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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.

The purpose of this publication is to help you check your withholding and, if necessary, prepare Form $\mathrm{W}-4$ 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. If you have not changed jobs, you do not have to file Form W-4 each year unless you need to adjust your withholding.

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## Checking Your Withholding

This section explains why, when, and how to check your withholding to see if you will have enough, but not too much, tax withheld for 2007. Also, you may want to use the withholding calculator on www.irs.gov.

## 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.

Always 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 for examples.

## Figure 1. Personal and Financial Changes

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

## 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 should check your withholding when any of the following situations occur.

1. You receive a paycheck stub (statement) covering a full pay period in 2007, showing tax withheld based on 2007 tax rates.
2. You prepare your 2006 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 on page 2.
4. There are changes in the tax law that affect your tax liability. See Tax Law Changes, below.

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 2007 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 2007 and you do not decrease your withholding, you may get a larger refund. You can get this money back earlier by reducing your withholding.

For information about changes in the law for 2006 and 2007, get Publication 553, Highlights of 2006 Tax Changes, or visit the IRS website 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.

1. Fill out Worksheet 1 (see page 10) to project your total federal income tax liability for 2007.
2. Fill out Worksheet 9 (see page 17) to project your total federal withholding for 2007 and compare that with your projected tax liability from Worksheet 1.
If you are not having enough tax withheld, line 6 of Worksheet 9 will show you how much more to have withheld each payday.

If you are having more tax withheld than necessary, line 5 of Worksheet 9 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 new 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, on page 4.

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 payments, see chapter 2 of Publication 505.

## 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 should see if you qualify to have less tax withheld. If so, give your employer a new Form W-4 showing more withholding allowances.

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

- You got a big refund for 2006 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 (page 2) and 2 (page 5).

## Adjusting Your Withholding

This section explains 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.

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 on pages 7 and 8 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 Form W-4, line 5, or
- Enter an additional amount that you want withheld from each paycheck on Form W-4, line 6.

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

1. Complete Worksheets 1 and 9.
2. Complete a new Form W-4 if the amount on Worksheet 9 , line 5 :
a. Is more than you want to have to pay, or
b. Would cause you to pay a penalty when you file your tax return for 2007.
3. Enter on your new Form W-4, line 5, 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 your new Form W-4, line 6, the amount from Worksheet 9 , line 6.
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. Early in 2007, Steve Miller used Worksheets 1,4 , and 9 to project his 2007 tax liability $(\$ 4,316)$ and his withholding for the year $(\$ 3,516)$. Steve's tax will be under withheld by $\$ 800$ ( $\$ 4,316$ - $\$ 3,516$ ). Either he will have to pay this amount when he files his 2007 tax return or he can increase his withholding now. Steve gets a new Form W-4 from his employer, who tells him that there are 50 paydays remaining in 2007. Steve completes the form as before, entering the same number of withholding allowances as before, but, in addition, entering $\$ 16(\$ 800 \div 50)$ 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 Worksheet 9, line 5, 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 2007 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 and earns $\$ 46,000$ a year. Her husband, John, works full-time in manufacturing and earns $\$ 68,000$ a year. In 2007, they will also have $\$ 184$ in taxable interest and $\$ 1,000$ of other taxable income. They expect to file a joint income tax return. Meg and John complete Worksheets 1, 4, and 9. Worksheet 9 , line 5 , shows that they will owe an additional $\$ 4,459$ after subtracting their withholding for the year. They can divide the $\$ 4,459$ 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 the additional amount withheld from John's wages, so they enter \$91 ( $\$ 4,459 \div 49$ remaining paydays) on line 6 of his Form W-4. Both claim the same number of allowances as before.

## How Do I Decrease My Withholding?

If your completed Worksheets 1 and 9 show that you may have more tax withheld than your projected tax liability for 2007, you may be able to decrease your withholding. There are two ways to do this. You can:

- Decrease any additional amount (Form W-4, line 6) you are having withheld, or
- Increase the number of allowances you claim on Form W-4, line 5.

$\Delta$You can claim only the number of allowances to which you are entitled. To see if you can decrease your withholding by increasing your allowances, see the Form W-4 instructions and the rest of this publication. If your expected adjusted gross income for 2007 is more than $\$ 117,300$, also see chapter 1 of Publication 505.

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

1. On a new Form W-4, complete the Personal AIIowances Worksheet.
2. If you plan to itemize deductions, claim adjustments to income, or claim tax credits using Worksheet 8 (see page 16) on your 2007 return, complete a new Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet on Form W-4.
3. If you meet the criteria on line H of the Form $\mathrm{W}-4$ Personal Allowances Worksheet, complete a new Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet on Form W-4.
4. On your new Form $W-4$, enter the number of allowances you are entitled to claim on line 5.
5. 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.

Claiming tax credits. Figure 2, below, shows tax credits you may be able to use to reduce your withholding. The Form W-4 Personal Allowances Worksheet provides only rough adjustments for the child and dependent care credit (line F) and the child tax credit (line G). Complete Worksheet 8 (see page 16) to figure these credits more accurately and also take other credits into account.

Include the amount from line 12 of Worksheet 8 in the total on line 5 of the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet. Then complete the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet and the rest of Form W-4.

$\Delta$If you take the child and dependent care credit into account on Worksheet 8, enter-0- on line F of the Personal Allowances Worksheet. If you take the child tax credit into account on Worksheet 8, enter -0on line G of the Personal Allowances Worksheet.

Example. Brett and Alyssa Davis are married and expect to file a joint return for 2007. Their estimated income from all sources is $\$ 68,000$. They also expect to have $\$ 15,900$ of itemized deductions. Their projected tax credits include a child and dependent care credit of \$960 and a mortgage interest credit of $\$ 1,700$.

The Davis' complete Worksheet 8, as follows, to see whether they can convert their tax credits into additional withholding allowances.

1. Line 1, expected child and dependent care credit$\$ 960$.
2. Line 8, expected mortgage interest credit- $\$ 1,700$.
3. Line 10, total estimated tax credits-\$2,660.
4. Line 11-6.7. Their combined taxable income from all sources, \$68,000, falls between \$37,001 and $\$ 85,000$ on the table for married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er). The number to the right of this range is 6.7.

## Figure 2. Tax Credits

| For more information about the ... | See ... |
| :--- | :--- |
| Adoption credit | Form 8839 instructions |
| Alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit | Form 8911 instructions |
| Alternative motor vehicle credit | Form 8910 instructions |
| Child and dependent care expenses, credit for | Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses |
| Child tax credit (including additional child tax credit) | Instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040A |
| Clean renewable energy bond credit | Form 8912 instructions |
| District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit | Form 8859 instructions |
| Earned income credit (unless you requested advance <br> payment of the credit) | Publication 596, Earned Income Credit |
| Education credits | Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education |
| Elderly or the disabled, credit for the | Publication 524, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled |
| Foreign tax credit (except any credit that applies to wages <br> not subject to U.S. income tax withholding because they are <br> subject to income tax withholding by a foreign country) | Publication 514, Foreign Tax Credit for Individuals |
| General business credit | Form 3800, General Business Credit |
| Gulf tax credit bond credit | Form 8912 instructions |
| Health coverage tax credit | Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses |
| Mortgage interest credit | Publication 530, Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners |
| Prior year minimum tax, credit for (if you paid alternative <br> minimum tax in an earlier year) | Form 8801 instructions |
| Qualified zone academy bond credit | Form 8860 instructions |
| Residential energy credits | Form 5695 instructions |
| Retirement savings contributions credit | Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs) |

5. Line 12 , multiply line 10 by line $11-\$ 17,822$.

Then the Davis' complete the Form W-4 worksheets.

1. 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 and figure a new total for line H .
2. They take the result on line 12 of Worksheet 8 , add it to their other adjustments on line 5 of the Form W-4 Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet, and complete the Form W-4 worksheets.

## 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.

## Retirees Returning to the Workforce

When you first began receiving your pension, you told the payor how much tax to withhold, if any, by completing Form W-4P, Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments (or something similar). You completed this form based on your projected income at that time. Now that you are returning to the workforce, your new Form W-4 (given to your employer) and your Form W-4P (on file with your pension plan) must work together to determine the correct amount of withholding for your new amount of income.

The worksheets that come with Forms W-4 and W-4P are basically the same, so you can use either set of worksheets to figure out how many withholding allowances you are entitled to claim. Start off with the Personal AIlowances Worksheet. Then, if you will be itemizing your deductions or claiming adjustments to income when you
file your tax return, complete the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet.

The third worksheet is the most important for this situation. Form W-4 calls it the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet; Form W-4P calls it the Multiple Pensions/ More-Than-One-Income Worksheet - both are the same. As you have learned in this publication, if you have more than one source of income you may need to claim fewer withholding allowances, or request your employer withhold an additional amount from each paycheck, to have enough withholding to cover the tax on your higher income.

Once you have figured out how many allowances you are entitled to claim, look at the income from both your pension and your new job, and how often you receive payments. It is your decision how to divide up your withholding allowances between these sources of income. For example, you may want to "take home" most of your weekly paycheck to use as spending money and use your pension to "pay the bills." In that case, change your Form W-4P to zero allowances and claim all that you are entitled to on your Form W-4.

There are a couple of ways you can get a better idea of how much tax will be withheld when claiming a certain number of allowances.

- Use the withholding tables in Publication 15, Employer's Tax Guide.
- Contact your pension provider and your employer's payroll department.

And remember, this is not a final decision. If you do not get the correct amount of withholding with the first Forms W-4 and W-4P you submit, you should refigure your allowances (or divide them differently) using the information and worksheets in this publication, or the resources mentioned above.

You should go through this same process each time your life situation changes, whether it be for personal or financial reasons. You may need more tax withheld, or you may need less.

## Form W-4 (2007)

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 2007 expires February 16, 2008. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.
Note. You cannot claim exemption from withholding if (a) your income exceeds $\$ 850$ and includes more than \$300 of unearned income (for example, interest and dividends) and (b) another person can claim you as a dependent on their tax return.
Basic instructions. If you are not exempt, complete the Personal Allowances Worksheet below. The worksheets on page 2 adjust your withholding allowances based on
itemized deductions, certain credits, adjustments to income, or two-earner/multiple job situations. Complete all worksheets that apply. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) allowances.

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.
Tax credits. You can take projected tax credits into account in figuring your allowable number of withholding allowances. Credits for child or dependent care expenses and the child tax credit may be claimed using the Personal Allowances Worksheet below. See Pub. 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding, for information on converting your other credits into withholding allowances. Nonwage income. If you have a large amount of nonwage income, such as interest or dividends, consider making estimated tax payments using Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax
for Individuals. Otherwise, you may owe additional tax. If you have pension or annuity income, see Pub. 919 to find out if you should adjust your withholding on Form W-4 or W-4P. Two earners/Multiple jobs. If you have a working spouse or more than one job, figure the total number of allowances you are entitled to claim on all jobs using worksheets from only one Form W-4. Your withholding usually will be most accurate when all allowances are claimed on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job and zero allowances are claimed on the others.
Nonresident alien. If you are a nonresiden 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 2007. See Pub. 919, especially if your earnings exceed \$130,000 (Single) or \$180,000 (Married).

Personal Allowances Worksheet (Keep for your records.)
A Enter "1" for yourself if no one else can claim you as a dependent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A
$\qquad$

C more than one job. (Entering "-0-" may help you avoid having too little tax withheld.) . . . . . . . . . . . C
D Enter number of dependents (other than your spouse or yourself) you will claim on your tax return
D
E Enter "1" if you will file as head of household on your tax return (see conditions under Head of household above) E E
F Enter "1" if you have at least $\$ 1,500$ of child or dependent care expenses for which you plan to claim a credit
F
(Note. Do not include child support payments. See Pub. 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses, for details.)
G Child Tax Credit (including additional child tax credit). See Pub 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information.

- If your total income will be less than $\$ 57,000(\$ 85,000$ if married), enter " 2 " for each eligible child.
- If your total income will be between $\$ 57,000$ and $\$ 84,000$ ( $\$ 85,000$ and $\$ 119,000$ if married), enter "1" for each eligible child plus " 1 " additional if you have 4 or more eligible children.

G
H Add lines A through $G$ and enter total here. (Note. This may be different from the number of exemptions you claim on your tax return.)
H $\qquad$
For accuracy, ( - If you plan to itemize or claim adjustments to income and want to reduce your withholding, see the Deductions complete all and Adjustments Worksheet on page 2.
worksheets $\quad$ - If you have more than one job or are married and you and your spouse both work and the combined earnings from all jobs that apply. exceed $\$ 40,000(\$ 25,000$ if married) see the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 2 to avoid having too little tax withheld. - If neither of the above situations applies, stop here and enter the number from line H on line 5 of Form W-4 below.

## Cut here and give Form W-4 to your employer. Keep the top part for your records.



Note. Use this worksheet only if you plan to itemize deductions, claim certain credits, or claim adjustments to income on your 2007 tax return.
1 Enter an estimate of your 2007 itemized deductions. These include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, medical expenses in excess of $7.5 \%$ of your income, and miscellaneous deductions. (For 2007, you may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over $\$ 156,400$ ( $\$ 78,200$ if married filing separately). See Worksheet 2 in Pub. 919 for details.)

1 \$
2 Enter: $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\$ 10,700 \text { if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) } \\ \$ 7,850 \text { if head of household } \\ \$ 5,350 \text { if single or married filing separately }\end{array}\right\} . \operatorname{F} . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad 2$
\$
$\qquad$
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter "-0-"
$3 \$$
4 Enter an estimate of your 2007 adjustments to income, including alimony, deductible IRA contributions, and student loan interest
5 Add lines 3 and 4 and enter the total. (Include any amount for credits from Worksheet 8 in Pub. 919)
6 Enter an estimate of your 2007 nonwage income (such as dividends or interest)
5

7 Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero or less, enter "-0-"
8 Divide the amount on line 7 by $\$ 3,400$ 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-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet, also enter this total on line 1 below. Otherwise, stop here and enter this total on Form $W$-4, line 5, page 1

## Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet (See Two earners/multiple jobs on page 1.)

Note. 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. However, if you are married filing jointly and wages from the highest paying job are $\$ 50,000$ or less, do not enter more than "3."

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
2
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 calculate the additional withholding amount necessary to avoid a year-end tax bill.
4 Enter the number from line 2 of this worksheet . . . . . . . . . 4
5 Enter the number from line 1 of this worksheet . . . . . . . . . 5
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 2007 . For example, divide by 26 if you are paid every two weeks and you complete this form in December 2006. Enter the result here and on Form W-4, line 6, page 1. This is the additional amount to be withheld from each paycheck

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| Table 1 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Married Filing Jointly |  | All Others |  |
| If wages from LOWEST paying job are- | Enter on line 2 above | If wages from LOWEST paying job are- | Enter on line 2 above |
| \$0- \$4,500 | 0 | \$0- \$6,000 | 0 |
| 4,501-9,000 |  | 6,001-12,000 | 1 |
| 9,001-18,000 | 2 | 12,001-19,000 | 2 |
| 18,001-22,000 | 3 | 19,001-26,000 | 3 |
| 22,001-26,000 | 4 | 26,001-35,000 | 4 |
| 26,001-32,000 | 5 | 35,001-50,000 | 5 |
| 32,001-38,000 | 6 | 50,001-65,000 | 6 |
| 38,001 - 46,000 | 7 | 65,001 - 80,000 | 7 |
| 46,001 - 55,000 | 8 | 80,001 - 90,000 | 8 |
| 55,001-60,000 | 9 | 90,001-120,000 | 9 |
| 60,001-65,000 | 10 | 120,001 and over | 10 |
| 65,001-75,000 | 11 |  |  |
| 75,001-95,000 | 12 |  |  |
| 95,001-105,000 | 13 |  |  |
| 105,001-120,000 | 14 |  |  |
| 120,001 and over | 15 |  |  |

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| Table 2 |  |  |  |
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| Married Filing Jointly |  | All Others |  |
| If wages from HIGHEST <br> paying job are- | Enter on <br> line 7 above | If wages from HIGHEST <br> paying job are- | Enter on <br> line 7 above |
| $\$ 0-\$ 65,000$ | $\$ 510$ | $\$ 0-\$ 35,000$ | $\$ 510$ |
| $65,001-120,000$ | 850 | $35,001-80,000$ | 850 |
| $120,001-170,000$ | 950 | $80,001-150,000$ | 950 |
| $170,001-300,000$ | 1,120 | $150,001-340,000$ | 1,120 |
| 300,001 and over | 1,190 | 340,001 and over | 1,190 |
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Figure 3. Worksheets and Tables
Use the following worksheets and tables to figure your correct withholding and adjustments.

| Use ... | On <br> page... | To ... |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Worksheet 1 <br> Projected Tax for 2007 | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | Project the taxable income you will have for 2007 and figure the amount of tax you will <br> have to pay on that income. |
| Worksheet 2 <br> Itemized Deductions Limit | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | Figure the reduced amount of your projected itemized deductions on Schedule A (Form <br> 1040 if they are limited because your projected adjusted gross income is more than <br> $\$ 156,400$ (\$78,200 if married filing separately). |
| Worksheet 3 <br> Reduction of Exemption <br> Amount | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | Figure the reduced amount of your projected exemptions if your exemptions are limited <br> because your projected adjusted gross income for your projected filing status is more <br> than: $\$ 156,400$ if single; $\$ 234,600$ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er); <br> $\$ 117,300$ if married filing separately; or $\$ 195,500$ if head of household. |
| Worksheet 4 <br> Tax Rate Schedule <br> Worksheets for 2007 | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | Figure the amount of tax on your projected taxable income. |
| Worksheet 5 <br> Figuring Tax if You <br> Expect to Have a Net <br> Capital Gain or Qualified <br> Dividends | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | Figure the amount of tax when your projected 2007 taxable income includes a net capital <br> gain or qualified dividends. |
| Worksheet 6 <br> Figuring Tax if You <br> Expect to Exclude Foreign <br> Earned Income or <br> Housing Amount | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | Figure your tax if you expect to claim a foreign earned income exclusion or housing <br> exclusion on Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ. |
| Worksheet 7 <br> Self-Employment Tax | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | Figure your projected self-employment tax for 2007 if you and/or your spouse are <br> self-employed in 2007 and your (or your spouse's) wages and self-employment income <br> will be more than $\$ 97,500$. |
| Worksheet 8 <br> Converting Credits to <br> Withholding Allowances | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | Figure how much of an adjustment to make to line 5 of the Form W-4 Deductions and <br> Adjustments Worksheet to account for your projected tax credits that are not otherwise <br> taken into consideration. |
| Worksheet 9 <br> Projected Withholding for <br> 2007 | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | Project the amount of federal income tax that you will have withheld in 2007, compare <br> your projected withholding with your projected tax, and determine whether the amount <br> withheld each payday should be adjusted. |
| Tables 1, 2, and 3 <br> 2007 Standard Deduction <br> Tables | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | Determine your projected standard deduction for 2007. Do not use these tables if you <br> plan to itemize your deductions. |

Use this worksheet to figure the amount of your projected tax for 2007. Note. Enter combined amounts if married filing jointly.

1. Enter amount of adjusted gross income (AGI) you expect in 2007. (To determine this, you may want to start with the AGI on your last year's return, and add or subtract your expected changes.)

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3. Subtract line 2 from line 1 (if zero or less, enter -0 - and go to line 6 )

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- More than the amount shown below for your 2007 filing status, use Worksheet 3 to figure the amount to enter here
- Single - \$156,400
- Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er) - \$234,600
- Married filing separately - \$117,300
- Head of household - \$195,500

5. Expected taxable income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 (if zero or less, enter -0-)

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6. If the amount on line 1 :

- Does not include a net capital gain or qualified dividends and you did not exclude foreign earned income or housing amounts in arriving at the amount on line 1, use the appropriate section of Worksheet 4 to figure the tax to enter here.
- Includes a net capital gain or qualified dividends, use Worksheet 5 to figure the tax to enter here
- Was figured by excluding foreign earned income or housing, use Worksheet 6 to figure the tax to enter here
. Enter any expected additional taxes from an election to report your child's interest and dividends (Form 8814), lump-sum distributions (Form 4972), and any recapture of education credits

8. Add lines 6 and 7
9. Enter the amount of any expected tax credits. See Figure 2 on page 5
10. Subtract line 9 from line 8 (if zero or less, enter -0-)
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 $92.35 \%$ (.9235) is:

- less than $\$ 400$, enter -0- on line 11
- $\$ 400$ or more, and together with your wages is not more than $\$ 97,500$, multiply your expected net self-employment income by $92.35 \%$ (.9235). Multiply that result by $15.3 \%$ (.153) and enter here. .
- $\$ 400$ or more, and together with your wages is more than $\$ 97,500$, use Worksheet 7 to figure the amount to enter here

12. Enter any other expected taxes (such as tax on early distributions from an IRA, alternative minimum tax, etc.)
13. Add lines 10 through 12. This is your projected tax for 2007. Enter it here and on Worksheet 9 , line 1

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## Worksheet 2. Itemized Deductions Limit

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

1. Enter the total itemized deductions you expect for 2007 after applying any limits (such as the $7.5 \%$ limit on medical expenses)
2. Enter the amount included in line 1 for medical and dental expenses, investment interest, casualty and theft losses, and gambling losses
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1

Note. If the amount on line 3 is zero, stop here. Your deduction is not limited. Enter on Worksheet 1, line 2, 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 $80 \%$ (.80)

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## Worksheet 3. Reduction of Exemption Amount

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

1. Multiply $\$ 3,400$ by the number of exemptions you plan to claim
2. Enter the amount from Worksheet 1, line 1
3. Enter:
\$156,400 if single
$\$ 234,600$ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)
$\$ 117,300$ if married filing separately
\$195,500 if head of household
4. Subtract line 3 from line 2 and enter here
5. Is line 4 more than $\$ 122,500$ (more than $\$ 61,250$ if married filing separately)?
$\square$ Yes. Multiply $\$ 1,133$ by the number of exemptions you plan to claim and enter the result here and on Worksheet 1, line 4. Do not complete the rest of this worksheet.
$\square$ No. Divide 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.
6. Multiply line 5 by $2 \%$ (.02). Enter the result as a decimal, but not more than 1.0
7. Multiply line 1 by line 6
8. Divide line 7 by 1.5
9. Subtract line 8 from line 1. Enter the result here and on Worksheet 1 , line 4

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## Worksheet 4. Tax Rate Schedule Worksheets for 2007

## a. Single

| Use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter on Worksheet 1, line 6, if you expect your filing status for 2007 to be Single. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Expecte Inc If Work line 5 At least | Taxable me heet 1 , is - <br> But less than | (a) <br> Enter amount from Worksheet 1, line $5^{*}$ | (b) Multiplication amount | (c) Multiply (a) by (b) | (d) <br> Subtraction amount | (e) <br> Subtract (d) from (c). Enter the result here and on Worksheet 1 , line 6* |
| \$0 | \$7,825 |  | $\times 10 \%(.10)$ |  | \$0 |  |
| 7,825 | 31,850 |  | $\times 15 \%$ (.15) |  | 391.25 |  |
| 31,850 | 77,100 |  | $\times 25 \%$ (.25) |  | 3,576.25 |  |
| 77,100 | 160,850 |  | $\times 28 \%$ (.28) |  | 5,889.25 |  |
| 160,850 | 349,700 |  | $\times 33 \%$ (.33) |  | 13,931.75 |  |
| 349,700 | ----- |  | $\times 35 \%$ (.35) |  | 20,925.75 |  |

* If you are using Worksheet 5, use the amount from line 1 or line 14 and enter the result on line 28 or line 30, as appropriate. If you are using Worksheet 6 , use the amount from line 6 or line 7 and enter the result on line 8 or line 9 , as appropriate.


## b. Head of Household

Use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter on Worksheet 1, line 6, if you expect your filing status for 2007 to be Head of Household.

| Expected Taxable <br> Income <br> If Worksheet 1, <br> line 5* is - <br> At least less <br> than | (a) <br> Enter amount <br> from <br> Worksheet 1, <br> line 5* | (b) <br> Multiplication <br> amount | (c) <br> Multiply <br> (a) by (b) | (d) <br> Subtraction <br> amount | Subtract (d) from (c). Enter the result <br> here and on Worksheet 1, line 6 ${ }^{*}$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 11,200$ |  | $\times 10 \%(.10)$ |  | $\$ 0$ |
| 11,200 | 42,650 |  | $\times 15 \%(.15)$ |  | 560.00 |
| 42,650 | 110,100 |  | $\times 25 \%(.25)$ |  | $4,825.00$ |
| 110,100 | 178,350 |  | $\times 28 \%(.28)$ |  | $8,128.00$ |
| 178,350 | 349,700 |  | $\times 33 \%(.33)$ |  | $17,045.50$ |
| 349,700 | ---- |  | $\times 35 \%(.35)$ |  | $24,039.50$ |

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## c. Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow(er)

Use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter on Worksheet 1, line 6, if you expect your filing status for 2007 to be Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow(er).
$\left.\begin{array}{|r|c|c|r|r|r|}\hline \begin{array}{c}\text { Expected Taxable } \\ \text { Income } \\ \text { If Worksheet 1, } \\ \text { line 5* is - } \\ \text { At least } \\ \text { But less } \\ \text { than }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (a) } \\ \text { Enter amount } \\ \text { from } \\ \text { Worksheet 1, } \\ \text { line 5* }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (b) } \\ \text { Multiplication } \\ \text { amount }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (c) } \\ \text { Multiply } \\ \text { (a) by (b) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (d) } \\ \text { Subtraction } \\ \text { amount }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (e) }\end{array} \\ \hline \$ 0 & \$ 15,650 & & \times 10 \%(.10) & & \$ 0 \\ \text { Subtract (d) from (c). Enter the result } \\ \text { here and on Worksheet 1, line 6* }\end{array}\right\}$

* If you are using Worksheet 5 , use the amount from line 1 or line 14 and enter the result on line 28 or line 30, as appropriate. If you are using Worksheet 6 , use the amount from line 6 or line 7 and enter the result on line 8 or line 9 , as appropriate.


## d. Married Filing Separately

Use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter on Worksheet 1, line 6, if you expect your filing status for 2007 to be Married Filing Separately.

| Expected Taxable <br> Income <br> If Worksheet 1, <br> line 5* is <br> At least <br> But less <br> than | (a) <br> Enter amount <br> from <br> Worksheet 1, <br> line 5* | (b) <br> Multiplication <br> amount | (c) <br> Multiply <br> (a) by (b) | (d) <br> Subtraction <br> amount | Subtract (d) from (c). Enter the result <br> here and on Worksheet 1, line 6* |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 7,825$ |  | $\times 10 \%(.10)$ |  | $\$ 0$ |
| 7,825 | 31,850 |  | $\times 15 \%(.15)$ |  | 391.25 |
| 31,850 | 64,250 |  | $\times 25 \%(.25)$ |  | $3,576.25$ |
| 64,250 | 97,925 |  | $\times 28 \%(.28)$ |  | $5,503.75$ |
| 97,925 | 174,850 |  | $\times 33 \%(.33)$ |  | $10,400.00$ |
| 174,850 | ---- |  | $\times 35 \%(.35)$ |  | $13,897.00$ |

* If you are using Worksheet 5, use the amount from line 1 or line 14 and enter the result on line 28 or line 30, as appropriate. If you are using Worksheet 6 , use the amount from line 6 or line 7 and enter the result on line 8 or line 9 , as appropriate.


## Worksheet 5. Figuring Tax if You Expect to Have a Net Capital Gain or Qualified Dividends

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

1. Enter the amount from Worksheet 1, line 5 (or the amount from Worksheet 6, line 7, if appropriate)
2. Enter your expected qualified dividends for 2007
3. Enter the net capital gain expected for 2007
4. Add lines 2 and 3
5. Enter your $28 \%$ rate gain or loss expected for 2007
6. Enter the unrecaptured section 1250 gain expected for 2007
7. Add lines 5 and 6
8. Enter the smaller of line 3 or line 7
9. Subtract line 8 from line 4
10. Subtract line 9 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-
11. Enter the smaller of line 1 or $\$ 63,700$ ( $\$ 31,850$ if single or married filing separately; $\$ 42,650$ if head of household)
12. Enter the smaller of line 10 or line 11
13. Subtract line 4 from line 1 . If zero or less, enter - 0 -
14. Enter the larger of line 12 or line 13.

Note. If line 11 and line 12 are the same, skip lines 15 and 16 and go on to line 17
15. Subtract line 12 from line 11
16. Multiply line 15 by $5 \%$ (.05).

Note. If lines 1 and 11 are the same, skip lines 17-27 and go to line 28

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17. Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 9
18. Subtract line 15 from line 17. If zero or less, enter -0-
19. Multiply line 18 by $15 \%$ (.15).

Note. If line 6 is zero or blank, skip lines 20-24 and go to line 25

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20. Enter the smaller of line 3 or line 6
21. Add lines 4 and 14
22. Subtract line 1 from line 21. If zero or less, enter -0-
23. Subtract line 22 from line 20 . If zero or less, enter -0-

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| 18 |  |  |  |
|  | 19 |  |  |

24. Multiply line 23 by $25 \%$ (.25).

Note. If line 5 is zero or blank, skip lines 25-27 and go to line 28

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| 23 |  |



| 25 |  |
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| 26 |  |

24
25. Add lines 14, 15, 18, and 23
26. Subtract line 25 from line 1 $\qquad$
27. Multiply line 26 by $28 \%$ (.28)
28. Tax on the amount on line 14 from Worksheet 4, as appropriate
29. Add lines 16, 19, 24, 27, and 28
30. Tax on the amount on line 1 from Worksheet 4, as appropriate
31. Expected tax. Enter the smaller of line 29 or line 30 here and on Worksheet 1, line 6

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| 30 |  |
| 31 |  |

## Worksheet 6. Figuring Tax if You Expect to Exclude Foreign Earned Income or Housing Amount

You must figure your tax using this worksheet if you claim a foreign earned income exclusion or housing exclusion on Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ.

1. Enter the amount from Worksheet 1 , line 3
2. Enter the amount from Worksheet 1 , line 4
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1 . If less than zero, enter the amount in parentheses

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4. Enter the total expected foreign earned income and housing exclusion from your (and your spouse's, if filing jointly) Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ
5. Enter the total amount of any itemized deductions you expect not to be able to claim because they are related to excluded income

6. Subtract line 5 from line 4 . If zero or less, enter $-0-$
7. Combine lines 3 and 6 . If zero or less, enter -0- $\qquad$
8. Tax on amount on line 7. Use Worksheet 4 or Worksheet 5,* as appropriate
9. Tax on amount on line 6. Use Worksheet 4, as appropriate
10. Subtract line 9 from line 8 . Enter the result. If zero or less, enter -0 -. Also include this amount on Worksheet 1 , line 6
*If using Worksheet 5, enter the amount from line 7 above on line 1 of Worksheet 5 . Complete the rest of Worksheet 5 according to its instructions. Then complete lines 9 and 10 above.

## Worksheet 7. Self-Employment Tax

Use this worksheet to figure the amount to enter on Worksheet 1, line 11. 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 Worksheet 1 , line 11.

1. Enter expected net self-employment income for 2007

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| 4 | $\$ 97,500$ |
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| 9 |  |

## Worksheet 8. Converting Credits to Withholding Allowances

Use this worksheet to figure an additional amount to enter on the Form W-4 Deductions and Allowances Worksheet, line 5. For more information on these credits, see Claiming tax credits, earlier. Caution. If you enter an amount on line 1 of this worksheet, enter -0- on line F of the Form W-4 Personal Allowances Worksheet. If you enter an amount on line 3 of this worksheet, enter -0on line G of the Form W-4 Personal Allowances Worksheet.

For lines 1 through 9, enter your projection for each of the credits.

1. Credit for child and dependent care expenses. (See Caution above)

2. Child tax credit (including additional child tax credit). (See Caution above)
3. Education credits
4. Adoption credit
5. Foreign tax credit
6. Retirement savings contributions credit
7. Other credits (such as mortgage interest credit, credit for prior year minimum tax if you paid alternative minimum tax in a prior year, residential energy credits, and general business credit)
8. Earned income credit (unless you requested advance payment)
9. Add lines 1 through 9 . This is your total estimated tax credits
10. Enter the appropriate number from one of the following credit tables. Use the table that matches your filing status. Find the line in the table that matches your income from all sources. Then, enter here the amount shown next to your income.

| Married Filing Joint Return or Qualifying Widow(er) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| If your income from all sources is: |  |  | Multiply credits by: |
| \$0 | - | \$37,000 | 10.0 |
| 37,001 | - | 85,000 | 6.7 |
| 85,001 | - | 155,000 | 4.0 |
| 155,001 | - | 230,000 | 3.6 |
| 230,001 | - | 380,000 | 3.0 |
| 380,001 |  | over - | 2.8 |


| Head of Household |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| If your income from all sources is: |  |  | Multiply credits by: |
| \$0 | - | \$26,000 | 10.0 |
| 26,001 | - | 57,000 | 6.7 |
| 57,001 | - | 130,000 | 4.0 |
| 130,001 | - | 200,000 | 3.6 |
| 200,001 | - | 370,000 | 3.0 |
| 370,001 |  | over - | 2.8 |


| Single |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| If your <br> income from <br> all sources <br> is: |  | Multiply <br> credits <br> by: |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 17,001 | - | $\$ 17,000$ |  |
| 40,001 | - | 40,000 |  |
| 90,001 | - | 90,000 |  |
| 175,001 | - | 175,000 |  |
| 370,001 | and over | 10.0 |  |


12. Multiply line 10 by line 11. Enter the result here and include it in the total on line 5 of the Form $\mathrm{W}-4$ Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet

## Worksheet 9. Projected Withholding for 2007

Use this worksheet to figure the amount of your projected withholding for 2007, compare it to your projected tax for 2007, and, if necessary, figure an additional amount to have withheld each payday.

Note. If married filing jointly, enter combined amounts.

1. Enter your projected tax for 2007 from Worksheet 1, line 13
2. Enter your total federal income tax withheld to date in 2007 from all sources of income. (For wages, you should be able to find the withholding-to-date on your last pay slip or statement.)
3. Enter the federal tax withholding you expect for the rest of 2007:
a. For each source of wages, 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
b. For all other sources of recurring taxable income, multiply the withholding amount by the remaining number of times the income is expected. For example, if you have federal income tax withheld from your monthly pension and you will receive nine more payments this year, multiply your monthly
withholding amount by 9

3b
4. Add lines 2, 3a, and 3b. This is your projected withholding for 2007
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.
- If line 4 is more than line 1 , stop here and see How Do I Decrease My Withholding?

6. Divide line 5 by the number of paydays (or other withholding events) remaining in 2007 and enter the result. This is the additional amount you should have withheld from each remaining payment. Enter this amount on Form W-4, line 6

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| $3 b$ |  |
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## 2007 Standard Deduction Tables

$\Delta$If you are married filing 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 born before January 2, 1943, or you are blind.

## Table 1. Standard Deduction Table for Most People*

|  | THEN your <br> standard <br> deduction is... |
| :--- | :---: |
| IF your filing status is... | $\$ 5,350$ |
| Single or Married filing separately | 10,700 |
| Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er) <br> with dependent child | 7,850 |
| Head of household |  |

* Do not use this table if you were born before January 2, 1943, or you are blind, or if someone else can claim an exemption for you (or your spouse if married filing jointly). Use Table 2 or 3 instead.

Table 2. Standard Deduction Table for People Born Before January 2, 1943, or Who are Blind*

Check the correct number of boxes below. Then go to the table.
You

| Your spouse, if claiming |
| :--- |
| spouse's exemption |

Born before
January 2, $1943 \square \quad$ Blind $\square$
Born before
January 2, $1943 \square \quad$ Blind $\square$

Total number of boxes you checked $\square$

| IF your <br> filing status is... | AND the number <br> in the box above <br> is... | THEN your <br> standard <br> deduction <br> is... |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Single | 1 | $\$ 6,650$ |
|  | 2 | 7,950 |
| Married filing jointly or | 1 | 11,750 |
| Qualifying widow(er) | 2 | 12,800 |
| with dependent child | 3 | 13,850 |
|  | 4 | 14,900 |
| Married filing | 1 | 6,400 |
| separately | 2 | 7,450 |
|  | 3 | 8,500 |
| Head of household | 4 | 9,550 |

* If someone can claim an exemption for you (or your spouse if married filing jointly), use Table 3, instead.

Table 3. Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents
Use this worksheet only if someone else can claim an exemption for you (or your spouse if married filing jointly).

If you were born before January 2, 1943, or you are blind, check the correct number of boxes below. Then go to the worksheet.

Born before
January 2, $1943 \quad$ Blind $\square$

Born before
January 2, 1943 $\qquad$
Your spouse, if claiming spouse's exemption
Total number of boxes you checked $\square$

| 1. Enter your earned income (defined <br> below). If none, enter -0-. | 1. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. Additional amount | 2. $\quad \$ 300$ |
| 3. Add lines 1 and 2. | 3. |
| 4. Minimum standard deduction. | 4. $\$ 850$ |
| 5. Enter the larger of line 3 or line 4. | 5. |
| 6. Enter the amount shown below for your <br> filing status. <br> - Single or Married filing separately - <br> $\$ 5,350$ | 6. |

- Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child \$10,700
- Head of household - \$7,850


## 7. Standard deduction.

a. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 6. If born after January 1, 1943, and not blind, stop here. This is your standard deduction. Otherwise, go on to line 7b.
b. If born before January 2, 1943, or blind, multiply $\$ 1,300$ ( $\$ 1,050$ if married or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child) by the number in the box above.
c. Add lines 7a and 7b. This is your standard deduction for 2007.
$7 a$. $\qquad$

7b. $\qquad$
$7 c$. $\qquad$
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.

## How To Get Tax Help

You can get help with unresolved tax issues, order free publications and forms, ask tax questions, and get information from the IRS in several ways. By selecting the method that is best for you, you will have quick and easy access to tax help.

Contacting your Taxpayer Advocate. The Taxpayer Advocate Service is an independent organization within the IRS whose employees assist taxpayers who are experiencing economic harm, who are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, or who believe that an IRS system or procedure is not working as it should.

You can contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service by calling toll-free 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059 to see if you are eligible for assistance. You can also call or write to your local taxpayer advocate, whose phone number and address are listed in your local telephone directory and in Publication 1546, The Taxpayer Advocate Service of the IRS - How To Get Help With Unresolved Tax Problems. You can file Form 911, Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order, or ask an IRS employee to complete it on your behalf. For more information, go to www.irs.gov/advocate.

Low income tax clinics (LITCs). LITCs are independent organizations that provide low income taxpayers with representation in federal tax controversies with the IRS for free or for a nominal charge. The clinics also provide tax education and outreach for taxpayers with limited English proficiency or who speak English as a second language. Publication 4134, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic List, provides information on clinics in your area. It is available at www.irs.gov or at your local IRS office.

Free tax services. To find out what services are available, get Publication 910, IRS Guide to Free Tax Services. It contains a list of free tax publications and describes other free tax information services, including tax education and assistance programs and a list of TeleTax topics.


Internet. You can access the IRS website at www.irs.gov 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to:

- E-file your return. Find out about commercial tax preparation and e-file services available free to eligible taxpayers.
- Check the status of your 2006 refund. Click on Where's My Refund. Wait at least 6 weeks from the date you filed your return (3 weeks if you filed electronically). Have your 2006 tax return available because you will need to know your social security number, your filing status, and the exact whole dollar amount of your refund.
- Download forms, instructions, and publications.
- Order IRS products online.
- Research your tax questions online.
- Search publications online by topic or keyword.
- View Internal Revenue Bulletins (IRBs) published in the last few years.
- Figure your withholding allowances using our withholding calculator.
- Sign up to receive local and national tax news by email.
- Get information on starting and operating a small business.


Phone. Many services are available by phone.

- Ordering forms, instructions, and publications. Call 1-800-829-3676 to order current-year forms, instructions, and publications, and prior-year forms and instructions. You should receive your order within 10 days.
- Asking tax questions. Call the IRS with your tax questions at 1-800-829-1040.
- Solving problems. You can get face-to-face help solving tax problems every business day in IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers. An employee can explain IRS letters, request adjustments to your account, or help you set up a payment plan. Call your local Taxpayer Assistance Center for an appointment. To find the number, go to www.irs.gov/localcontacts or look in the phone book under United States Government, Internal Revenue Service.
- TTY/TDD equipment. If you have access to TTY/ TDD equipment, call 1-800-829-4059 to ask tax questions or to order forms and publications.
- TeleTax topics. Call 1-800-829-4477 to listen to pre-recorded messages covering various tax topics.
- Refund information. To check the status of your 2006 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 2006 tax return available because you will need to know your social security number, your filing status, and the exact whole dollar amount of your refund.

Evaluating the quality of our telephone services. To ensure IRS representatives give accurate, courteous, and professional answers, we use several methods to evaluate the quality of our telephone services. One method is for a second IRS representative to listen in on or record random telephone calls. Another is to ask some callers to complete a short survey at the end of the call.

Walk-in. Many products and services are available on a walk-in basis.
instructions, and publications. Some IRS offices, libraries, grocery stores, copy centers, city and county government offices, credit unions, and office supply stores have a collection of products available to print from a CD or photocopy from reproducible proofs. Also, some IRS offices and libraries have the Internal Revenue Code, regulations, Internal Revenue Bulletins, and Cumulative Bulletins available for research purposes.

- Services. You can walk in to your local Taxpayer Assistance Center every business day for personal, face-to-face tax help. An employee can explain IRS letters, request adjustments to your tax account, or help you set up a payment plan. If you need to resolve a tax problem, have questions about how the tax law applies to your individual tax return, or you're more comfortable talking with someone in person, visit your local Taxpayer Assistance Center where you can spread out your records and talk with an IRS representative face-to-face. No appointment is necessary, but if you prefer, you can call your local Center and leave a message requesting an appointment to resolve a tax account issue. A representative will call you back within 2 business days to schedule an in-person appointment at your convenience. To find the number, go to www.irs.gov/localcontacts or look in the phone book under United States Government, Internal Revenue Service.

Mail. You can send your order for forms, instructions, and publications to the address below. You should receive a response within 10 business days after your request is received.

National Distribution Center
P.O. Box 8903

Bloomington, IL 61702-8903


CD for tax products. You can order Publication 1796, IRS Tax Products CD, and obtain:

- A CD that is released twice so you have the latest products. The first release ships in January and the final release ships in March.
- Current-year forms, instructions, and publications.
- Prior-year forms, instructions, and publications.
- Bonus: Historical Tax Products DVD - Ships with the final release.
- Tax Map: an electronic research tool and finding aid.
- Tax law frequently asked questions.
- Tax Topics from the IRS telephone response system.
- Fill-in, print, and save features for most tax forms.
- Internal Revenue Bulletins.
- Toll-free and email technical support.

Buy the CD from National Technical Information Service (NTIS) at www.irs.gov/cdorders for $\$ 25$ (no handling fee) or call 1-877-CDFORMS (1-877-233-6767) toll free to buy the CD for $\$ 25$ (plus a $\$ 5$ handling fee). Price is subject to change.


CD for small businesses. Publication 3207, The Small Business Resource Guide CD for 2006, is a must for every small business owner or any taxpayer about to start a business. This year's CD includes:

- Helpful information, such as how to prepare a business plan, find financing for your business, and much more.
- All the business tax forms, instructions, and publications needed to successfully manage a business.
- Tax law changes for 2006.
- Tax Map: an electronic research tool and finding aid.
- Web links to various government agencies, business associations, and IRS organizations.
- "Rate the Product" survey-your opportunity to suggest changes for future editions.
- A site map of the CD to help you navigate the pages of the CD with ease.
- An interactive "Teens in Biz" module that gives practical tips for teens about starting their own business, creating a business plan, and filing taxes.

An updated version of this CD is available each year in early April. You can get a free copy by calling 1-800-829-3676 or by visiting www.irs.gov/smallbiz.


[^0]:    * If you are using Worksheet 5, use the amount from line 1 or line 14 and enter the result on line 28 or line 30, as appropriate. If you are using Worksheet 6 , use the amount from line 6 or line 7 and enter the result on line 8 or line 9, as appropriate.

