you will qualify for one or more tax credits this year that you did not qualify for last year.

Note. Adjustments to income are listed on Form 1040 and Form 1040A near the bottom of page 1. Itemized deductions appear on Schedule A (Form 1040). Credits appear on page 2 of Form 1040 and Form 1040A. See also Figures 1 and 2.

Adjusting Your Withholding

The purpose of this section is to explain how to adjust your withholding.

If you are not having enough tax withheld or you are having too much tax withheld, you should either increase or decrease your withholding.

How Do I Adjust My Withholding?

You increase or decrease your withholding by filling out a new Form W-4 and giving it to your employer. You can use the worksheets and information in this publication to help you complete Form W-4. You can complete the Form W-4 near the end of this publication and give it to your employer.

How Do I Increase My Withholding?

There are two ways to increase your withholding. You can:

- Decrease the number of allowances you claim on line 5 of Form W-4, or
- Enter an additional amount that you want withheld from each paycheck on line 6 of Form W-4.

How to request an additional amount to be withheld. You can request that an additional amount be withheld from each paycheck by following these steps.

- 1. Complete Worksheets 1 and 2.
- Complete a new Form W-4 if the amount on line 5 of Worksheet 2 is more than you want to have to pay or would cause a penalty when you file your tax return for 2005.
- Enter on line 5 of the new Form W-4 the same number of withholding allowances your employer now uses for your withholding. This is the number of allowances you entered on the last Form W-4 you gave your employer.
- 4. Enter on line 6 of the new Form W-4 the amount from line 6 of Worksheet 2.
- 5. Give your newly completed Form W-4 to your employer.

If you have this additional amount withheld from your pay each payday, you should avoid owing a large amount at the end of the year.

Example. Using Worksheets 1 and 2, Steve figures that his 2005 tax liability will be \$5,000 and that his withholding

for the year will be \$4,700. Steve's tax will be underwithheld by \$300 (\$5,000 – \$4,700). He will have to pay this amount when he files his 2005 tax return or he can increase his withholding. Steve gets a new Form W-4 from his employer, who tells him that there are 50 paydays remaining in the year. Steve completes the form as before, and enters the same number of withholding allowances as before, then enters \$6 (\$300 \div 50) on line 6 of the form. This is the additional amount to be withheld from his pay each payday. He gives the completed form to his employer.

What if I have more than one job or my spouse also has a job? You are likely to need to increase your withholding if you have more than one job (or if you are married filing jointly and your spouse also works). If this is the case, you can increase your withholding for one or more of the jobs.

You can apply the amount on line 5 of Worksheet 2 to only one job or divide it between the jobs any way you wish. For each job, determine the extra amount that you want to apply to that job and divide that amount by the number of paydays remaining in 2005 for that job. This will give you the additional amount to enter on line 6 of the Form W-4 you will file for that job. You need to file a Form W-4 for each job for which you are changing your withholding.

Example. Meg Green works in a store. Her husband, John, works full time in manufacturing. They file a joint income tax return. When they fill out Worksheets 1 and 2, they find they will not have enough tax withheld. They can divide the amount on line 6 of Worksheet 2 any way they want. They can enter an additional amount on either of their Forms W-4, or divide it between them. They decide to have all of the additional amount from line 6 withheld from John's wages, so they enter on line 6 of his W-4 the number from line 6 of their completed Worksheet 2. Both claim the same number of allowances as before.

How Do I Decrease My Withholding?

If you expect to have more tax withheld than your projected tax liability for 2005, you may be able to decrease your withholding by increasing the number of allowances that you claim on Form W-4.



You can only claim the number of allowances to which you are entitled. To see if you can decrease your withholding by increasing your al-

lowances, see the Form W-4 instructions and the rest of this publication.

How do I increase the number of allowances I can claim? You figure and increase the number of withholding allowances you are entitled to claim as follows.

- 1. Complete Worksheets 1 and 2.
- 2. If your projected withholding is significantly more than your projected tax, get a new Form W-4 (or use the one in the back of this publication).

- 3. Complete the Personal Allowances Worksheet on Form W-4.
- 4. Use the remainder of the worksheets in this publication, as applicable.
- Complete the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet on Form W-4 if you plan to itemize deductions, claim adjustments to income, or claim tax credits from Worksheet 7 on your 2005 return.
- 6. Complete the Two-earner/two-job worksheet on Form W-4 if you meet the criteria on line H of the Form W-4 Personal Allowances Worksheet.
- 7. Fill out Form W-4.
- 8. Enter the number of allowances you are entitled to claim on line 5 of Form W-4.
- If the number of allowances you are entitled to claim is different from the number you are already claiming, give the newly completed Form W-4 to your employer.

What if I can claim tax credits? Figure 2 shows tax credits you may be able to use to reduce your withholding. The Form W-4 Personal Allowances Worksheet only provides rough adjustments for the child and dependent care credit (line F) and the child tax credit (line G). Use Worksheet 7 to take these credits into account more accurately and also take other credits into account.



If you take the child and dependent care credit into account on Worksheet 7, enter -0- on line F of the Personal Allowances Worksheet. If you take

the child tax credit into account on Worksheet 7, enter -0on line G of the Personal Allowances Worksheet. To figure the additional amount to add on line 5 of the Form W-4 Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet for your tax credits, complete Worksheet 7. Then complete the Form W-4 Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet and the rest of Form W-4.

Example. Brett and Alyssa are married and expect to file a joint return for 2005. Their combined estimated wages are \$68,000. Their projected tax credits include a child and dependent care credit of \$960 and a mortgage interest credit of \$1,700.

They use Worksheet 7 to see whether they can convert their tax credits into additional allowances.

- 1. They enter their expected child and dependent care credit, \$960, on line 1 of Worksheet 7.
- 2. They enter their expected mortgage interest credit, \$1,700, on line 8 of Worksheet 7.
- 3. They add these credits and enter the total, \$2,660, on line 10.
- 4. Because they are married filing a joint return, they use the table for married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er).
- 5. They see that their combined estimated wages, \$68,000, falls between \$34,001 and \$79,000, and that the number to the right of this range is 6.7.
- 6. They enter 6.7 on line 11.
- 7. They multiply line 10 by line 11 and enter the result, \$17,822, on line 12.

Figure 2. Tax Credits

Credit	For more information, see
Credit for child and dependent care expenses	Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses
Credit for the elderly or the disabled	Publication 524, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled
Child tax credit (including additional child tax credit)	Instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040A
Education credits	Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education
Adoption credit	Publication 968, Tax Benefits for Adoption
Foreign tax credit, except any credit that applies to wages not subject to U.S. income tax withholding because they are subject to income tax withholding by a foreign country	Publication 514, Foreign Tax Credit for Individuals
Retirement savings contributions credit	Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)
Mortgage interest credit	Publication 530, Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners
General business credit	Form 3800, General Business Credit
Qualified electric vehicle credit	Form 8834 Instructions
Credit for prior year minimum tax if you paid alternative minimum tax in an earlier year	Form 8801 Instructions
Earned income credit, unless you requested advance payment of the credit	Publication 596, Earned Income Credit
Health coverage tax credit	Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses
District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit	Form 8859 Instructions

- 8. They take the result on line 12, and add it to their other adjustments on line 5 of the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet on Form W-4.
- They finish filling out the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet.
- Because they chose to account for their child and dependent care credit this way, they enter -0- on line F of the Personal Allowances Worksheet.

When Will My New Form W-4 Go Into Effect?

If the change is for the current year, your employer must put your new Form W-4 into effect no later than the start of the first payroll period ending on or after the 30th day after the day on which you give your employer your revised Form W-4.

If the change is for next year, your new Form W-4 will not take effect until next year.

Figure 3. Worksheets and Tables

This publication contains worksheets and tables for you to figure and adjust your tax withholding. The list below describes how each of them is used.

Use	То
Worksheet 1. Projected Tax for 2005	Project the taxable income you will have for 2005 and the amount of tax you will have to pay on that income.
Worksheet 2. Projected Withholding for 2005	Project the amount of federal income tax that you will have withheld in 2005, compare your projected withholding with your projected tax, and determine whether the amount withheld each payday should be adjusted.
Worksheets 1a, 1b, 1c, and 1d. Tax Rate Schedule Worksheets for 2005	Project the amount of tax you will be liable for on your projected income for your filing status.
Worksheet 3. Itemized Deductions Limit	Figure the amount of your projected itemized deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040) if they are limited because your projected adjusted gross income is more than \$145,950 (\$72,975 if married filing separately).
Worksheet 4. Exemptions Phaseout	Figure the value of your projected exemptions if your exemptions are limited because your projected adjusted gross income for your projected filing status is more than: \$145,950 if single; \$218,950 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er); \$109,475 if married filing separately; or \$182,450 if head of household.
Worksheet 5. Figuring Tax If You Expect To Have Capital Gain or Qualified Dividends	Figure projected tax on all taxable income if you expect to have a capital gain or qualified dividends in 2005.
Worksheet 6. Self-Employment Tax	Figure your projected self-employment tax for 2005 if you and/or your spouse are self-employed in 2005 and your own wages and self-employment income for 2005 will be more than \$90,000, or your spouse's wages and self-employment income will be more than \$90,000.
Worksheet 7. Converting Credits to Withholding Allowances	Figure how much of an adjustment to make to line 5 of the <i>Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet</i> on Form W-4 to account for your projected tax credits which are not otherwise taken into consideration.
Tables 1, 2, and 3. Standard Deduction Tables for 2005	Determine your projected standard deduction for 2005. Do not use this table if you plan to itemize your deductions.

Worksheet 1. Projected Tax for 2005

Use this worksheet to figure the amount of your projected tax for 2005. (Note: Enter combined amounts if married filing joint return.)

1.	Enter amount of adjusted gross income (AGI) you expect in 2005. (To determine this, you may want to start with the AGI on your last year's return, and add or subtract your expected changes.)	1	
2.	If you: • Do not plan to itemize deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040), enter the standard deduction you expect from <i>Table 1, 2, or 3,</i> later • Plan to itemize deductions, and the amount on line 1 is: • Not more than \$145,950 (\$72,975 if married filing separately), enter the total itemized deductions you expect after applying any limits (such as the 7.5% limit on medical expenses). • More than \$145,950 (\$72,975 if married filing separately), use <i>Worksheet 3</i> to figure the amount to enter here	2	
3.	Subtract line 2 from line 1. (If zero or less, enter -0-)	3	
4.	If the amount on line 1 is: Not more than the amount shown below for your 2005 filing status, multiply the number of exemptions you plan to claim on your 2005 tax return by \$3,200 and enter the result here. More than the amount shown below for your 2005 filing status, use Worksheet 4 to figure the amount to enter here	4	
5.	 Single, \$145,950 Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), \$218,950 Head of household, \$182,450 Married filing separately, \$109,475 Subtract line 4 from line 3. (If zero or less, enter -0) 	5	
6.	If the amount on line 1: • Does not include capital gain or qualified dividends, use Worksheet 1a, 1b, 1c, or 1d, as appropriate, to figure the tax to enter here. • Includes capital gain or qualified dividends, use Worksheet 5 to figure the tax to enter here	6	
7.	Enter any expected additional taxes from an election to report your child's interest and dividends (Form 8814), and from lump-sum distributions (Form 4972)	7	
8.	Add lines 6 and 7	8	
9.	Enter the amount of any expected tax credits. See Figure 2, earlier	9	
10.	Subtract line 9 from line 8. (If zero or less, enter -0)	10	
11.	Self-employment tax. If you expect to file a joint return, figure the self-employment tax for each of you separately, and enter the total on line 11. If the projected total of your net self-employment income multiplied by .9235 plus your wage income is: • \$400 or more, but no more than \$90,000, multiply your expected net self-employment income by .9235, and multiply that result by .153 and enter here. • More than \$90,000, use <i>Worksheet 6</i> to figure the amount to enter here.	11	
12.	Enter any other expected taxes (such as tax on early distributions from an IRA, alternative minimum tax, etc.)	12	
13.	Add lines 10 through 12. This is your projected tax for 2005. Enter it here and on line 1 of <i>Worksheet 2</i>	13	

Worksheet 2. Projected Withholding for 2005

Use this worksheet to figure the amount of your projected withholding for 2005, compare it to your projected tax for 2005, and figure an additional amount to have withheld each payday, if necessary. (Note: Enter combined amounts if married filing joint return.)

1.	Enter your projected tax for 2005 from line 13 of <i>Worksheet 1</i>	1	
2.	Enter your total federal income tax withheld to date in 2005 from all of your jobs. (You should be able to find your withholding to date on your last payslip or statement.)	2	
3.	Enter the federal tax withholding you expect for the rest of 2005. For each job, multiply the amount of federal income tax now being withheld each payday by the number of paydays remaining in the year and enter the combined amount for all jobs	3	
4.	Add lines 2 and 3. This is your projected withholding for 2005	4	
5.	Compare the amounts on lines 1 and 4. If: • Line 1 is more than line 4, subtract line 4 from line 1, enter the result here, and go to line 6. • Line 4 is more than line 1, stop here and see How Do I Decrease My Withholding?	5	
6.	Divide line 5 by the number of paydays remaining in 2005 and enter the result. This is the additional amount you should have withheld from your pay each payday. Enter this amount on line 6 of Form W-4	6	

Worksheets 1a, 1b, 1c, and 1d. Tax Rate Schedule Worksheets for 2005 Worksheet 1a. For Single Filing Status

If you expect your filing status for 2005 to be **single**, use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter:

- On line 6 of Worksheet 1 if there is no capital gain or qualified dividends included in the total on line 1 of Worksheet 1, or
- On lines 28 and 30 of Worksheet 5 if there is capital gain or qualified dividends included on line 1 of Worksheet 1.

1.	Enter the amount from line 5 of <i>Worksheet 1</i> , or if figuring the amount to enter on lines 28 and 30 of <i>Worksheet 5</i> , enter the amount from line 1 or 14 of <i>Worksheet 5</i>					
2.	Enter whicheve you entered on	2				
	Column A	Column B	Column C			
	\$0	10%	\$0.00			
	\$7,300	15%	\$730.00			
	\$29,700	25%	\$4,090.00			
	\$71,950	28%	\$14,652.50			
	\$150,150	33%	\$36,548.50			
	\$326,450	35%	\$94,727.50			
3.	Subtract line 2 f	rom line 1			3	
4.				rresponds to the amount from column A that	4	
5.	Multiply line 3 b	y line 4			5	
6.				sponds to the amount from column A that you	6	
7.				line 6 of Worksheet 1, or on line 28 or 30 of	7	

Worksheet 1b. For Head of Household Filing Status

- If you expect your filing status for 2005 to be **head of household**, use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter:
 On line 6 of *Worksheet 1* if there is no capital gain or qualified dividends included in the total on line 1 of *Worksheet 1*, **or**
- On lines 28 and 30 of Worksheet 5 if there is capital gain or qualified dividends included on line 1 of Worksheet 1.

1.	Enter the amount from line 5 of <i>Worksheet 1</i> , or if figuring the amount to enter on lines 28 and 30 of <i>Worksheet 5</i> , enter the amount from line 1 or 14 of <i>Worksheet 5</i>					
2.		Enter whichever of the amounts in column A below is closer to, but not more than, the amount you entered on line 1 above				
	Column A	Column B	Column C			
	\$0	10%	\$0.00			
	\$10,450	15%	\$1,045.00			
	\$39,800	25%	\$5,447.50			
	\$102,800	28%	\$21,197.50			
	\$166,450	33%	\$39,019.50			
	\$326,450	35%	\$91,819.50			
3.	Subtract line 2	from line 1			3	
4.				esponds to the amount from column A that	4	
5.	Multiply line 3 b	oy line 4			5	
6.			•	onds to the amount from column A that you	6	
7.				ne 6 of Worksheet 1, or on line 28 or 30 of	7	

Worksheet 1c. For Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow(er) Filing Status

If you expect your filing status for 2005 to be **married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)**, use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter:

- On line 6 of Worksheet 1 if there is no capital gain or qualified dividends included in the total on line 1 of Worksheet 1, or
- On lines 28 and 30 of Worksheet 5 if there is capital gain or qualified dividends included on line 1 of Worksheet 1.

1.	Enter the amount from line 5 of <i>Worksheet 1</i> , or if figuring the amount to enter on lines 28 and 30 of <i>Worksheet 5</i> , enter the amount from line 1 or 14 of <i>Worksheet 5</i>					
2.				is closer to, but not more than, the amount	2	
	Column A	Column B	Column C			
	\$0 \$14,600	10% 15%	\$0.00 \$1,460.00			
	\$59,400	25%	\$8,180.00			
	\$119,950	28%	\$23,317.50			
	\$182,800	33%	\$40,915.50			
	\$326,450	35%	\$88,320.00			
3.	Subtract line 2 f	rom line 1			3	
4.				responds to the amount from column A that	4	
5.	Multiply line 3 by	y line 4			5	
6.				oonds to the amount from column A that you	6	
7.				ine 6 of Worksheet 1, or on line 28 or 30 of	7	

Worksheet 1d. For Married Filing Separately Filing Status

If you expect your filing status for 2005 to be **married filing separately**, use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter:

- On line 6 of Worksheet 1 if there is no capital gain or qualified dividends included in the total on line 1 of Worksheet 1, or
- On lines 28 and 30 of Worksheet 5 if there is capital gain or qualified dividends included on line 1 of Worksheet 1.

1.				uring the amount to enter on lines 28 and 30 f Worksheet 5	1	
2.				s closer to, but not more than, the amount	2	
	Column A	Column B	Column C			
	\$0	10%	\$0.00			
	\$7,300	15%	\$730.00			
	\$29,700	25%	\$4,090.00			
	\$59,975	28%	\$11,658.75			
	\$91,400	33%	\$20,457.75			
	\$163,225	35%	\$44,160.00			
3.	Subtract line 2	from line 1			3	
4.				esponds to the amount from column A that	4	
5.	Multiply line 3	by line 4			5	
6.				onds to the amount from column A that you	6	
7.				ne 6 of Worksheet 1, or on line 28 or 30 of	7	

Worksheet 3. Itemized Deductions Limit

Use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter on line 2 of *Worksheet 1* and on line 1 of the Form W-4 *Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet.*

Enter the total itemized deductions you expect for 2005 after applying any limits (such as the 7.5% limit on medical expenses)	1	
2. Enter the amount included in line 1 for medical and dental expenses, investment interest, casualty and theft losses, and gambling losses	2	
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	
Note: If the amount on line 3 is zero, stop here and enter on line 2 of Worksheet 1 the larger of the amount from line 1 of this worksheet or your standard deduction from Table 1, 2, or 3.		
4. Multiply the amount on line 3 by .80	4	
5. Enter the amount from line 1 of Worksheet 1	5	
6. Enter \$145,950 (\$72,975 if married filing separately)	6	
7. Subtract line 6 from line 5	7	
Note: If the amount on line 7 is zero or less, stop here and enter on line 2 of Worksheet 1 the larger of the amount from line 1 of this worksheet or your standard deduction from Table 1, 2, or 3.		
8. Multiply the amount on line 7 by .03	8	
9. Enter the smaller of line 4 or line 8	9	
10. Subtract line 9 from line 1. Enter the result here, on line 2 of <i>Worksheet 1</i> , and on line 1 of the Form W-4 Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet	10	

Worksheet 4. Exemptions Phaseout

Use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter on line 4 of Worksheet 1.

1.	Multiply \$3,200 by the number of exemptions you plan to claim	1	
2.	Enter the amount from line 1 of Worksheet 1	2	
3.	Enter: \$145,950 if single \$218,950 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) \$109,475 if married filing separately \$182,450 if head of household	3	
4.	Subtract line 3 from line 2 and enter here	4	
	e: If line 4 is more than \$122,500 (more than \$61,250 if married filing separately), stop; you cannot a deduction for exemptions. Enter -0- on line 4 of Worksheet 1.		
5.	Divide the amount on line 4 by \$2,500 (\$1,250 if married filing separately). If the result is not a whole number, increase it to the next whole number	5	
6.	Multiply the number on line 5 by .02. Enter the result as a decimal, but not more than 1	6	
7.	Multiply the amount on line 1 by the decimal on line 6	7	
8.	Subtract line 7 from line 1. Enter the result here and on line 4 of Worksheet 1	8	

Worksheet 5. Figuring Tax If You Expect To Have Capital Gain or Qualified Dividends

Use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter on line 6 of *Worksheet 1* only if the amount on line 1 of that worksheet includes capital gain or qualified dividends.

1.	Enter the amount from Worksheet 1	1.		
2.	Enter your expected qualified dividends for 2005	2.		
3.	Enter the net capital gain expected for 2005	3.		
4.	Add lines 2 and 3	4.		
5.	Enter your 28% rate gain or loss expected for 2005	5.		
6.	Enter the unrecaptured section 1250 gain expected for 2005	6.		
7.	Add lines 5 and 6	7.		
8.	Enter the smaller of line 3 or line 7	8.		
9.	Subtract line 8 from line 4	9.		
10.	Subtract line 9 from 1. If zero or less, enter -0	10.		
11.	Enter the smaller of line 1 or \$59,400 (\$29,700 if single or married filing separately; \$39,800 if head of household)	11.		
12.	Enter the smaller of line 10 or line 11	12.		
13.	Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0	13.		
14.	Enter the larger of line 12 or line 13. If line 11 and line 12 are the same, skip lines 15 and 16 and go on to line 17	14.		
15.	Subtract line 12 from line 11	15.		
16.	Multiply line 15 by 5% (.05). If lines 1 and 11 are the same, skip lines 17–27 and go to line 28		16.	
17.	Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 9	17.		
18.	Subtract the amount from line 15 from line 17. If zero or less, enter -0-	18.		
19.	Multiply line 18 by 15% (.15). If line 6 is zero or blank, skip lines 20 – 24 and go to line 25		19.	
20.	Enter the smaller of line 3 or line 6	20.		
21.	Add lines 4 and 14	21.		
22.	Subtract line 1 from line 21. If zero or less, enter -0	22.		
23.	Subtract line 22 from line 20. If zero or less, enter -0	23.		
24.	Multiply line 23 by 25% (.25). If line 5 is zero or blank, skip lines 25 – 27 and go to line 28		24.	
25.	Add lines 14, 15, 18, and 23	25.		
26.	Subtract line 25 from line 1	26.		
27.	Multiply line 26 by 28% (.28)		 27.	
28.	Tax on the amount on line 14 from the 2005 Tax Rate Schedule		 28.	
29.	Add lines 16, 19, 24, 27, and 28		 29.	
30.	Tax on the amount on line 1 from the 2005 Tax Rate Schedule		 30.	
31.	Tax. Enter the smaller of line 29 or line 30 here and on line 6 of Worksh	heet 1	 31.	

Worksheet 6. Self-Employment Tax

Use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter on line 11 of *Worksheet 1*. If you are married filing a joint return and you are both self-employed, complete this worksheet separately for each spouse, and combine the amounts on line 11 of *Worksheet 1*.

1. Enter expected self-employment income for 2005	1	
2. Multiply the amount on line 1 by .9235	2	
3. Multiply the amount on line 2 by .029	3	
4. Social security tax maximum income	4	\$90,000
5. Enter estimated wages for 2005	5	
6. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	
Note: If line 6 is zero or less, stop here and enter the amount from line 3 on line 11 of Worksheet 1.		
7. Enter the smaller of line 2 or line 6	7	
8. Multiply the amount on line 7 by .124	8	
9. Add line 3 and line 8. Enter the result here and on line 11 of <i>Worksheet 1</i> . If you expect to file a joint return, combine the result with your spouse's expected self-employment tax and enter the total on line 11 of <i>Worksheet 1</i>		

Worksheet 7. **Converting Credits to Withholding Allowances** Use this worksheet to figure an additional amount to enter on line 5 of the Form W-4 *Deductions and Allowances Worksheet.*For more information on these credits, see *What If I Can Claim Tax Credits?* earlier.

For lines 1 through 9, er	nter your pro	jections fo	or each of the cr	edits.			
1. Credit for child and de	pendent care	expenses. (See Caution below	w.)		1	
2. Credit for the elderly or	Credit for the elderly or the disabled						
3. Child tax credit (includi	ng additional	child tax cr	edit). (See Cautior	below.)		3	
4. Education credits						4	
5. Adoption credit						5	
6. Foreign tax credit						6	
7. Retirement savings cor	ntributions cre	edit				7	
8. Other credits (including paid alternative minimulausiness credit)		rior year, qu	ualified electric ve			8	
9. Earned income credit (unless you red	quested adv	vance payment).			9	
10. Add lines 1 through 9.	This is your to	otal estimate	ed tax credits .			10	
11. Enter the appropriate r matches your filing sta enter here the amount	tus. Find the I	line in the ta	able that matches	your total inc	come. Then,	11	
Married Filing Joir Returns or Qualifying W			Head (of Household	t		
If combined income from all sources is:	Multiply credits by:		If combined income from all sources is:		Multiply credits by:		
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Single			Married F	Filing Separa	tely		
If combined income from all sources is:	Multiply credits by:		If combined income from all sources is:		Multiply credits by:		
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12. Multiply line 10 by line Form W-4 Deductions Caution. If you entered Form W-4 Personal A worksheet, enter "0" or	and Adjustme d an amount o llowances Wo	nts Workshoon line 1 of orksheet. If	eet. this worksheet, e you entered an a	enter "0" on li amount on lir	ine F of the	12	

Standard Deduction Tables for 2005

There are three standard deduction tables. Use the appropriate one to arrive at your standard deduction for 2005.

Table 1. For Most People

DO NOT use this chart if you were 65 or older or blind, OR if someone can claim you (or your spouse if married filing jointly) as a dependent during 2005.

If Your Filing Status is:	Your Standard Deduction is:
Single, or Married filing separately	\$5,000
Married filing joint return or Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child	10,000
Head of household	7,300

Table 2. For People Age 65 or Older or Blind

Check the correct number of boxes below. Then go to

If someone can claim you (or your spouse if married filing jointly) as a dependent for 2005, use the worksheet in Table 3 instead.

the chart.		men ge te
You	65 or older \square	Blind \square
Your spouse, if claiming spouse's exemption Total number of box	_	\neg
If Your Filing Status is:	And the Number in the Box Above is:	Your Standard Deduction is:
Single	1 2	\$6,250 7,500
Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child	1 2 3 4	11,000 12,000 13,000 14,000
Married filing separately	1 2 3 4	6,000 7,000 8,000 9,000
Head of household	1 2	8,550 9,800



If you are married filling a separate return and your spouse itemizes deductions, or if you are a dual-status alien, you cannot take the standard deduction even if you were 65 or older or blind.

Table 3. For Dependents

Use Table 3 ONLY if someone can claim you (or your spouse if marred filing jointly) as a dependent for 2005.

	If you were 65 or older or blind, check the correct number of boxes below. Then go to the worksheet.							
You	65 or older □	Blind \square						
spou	spouse, if claiming 65 or older □ se's exemption I number of boxes you checked □	Blind □						
1.	Enter your expected earned income (defined below) plus \$250.	1						
2.	Minimum amount	2. \$800						
3.	Compare the amounts on lines 1 and 2. Enter the larger of the two amounts here.	3						
4.	Enter on line 4 the amount shown below for your filing status.							
•	Single or Married filing separate return, enter \$5,000							
•	Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child, enter \$10,000	4						
•	Head of household, enter \$7,300							
5. St	andard deduction.							
a.	Compare the amounts on lines 3 and 4. Enter the smaller of the two amounts here. If under 65 and not blind, stop here. This is your standard deduction. Otherwise, go on to line 5b.	5a						
b.	If 65 or older or blind, multiply \$1,250 (\$1,000 if married or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child) by the number in the box above. Enter the result.	5b						
c.	Add lines 5a and 5b. This is your standard deduction for 2005.	5c						

Earned income includes wages, salaries, tips, professional fees, and other compensation received for personal services you performed. It also includes any amount received as a scholarship that you must include in your income.

Form W-4 (2005)

Purpose. Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Because your tax situation may change, you may want to refigure your withholding each year.

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 2005 expires February 16, 2006. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Note. You cannot claim exemption from withholding if (a) your income exceeds \$800 and includes more than \$250 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 adjust your withholding allowances based on itemized deductions, certain credits, adjustments to income, or two-

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earner/two-job situations. Complete all worksheets that apply. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) allowances.

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 line **E** below.

Tax credits. You can take projected tax credits into account in figuring your allowable number of with-holding 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.

Two earners/two 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.

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 dollar amount you are having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2005. See Pub. 919, especially if your earnings exceed \$125,000 (Single) or \$175,000 (Married).

Recent name change? If your name on line 1 differs from that shown on your social security card, call 1-800-772-1213 to initiate a name change and obtain a social security card showing your correct name.

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ld and Dependent Care Expenses, for details.)
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the number of exemptions you claim on your tax return.)
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Note 1	. Use this worksheet only if you plan to itemize deductions, claim certain credits, or claim adjustments to income of Enter an estimate of your 2005 itemized deductions. These include qualifying home mortgage interest,	n you	ur 2005 tax return.
-	charitable contributions, state and local taxes, medical expenses in excess of 7.5% of your income, and		
	miscellaneous deductions. (For 2005, you may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over \$145,950 (\$72,975 if married filing separately). See <i>Worksheet 3</i> in Pub. 919 for details.)	1	\$
	\$10,000 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	-	
2	Enter: { \$ 7,300 if head of household }	2	\$
	\$ 5,000 if single or married filing separately		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If line 2 is greater than line 1, enter "-0-"	3	\$
4	Enter an estimate of your 2005 adjustments to income, including alimony, deductible IRA contributions, and student loan interest	4	\$
5	Add lines 3 and 4 and enter the total. (Include any amount for credits from Worksheet 7 in Pub. 919) .	5	\$
6	Enter an estimate of your 2005 nonwage income (such as dividends or interest)	6	\$
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter the result, but not less than "-0-"	7	\$
8	Divide the amount on line 7 by \$3,200 and enter the result here. Drop any fraction	8	
9	Enter the number from the Personal Allowances Worksheet, line H, page 1	9	
10	Add lines 8 and 9 and enter the total here. If you plan to use the Two-Earner/Two-Job Worksheet, also enter this total on line 1 below. Otherwise, stop here and enter this total on Form W-4, line 5, page 1.	10	
	Two-Earner/Two-Job Worksheet (See Two earners/two jobs on page 1.)		
Note	2. Use this worksheet only if the instructions under line H on page 1 direct you here.		
1	Enter the number from line H, page 1 (or from line 10 above if you used the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet)	1	
2	Find the number in Table 1 below that applies to the LOWEST paying job and enter it here	2	
3	If line 1 is more than or equal to line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the result here (if zero, enter		
	"-0-") and on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Do not use the rest of this worksheet	3	
Note	If line 1 is less than line 2, enter "-0-" on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Complete lines 4–9 below to calculat withholding amount necessary to avoid a year-end tax bill.	e th	e additional
4	Enter the number from line 2 of this worksheet		
5	Enter the number from line 1 of this worksheet		
6	Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	
7	Find the amount in Table 2 below that applies to the HIGHEST paying job and enter it here	7	\$
8	Multiply line 7 by line 6 and enter the result here. This is the additional annual withholding needed	8	\$
9	Divide line 8 by the number of pay periods remaining in 2005. For example, divide by 26 if you are paid		
	every two weeks and you complete this form in December 2004. Enter the result here and on Form W-4,		
	line 6, page 1. This is the additional amount to be withheld from each paycheck	9	\$
	Table 1: Two-Farner/Two-Joh Worksheet		

		Married Fil	ing Jointly			All O	thers
If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	AND, wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above	If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	AND, wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above	If wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above
\$0 - \$40,000	\$0 - \$4,000 4,001 - 8,000 8,001 - 18,000 18,001 and over	0 1 2 3	\$40,001 and over	30,001 - 36,000 36,001 - 45,000 45,001 - 50,000 50,001 - 60,000	6 7 8 9	\$0 - \$6,000 6,001 - 12,000 12,001 - 18,000 18,001 - 24,000	0 1 2 3
\$40,001 and over	\$0 - \$4,000 4,001 - 8,000 8,001 - 18,000 18,001 - 22,000 22,001 - 25,000 25,001 - 30,000	0 1 2 3 4 5		60,001 - 65,000 65,001 - 75,000 75,001 - 90,000 90,001 - 100,000 100,001 - 115,000 115,001 and over	10 11 12 13 14 15	24,001 - 31,000 31,001 - 45,000 45,001 - 60,000 60,001 - 75,000 75,001 - 80,000 80,001 - 100,000 100,001 and over	4 5 6 7 8 9

Table 2: Two-Earner/Two-Job Worksheet

Married Filing Joir	ntly	All Others		
If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above	If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above	
\$0 - \$60,000	\$480	\$0 - \$30,000	\$480	
60,001 - 110,000	800	30,001 - 70,000	800	
110,001 - 160,000	900	70,001 - 140,000	900	
160,001 - 280,000	1,060	140,001 - 320,000	1,060	
280,001 and over	1,120	320,001 and over	1,120	

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- Refund information. If you would like to check the status of your 2004 refund, call 1-800-829-4477 and press 1 for automated refund information or call 1-800-829-1954. Be sure to wait at least 6 weeks from the date you filed your return (3 weeks if you filed electronically). Have your 2004 tax return available because you will need to know your filing status and the exact whole dollar amount of your refund.

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CD-ROM for small businesses. Publication 3207, The Small Business Resource Guide, CD-ROM 2004, is a must for every small busi-

ness owner or any taxpayer about to start a business. This handy, interactive CD contains all the business tax forms, instructions, and publications needed to successfully manage a business. In addition, the CD provides other helpful information, such as how to prepare a business plan, finding financing for your business, and much more. The design of the CD makes finding information easy and quick and incorporates file formats and browsers that can be run on virtually any desktop or laptop computer.

It is available in early April. You can get a free copy by calling 1-800-829-3676 or by visiting www.irs.gov/smallbiz.

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- 17 Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals)
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- 509 Tax Calendars for 2005
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- 947 Practice Before the IRS and Power of Attorney
- 950 Introduction to Estate and Gift Taxes
- 967 The IRS Will Figure Your Tax
- 968 Tax Benefits for Adoption
- 969 Health Savings Accounts and Other Tax-Favored Health Plans
- 970 Tax Benefits for Education
- 971 Innocent Spouse Relief
- 972 Child Tax Credit
- 1542 Per Diem Rates
- 1544 Reporting Cash Payments of Over \$10,000 (Received in a Trade or Business)
- 1546 The Taxpayer Advocate Service—How to Get Help With Unresolved Problems

Spanish Language Publications

- **1SP** Derechos del Contribuyente
- 579SP Cómo Preparar la Declaración de Impuesto Federal
- **594SP** Comprendiendo el Proceso de Cobro
- 596SP Crédito por Ingreso del Trabajo
 - 850 English-Spanish Glossary of Words and Phrases Used in Publications Issued by the Internal Revenue Service
- 1544SP Informe de Pagos en Efectivo en Exceso de \$10,000 (Recibidos en una Ocupación o Negocio)

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