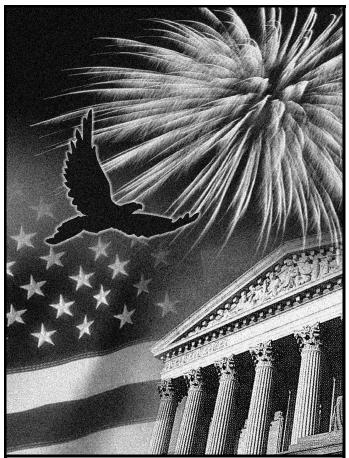


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What's New

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Publication 15 (Circular E), at <u>www.irs.gov/pub15</u>. Information about any future developments affecting Publication 15 (Circular E) (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

Social security and Medicare tax for 2012. The employee tax rate for social security is 4.2% on wages paid and tips received before March 1, 2012. The employee tax rate for social security increases to 6.2% on wages paid and tips received after February 29, 2012. The employer tax rate for social security remains unchanged at 6.2%. The social security wage base limit is \$110,100. The Medicare tax rate is 1.45% each for the employee and employer, unchanged from 2011. There is no wage base limit for Medicare tax.

Employers should implement the 4.2% employee social security tax rate as soon as possible, but not later than

January 31, 2012. After implementing the 4.2% rate, employers should make an offsetting adjustment in a subsequent pay period to correct any overwithholding of social security tax as soon as possible, but not later than March 31, 2012.

Social security and Medicare taxes apply to the wages of household workers you pay \$1,800 or more in cash or an equivalent form of compensation. Social security and Medicare taxes apply to election workers who are paid \$1,500 or more in cash or an equivalent form of compensation.



At the time this publication was prepared for release, the rate for the employee's share of social security tax was 4.2% and scheduled to increase

to 6.2% for wages paid after February 29, 2012. However, Congress was discussing an extension of the 4.2% employee tax rate for social security beyond February 29, 2012. Check for updates at www.irs.gov/pub15.

2012 withholding tables. This publication includes the 2012 Percentage Method Tables and Wage Bracket Tables for Income Tax Withholding.

VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. On November 21, 2011, the President signed into law the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. This new law provides an expanded work opportunity tax credit to businesses that hire eligible unemployed veterans and, for the first time, also makes part of the credit available to tax-exempt organizations. Businesses claim the credit as part of the general business credit and tax-exempt organizations claim it against their payroll tax liability. The credit is available for eligible unemployed veterans who begin work on or after November 22, 2011, and before January 1, 2013. More information about the credit against a tax-exempt organization's payroll tax liability will be available early in 2012 at www.irs.gov/form5884c.

FUTA tax rate. The FUTA tax rate is 6.0% for 2012.

Expiration of Attributed Tip Income Program (ATIP). The Attributed Tip Income Program (ATIP) is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2011.

Withholding allowance. The 2012 amount for one withholding allowance on an annual basis is \$3,800.

Change of address. Beginning in 2012, employers must use new Form 8822-B, Change of Address—Business, for any address change.

Reminders

COBRA premium assistance credit. The credit for COBRA premium assistance payments applies to premiums paid for employees involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008, and May 31, 2010, and to premiums paid for up to 15 months. See <u>COBRA premium assistance credit</u> under *Introduction*.

Federal tax deposits must be made by electronic funds transfer. You must use electronic funds transfer to make all federal tax deposits. Generally, electronic fund transfers are made using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). If you do not want to use EFTPS, you can arrange for your tax professional, financial institution, payroll service, or other trusted third party to make deposits on your behalf. Also, you may arrange for your financial institution to initiate a same-day wire payment on your behalf. EFTPS is a free service provided by the Department of

Treasury. Services provided by your tax professional, financial institution, payroll service, or other third party may have a fee.

For more information on making federal tax deposits, see *How To Deposit* in section 11. To get more information about EFTPS or to enroll in EFTPS, visit www.eftps.gov or call 1-800-555-4477. Additional information about EFTPS is also available in Publication 966, The Secure Way to Pay Your Federal Taxes.

Aggregate Form 941 filers. Agents must complete Schedule R (Form 941), Allocation Schedule for Aggregate Form 941 Filers, when filing an aggregate Form 941, Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return. Aggregate Forms 941 may only be filed by agents approved by the IRS under section 3504 of the Internal Revenue Code. To request approval to act as an agent for an employer, the agent files Form 2678, Employer/Payer Appointment of Agent, with the IRS.

Aggregate Form 940 filers. Agents must complete Schedule R (Form 940), Allocation Schedule for Aggregate Form 940 Filers, when filing an aggregate Form 940, Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return. Aggregate Forms 940 can be filed by agents acting on behalf of home care service recipients who receive home care services through a program administered by a federal, state, or local government. To request approval to act as an agent on behalf of home care service recipients, the agent files Form 2678 with the IRS.

Employers can choose to file Forms 941 instead of Form 944. If you previously were notified to file Form 944, Employer's ANNUAL Federal Tax Return, but want to file quarterly Forms 941 to report your social security, Medicare and withheld federal income taxes, you must first contact the IRS to request to file Forms 941, rather than Form 944. See Rev. Proc. 2009-51, 2009-45 I.R.B 625, for the procedures for employers who previously were notified to file Form 944 to request to file Forms 941 instead. In addition, Rev. Proc. 2009-51 provides the procedures for employers to request to file Form 944. Rev. Proc. 2009-51 is available at www.irs.gov/irb/2009-45_IRB/ar12.html. Also see the Instructions for Form 944.

Electronic Filing and Payment

Now, more than ever before, businesses can enjoy the benefits of filing and paying their federal taxes electronically. Whether you rely on a tax professional or handle your own taxes, the IRS offers you convenient programs to make filing and payment easier.

Spend less time and worry on taxes and more time running your business. Use *e-file* and the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) to your benefit.

- For e-file, visit <u>www.irs.gov/efile</u> for additional information.
- For EFTPS, visit <u>www.eftps.gov</u> or call EFTPS Customer Service at 1-800-555-4477.
- For electronic filing of Forms W-2, visit <u>www.socialsecurity.gov/employer</u>.

Electronic funds withdrawal (EFW). If you file Form 940, Form 941, or Form 944 electronically, you can e-file and e-pay (electronic funds withdrawal) the balance due in a single step using tax preparation software or through a tax professional. However, do not use EFW to make federal tax deposits. For more information on paying your taxes using EFW, visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/e-pay. A fee may be charged to file electronically.

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Credit and debit card payments. For information on paying your taxes with a credit or debit card, visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/e-pay.

Forms in Spanish

You can provide Formulario W-4(SP), Certificado de Exención de Retenciones del Empleado, in place of Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, to your Spanish-speaking employees. For more information, see Publicación 17(SP), El Impuesto Federal sobre los Ingresos (Para Personas Físicas). For nonemployees, Formulario W-9(SP), Solicitud y Certificación del Número de Identificación del Contribuyente, may be used in place of Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification.

Hiring New Employees

Eligibility for employment. You must verify that each new employee is legally eligible to work in the United States. This will include completing the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification. You can get the form from USCIS offices or by calling 1-800-870-3676. Contact the USCIS at 1-800-375-5283, or visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov for more information.

New hire reporting. You are required to report any new employee to a designated state new hire registry. Many states accept a copy of Form W-4 with employer information added. Visit the Office of Child Support Enforcement

website at <u>www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/newhire</u> for more information.

W-4 request. Ask each new employee to complete the 2012 Form W-4. See section 9.

Name and social security number. Record each new employee's name and number from his or her social security card. Any employee without a social security card should apply for one. See section 4.

Paying Wages, Pensions, or Annuities

Correcting Form 941 or Form 944. If you discover an error on a previously filed Form 941 or Form 944, make the correction using Form 941-X, Adjusted Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return or Claim for Refund, or Form 944-X, Adjusted Employer's ANNUAL Federal Tax Return or Claim for Refund. Forms 941-X and 944-X are stand-alone forms, meaning taxpayers can file them when an error is discovered. Forms 941-X and 944-X are used by employers to claim refunds or abatements of employment taxes, rather than Form 843. See section 13 for more information.

Income tax withholding. Withhold federal income tax from each wage payment or supplemental unemployment compensation plan benefit payment according to the employee's Form W-4 and the correct withholding table. If you have nonresident alien employees, see <u>Withholding income taxes on the wages of nonresident alien employees</u> in section 9.

Employer Responsibilities

Employer Responsibilities: The following list provides a brief summary of your basic responsibilities. Because the individual circumstances for each employer can vary greatly, responsibilities for withholding, depositing, and reporting employment taxes can differ. Each item in this list has a page reference to a more detailed discussion in this publication.

	New Employees:	Page			Page
	Verify work eligibility of new employees	3		Annually (By January 31 of the current year, for the prior year):	
	Record employees' names and SSNs from			File Form 944 if required (pay tax with return if	
	social security cards	3		not required to deposit)	24
	Ask employees for Form W-4	3		Annually (see <u>Calendar</u> for due dates):	
	Each Payday:			Remind employees to submit a new Form W-4	
	Withhold federal income tax based on each			if they need to change their withholding	16
	employee's Form W-4	16		Ask for a new Form W-4 from employees	
	Withhold employee's share of social security			claiming exemption from income tax	
	and Medicare taxes	19		withholding	17
	Deposit:			Reconcile Forms 941 (or Form 944) with Forms	
	 Withheld income tax 			W-2 and W-3	
	 Withheld and employer social security taxes 			Furnish each employee a Form W-2	6
	Withheld and employer Medicare taxes			File Copy A of Forms W-2 and the transmittal	
	Note: Due date of deposit generally depends or	7		Form W-3 with the SSA	7
	your deposit schedule (monthly or semiweekly)			Furnish each other payee a Form 1099 (for	
	Quarterly (By April 30, July 31, October 31,			example, Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income	
_	and January 31):		_		6
Ш	Deposit FUTA tax if undeposited amount		Ш	File Forms 1099 and the transmittal Form	
_	is over \$500	29		1096	
	File Form 941 (pay tax with return if not			File Form 940	6
	required to deposit)	24		File Form 945 for any nonpayroll income tax	
				withholding	6

Withhold from periodic **pension and annuity payments** as if the recipient is married claiming three withholding allowances, unless he or she has provided Form W-4P, Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments, either electing no withholding or giving a different number of allowances, marital status, or an additional amount to be withheld. Do not withhold on direct rollovers from qualified plans or governmental section 457(b) plans. See section 9 and Publication 15-A, Employer's Supplemental Tax Guide. Publication 15-A includes information about withholding on pensions and annuities.

Zero wage return. If you have not filed a "final" Form 941 or Form 944, or are not a "seasonal" employer, you must continue to file a Form 941 or Form 944 even for periods during which you paid no wages. IRS encourages you to file your "Zero Wage" Forms 941 or 944 electronically using IRS e-file at www.irs.gov/efile.

Information Returns

You may be required to file information returns to report certain types of payments made during the year. For example, you must file Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, to report payments of \$600 or more to persons not treated as employees (for example, independent contractors) for services performed for your trade or business. For details about filing Forms 1099 and for information about required electronic filing, see the 2012 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns for general information and the separate, specific instructions for each information return you file (for example, 2012 Instructions for Form 1099-MISC). Do not use Forms 1099 to report wages and other compensation you paid to employees; report these on Form W-2. See the Instructions for Forms W-2 and W-3 for details about filing Form W-2 and for information about required electronic filing. If you file 250 or more Forms 1099, you must file them electronically. If you file 250 or more Forms W-2, you must file them electronically. SSA will not accept Forms W-2 and W-3 filed on magnetic media.

Information reporting customer service site. The IRS operates the Enterprise Computing Center-Martinsburg, a centralized customer service site, to answer questions about reporting on Forms W-2, W-3, 1099, and other information returns. If you have questions related to reporting on information returns, call 1-866-455-7438 (toll free) or 304-263-8700 (toll call). The center can also be reached by email at mccirp@irs.gov. Call 304-267-3367 if you are a TDD/TYY user.

Nonpayroll Income Tax Withholding

Nonpayroll federal income tax withholding (reported on Forms 1099 and Form W-2G) must be reported on Form 945, Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax. Separate deposits are required for payroll (Form 941 or Form 944) and nonpayroll (Form 945) withholding. Nonpayroll items include:

- Pensions (including distributions from tax-favored retirement plans, for example, section 401(k), section 403(b), and governmental section 457(b) plans), and annuities.
- Military retirement.
- Gambling winnings.
- Indian gaming profits.
- Certain government payments, such as unemployment compensation, social security, and Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits, subject to voluntary withholding.

Payments subject to backup withholding.

For details on depositing and reporting nonpayroll income tax withholding, see the Instructions for Form 945.

All income tax withholding reported on Form W-2 must be reported on Form 941, Form 943, Form 944, or Schedule H (Form 1040).

Distributions from nonqualified pension plans and deferred compensation plans. Because distributions to participants from some nonqualified pension plans and deferred compensation plans (including section 457(b) plans of tax-exempt organizations) are treated as wages and are reported on Form W-2, income tax withheld must be reported on Form 941 or Form 944, not on Form 945. However, distributions from such plans to a beneficiary or estate of a deceased employee are not wages and are reported on Forms 1099-R; income tax withheld must be reported on Form 945.

Backup withholding. You generally must withhold 28% of certain taxable payments if the payee fails to furnish you with his or her correct taxpayer identification number (TIN). This withholding is referred to as "backup withholding."

Payments subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, patronage dividends, rents, royalties, commissions, nonemployee compensation, and certain other payments you make in the course of your trade or business. In addition, transactions by brokers and barter exchanges and certain payments made by fishing boat operators are subject to backup withholding.



Backup withholding does not apply to wages, pensions, annuities, IRAs (including simplified employee pension (SEP) and SIMPLE retirement

plans), section 404(k) distributions from an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP), medical savings accounts, health savings accounts, long-term-care benefits, or real estate transactions.

You can use Form W-9 or Formulario W-9(SP) to request payees to furnish a TIN and to certify the number furnished is correct. You can also use Form W-9 or Formulario W-9(SP) to get certifications from payees that they are not subject to backup withholding or that they are exempt from backup withholding. The Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 or Formulario W-9(SP) includes a list of types of payees who are exempt from backup withholding. For more information, see Publication 1281, Backup Withholding for Missing and Incorrect Name/TIN(s).

Recordkeeping

Keep all records of employment taxes for at least 4 years. These should be available for IRS review. Your records should include the following information.

- Your employer identification number (EIN).
- Amounts and dates of all wage, annuity, and pension payments.
- Amounts of tips reported to you by your employees.
- · Records of allocated tips.
- The fair market value of in-kind wages paid.
- Names, addresses, social security numbers, and occupations of employees and recipients.
- Any employee copies of Forms W-2 and W-2c returned to you as undeliverable.
- Dates of employment for each employee.
- Periods for which employees and recipients were paid while absent due to sickness or injury and the

- amount and weekly rate of payments you or third-party payers made to them.
- Copies of employees' and recipients' income tax withholding allowance certificates (Forms W-4, W-4P, W-4(SP), W-4S, and W-4V).
- Copies of employees' Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificates (Forms W-5 and W-5(SP)).
- Dates and amounts of tax deposits you made and acknowledgment numbers for deposits made by FFTPS
- Copies of returns filed and confirmation numbers.
- Records of fringe benefits and expense reimbursements provided to your employees, including substantiation.

Change of Address

To notify the IRS of a new business mailing address or business location, file 8822-B, Change of Address—Business. Do not mail Form 8822-B with your employment tax return.

Private Delivery Services

You can use certain private delivery services designated by the IRS to mail tax returns and payments. The list includes only the following:

- DHL Express (DHL): DHL Same Day Service.
- Federal Express (FedEx): FedEx Priority Overnight, FedEx Standard Overnight, FedEx 2Day, FedEx International Priority, and FedEx International First.
- United Parcel Service (UPS): UPS Next Day Air, UPS Next Day Air Saver, UPS 2nd Day Air, UPS 2nd Day Air A.M., UPS Worldwide Express Plus, and UPS Worldwide Express.

Your private delivery service can tell you how to get written proof of the mailing date.



Private delivery services cannot deliver items to P.O. boxes. You must use the U.S. Postal Service to mail any item to an IRS P.O. box address.

Telephone Help

Tax questions. You can call the IRS Business and Specialty Tax Line with your employment tax questions at 1-800-829-4933.

Help for people with disabilities. Telephone help is available using TTY/TDD equipment. You may call 1-800-829-4059 with any tax question or to order forms and publications. You may also use this number for assistance with unresolved tax problems.

Recorded tax information (TeleTax). The IRS TeleTax service provides recorded tax information on topics that answer many individual and business federal tax questions. You can listen to up to three topics on each call you make. Touch-Tone service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TeleTax topics are also available on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/taxtopics.

A list of employment tax topics is provided below. Select, by number, the topic you want to hear and call 1-800-829-4477. For the directory of all topics, select Topic 123.

Teletax Topics

Topic No.	Subject (These topics are available in Spanish)
751	Social Security and Medicare Withholding Rates (Tasas de retención del seguro social y Medicare, Tema)
752	Form W-2—Where, When, and How to File (Dónde, Cuándo y Cómo Presentar El La Formulario W-2)
753	Form W-4—Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (Formulario W-4(SP)—Certificado de Excensión de Retenciones del Empleado)
755	Employer Identification Number (EIN)—How to Apply (Como Solicitar Un Número de Identificación Patronal (EIN))
756	Employment Taxes for Household Employees (Impuestos Patronales para Empleados Domésticos)
757	Form 941 and Form 944—Deposit Requirements (Formulario 941 and Formulario 944— Requisitos de Depósito)
758	Form 941—Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return and Form 944— Employer's ANNUAL Federal Tax Return (Formulario 941-PR—Planilla para la Declaración Federal TRIMESTRAL del Patrono) (Formulario 944-PR-Planilla para la Declaración Federal ANUAL del Patrono)
759	A New Tax Exemption and Business Credit are Available for Qualified Employers Under "The HIRE Act" of 2010 (Nueva exención tributaria y crédito comercial para empleadores calificados disponibles bajo la Ley de Incentivos para la Contratación y Recuperación del Empleo del 2010 (HIRE, por sus siglas en inglés))
760	FICA Tax Refunds for "Medical Residents"—Employee Claims (Ley de Impuestos al Seguro Social— Reclamaciones de reembolsos e impuestos para médicos residentes que son empleados)
761	Tips—Withholding and Reporting (Propinas—Declaración y Retención)
762	Independent Contractor vs. Employee (Contratista Independiente vs. Empleado)
763	The "Affordable Care Act" of 2010 Offers Employers New Tax Deductions and Credits (Ley de Cuidado de Salud a Costo Asequible del 2010 ofrece a los empleadores deducciones y créditos tributarios nuevos)

Additional employment tax information. Visit the IRS website at <u>www.irs.gov/businesses</u> and click on the *Employment Taxes* link.

Ordering Employer Tax Products

You can order employer tax products and information returns online at www.irs.gov/businesses. To order 2011 and 2012 forms, select "Online Ordering for Information

Returns and Employer Returns." You may also order employer tax products and information returns by calling 1-800-829-3676.

Instead of ordering paper Forms W-2 and W-3, consider filing them electronically using the Social Security Administration's (SSA) free e-file service. Visit the SSA's Employer W-2 Filing Instructions & Information website at www.socialsecurity.gov/employer, select "Electronically File Your W-2s," and provide registration information. You will be able to create Forms W-2 online and submit them to the SSA by typing your wage information into easy-to-use fill-in fields. In addition, you can print out completed copies of Forms W-2 to file with state or local governments, distribute to your employees, and keep for your records. Form W-3 will be created for you based on your Forms W-2.

Contacting Your Taxpayer Advocate

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) 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 an IRS system or procedure is not working as it should.

You can contact TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 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, Taxpayer Advocate Service – Your Voice at the IRS. You can file Form 911, Request for Taxpayer Advocate Service Assistance (And 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.

Filing Addresses

Generally, your filing address for Forms 940, 941, 943, 944, 945, and CT-1 depends on the location of your residence or principal place of business and whether or not you are including a payment with your return. There are separate filing addresses for these returns if you are a tax-exempt organization or government entity. If you are located in the United States and do not include a payment with your return, you should file at either the Cincinnati or Ogden Service Centers. See the separate instructions for Forms 940, 941, 943, 944, 945, or CT-1 for the filing addresses or "Where To File" on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses.

Photographs of Missing Children

The Internal Revenue Service is a proud partner with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Photographs of missing children selected by the Center may appear in this publication on pages that would otherwise be blank. You can help bring these children home by looking at the photographs and calling 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) if you recognize a child.

Comments and Suggestions

We welcome your comments about this publication and your suggestions for future editions. You can email us at taxforms@irs.gov. Please put "Publication 15" on the sub-

You can write to us at the following address:

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We respond to many letters by telephone. Therefore, it would be helpful if you would include your daytime phone number, including the area code, in your correspondence.

Calendar

The following is a list of important dates. Also see Publication 509, Tax Calendars.



If any date shown below for filing a return, furnishing a form, or depositing taxes falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, use the next business day. A statewide legal holiday delays a filing due date only if the IRS office where you are required to file is located in that state. However, a statewide legal holiday does not delay the due date of federal tax deposits. For any due date, you will meet the "file" or "furnish" requirement if the envelope containing the return or form is properly addressed, contains sufficient postage, and is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before the due date, or sent by an IRS-designated private delivery service on or before the due date. See Private Delivery Services under Reminders for more information.

By January 31

Furnish Forms 1099 and W-2. Furnish each employee a completed Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement. Furnish each other payee a completed Form 1099 (for example, Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income).

File Form 941 or Form 944. File Form 941, Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return, for the fourth quarter of the previous calendar year and deposit any undeposited income, social security, and Medicare taxes. You may pay these taxes with Form 941 if your total tax liability for the quarter is less than \$2,500. File Form 944, Employer's ANNUAL Federal Tax Return, for the previous calendar year instead of Form 941 if the IRS has notified you in writing to file Form 944 and pay any undeposited income, social security, and Medicare taxes. You may pay these taxes with Form 944 if your total tax liability for the year is less than \$2,500. For additional rules on when you can pay your taxes with your return, see <u>Payment with return</u> in section 11. If you timely deposited all taxes when due, you have 10 additional calendar days from January 31 to file the appropriate return.

File Form 940. File Form 940, Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return. However, if you deposited all of the FUTA tax when due, you have 10 additional calendar days to file.

File Form 945. File Form 945, Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax, to report any nonpayroll income tax withheld in 2011. If you deposited all taxes when due, you have 10 additional calendar days to file. See Nonpayroll Income Tax Withholding under Reminders for more information.

By February 15

Request a new Form W-4 from exempt employees. Ask for a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, from each employee who claimed exemption from income tax withholding last year.

On February 16

Forms W-4 claiming exemption from withholding expire. Any Form W-4 claiming exemption from withholding for the previous year has now expired. Begin withholding for any employee who previously claimed exemption from withholding but has not given you a new Form W-4 for the current year. If the employee does not give you a new Form W-4, withhold tax based on the last valid Form W-4 you have for the employee that **does not** claim exemption from withholding or, if one does not exist, as if he or she is single with zero withholding allowances. See section 9 for more information. If the employee furnishes a new Form W-4 claiming exemption from withholding after February 15, you may apply the exemption to future wages, but do not refund taxes withheld while the exempt status was not in place.

By February 28

File paper Forms 1099 and 1096. File Copy A of all paper Forms 1099 with Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns, with the IRS. For electronically filed returns, see *By March 31* below.

By February 29

File paper Forms W-2 and W-3. File Copy A of all paper Forms W-2 with Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, with the Social Security Administration (SSA). For electronically filed returns, see <u>By March 31</u> below.

File paper Form 8027. File paper Form 8027, Employer's Annual Information Return of Tip Income and Allocated Tips, with the IRS. See <u>section 6</u>. For electronically filed returns, see *By March 31* below.

By March 31

File electronic Forms 1099, 8027, and W-2. File electronic Forms 1099 and 8027 with the IRS. File electronic Forms W-2 with the SSA. For information on reporting Form W-2 information to the SSA electronically, visit the Social Security Administration's Employer W-2 Filing Instructions & Information webpage at

www.socialsecurity.gov/employer. For information on filing information returns electronically with the IRS, see Publication 1220, Specifications for Filing Forms 1097, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, 5498, 8935, and W-2G Electronically, and Publication 1239, Specifications for Filing Form 8027, Employer's Annual Information Return of Tip Income and Allocated Tips, Electronically.

By April 30, July 31, October 31, and January 31

Deposit FUTA taxes. Deposit federal unemployment (FUTA) tax due if it is more than \$500.

File Form 941. File Form 941 and deposit any undeposited income, social security, and Medicare taxes. You may pay these taxes with Form 941 if your total tax liability for the quarter is less than \$2,500. If you timely deposited all taxes when due, you have 10 additional calendar days from the due dates above to file the return.

Before December 1

New Forms W-4. Remind employees to submit a new Form W-4 if their marital status or withholding allowances have changed or will change for the next year.

Introduction

This publication explains your tax responsibilities as an employer. It explains the requirements for withholding, depositing, reporting, paying, and correcting employment taxes. It explains the forms you must give to your employees, those your employees must give to you, and those you must send to the IRS and SSA. This guide also has tax tables you need to figure the taxes to withhold from each employee for 2012. References to "income tax" in this guide apply only to "federal" income tax. Contact your state or local tax department to determine if their rules are different.

Additional employment tax information is available in Publication 15-A, Employer's Supplemental Tax Guide. Publication 15-A includes specialized information supplementing the basic employment tax information provided in this publication. Publication 15-B, Employer's Tax Guide to Fringe Benefits, contains information about the employment tax treatment and valuation of various types of noncash compensation.

Most employers must withhold (except FUTA), deposit, report, and pay the following employment taxes.

- Income tax.
- Social security tax.
- · Medicare tax.
- Federal unemployment tax (FUTA).

There are exceptions to these requirements. See section 15, *Special Rules for Various Types of Services and Payments*. Railroad retirement taxes are explained in the Instructions for Form CT-1.

Employer's liability. Employers are responsible for ensuring tax returns are filed and deposits and payments are made, even if the employer retains a third party to perform those functions. The employer remains liable if the third party fails to perform a required action. Employers who enroll in EFTPS will be able to view EFTPS deposits and payments made on their behalf.

Federal Government employers. The information in this guide applies to federal agencies, except for the rules requiring deposit of federal taxes only at Federal Reserve banks or through the FedTax option of the Government On-Line Accounting Link Systems (GOALS). See the Treasury Financial Manual (I TFM 3-4000) for more information. You can access the Treasury Financial Manual online at www.fms.treas.gov/tfm.

State and local government employers. Payments to employees for services in the employ of state and local government employers are generally subject to federal income tax withholding but not federal unemployment (FUTA) tax. Most elected and appointed public officials of state or local governments are employees under common law rules. See chapter 3 of Publication 963, Federal-State Reference Guide. In addition, wages, with certain exceptions, are subject to social security and Medicare taxes. See section 15 for more information on the exceptions.

If an election worker is employed in another capacity with the same government entity, see Revenue Ruling 2000-6 on page 512 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2000-6 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb00-06.pdf.

You can get information on reporting and social security coverage from your local IRS office. If you have any questions about coverage under a section 218 (Social Security Act) agreement, contact the appropriate state official. To find your State Social Security Administrator, visit the National Conference of State Social Security Administrators website at www.ncsssa.org.

Disregarded entities and qualified subchapter S subsidiaries. The IRS has published final regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iv), under which QSubs and eligible single-owner disregarded entities are treated as separate entities for employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, eligible single-member entities that have not elected to be taxed as corporations must report and pay employment taxes on wages paid to their employees after December 31, 2008, using the entities' own names and EINs. The disregarded entity will be responsible for its own employment tax obligations on wages paid after December 31, 2008. For wages paid before January 1, 2009, see Publication 15 (Circular E) (For Use in 2008).

COBRA premium assistance credit. The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) provides certain former employees, retirees, spouses, former spouses, and dependent children the right to temporary continuation of health coverage at group rates. COBRA generally covers multiemployer health plans and health plans maintained by private-sector employers (other than churches) with 20 or more full and part-time employees. Parallel requirements apply to these plans under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Under the Public Health Service Act, COBRA requirements apply also to health plans covering state or local government employees. Similar requirements apply under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and under some state laws. For the premium assistance (or subsidy) discussed below, these requirements are all referred to as COBRA requirements.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), employers are allowed a credit against "payroll taxes" (referred to in this publication as "employment taxes") for providing COBRA premium assistance to assistance eligible individuals. For periods of COBRA continuation coverage beginning after February 16, 2009, a group health plan must treat an assistance eligible individual as having paid the required COBRA continuation coverage premium if the individual elects COBRA coverage and pays 35% of the amount of the premium.

An assistance eligible individual is a qualified beneficiary of an employer's group health plan who is eligible for COBRA continuation coverage during the period beginning September 1, 2008, and ending May 31, 2010, due to the involuntarily termination from employment of a covered employee during the period and elects continuation COBRA coverage. The assistance for the coverage can last up to 15 months.

Administrators of the group health plans (or other entities) that provide or administer COBRA continuation coverage must provide notice to assistance eligible individuals of the COBRA premium assistance.

The 65% of the premium not paid by the assistance eligible individuals is reimbursed to the employer maintaining the group health plan. The reimbursement is made through a credit against the employer's employment tax liabilities. The employer takes the credit on Form 941, line 12a, or Form 944, line 9a, once the 35% of the premium is paid by or on behalf of the assistance eligible individual. The credit is treated as a deposit made on the first day of the return period (quarter or year). In the case of a multiemployer plan, the credit is claimed by the plan, rather than

the employer. In the case of an insured plan subject to state law continuation coverage requirements, the credit is claimed by the insurance company, rather than the employer.

Anyone claiming the credit for COBRA premium assistance payments must maintain the following information to support their claim, including the following.

- Information on the receipt of the assistance eligible individuals' 35% share of the premium, including dates and amounts.
- In the case of an insurance plan, a copy of invoice or other supporting statement from the insurance carrier and proof of timely payment of the full premium to the insurance carrier required under COBRA.
- In the case of a self-insured plan, proof of the premium amount and proof of the coverage provided to the assistance eligible individuals.
- Attestation of involuntary termination, including the date of the involuntary termination for each covered employee whose involuntary termination is the basis for eligibility for the subsidy.
- Proof of each assistance eligible individual's eligibility for COBRA coverage and the election of COBRA coverage.
- A record of the SSNs of all covered employees, the amount of the subsidy reimbursed with respect to each covered employee, and whether the subsidy was for one individual or two or more individuals.

For more information, visit IRS.gov and enter the keyword *COBRA*.

1. Employer Identification Number (EIN)

If you are required to report employment taxes or give tax statements to employees or annuitants, you need an employer identification number (EIN).

The EIN is a nine-digit number the IRS issues. The digits are arranged as follows: 00-0000000. It is used to identify the tax accounts of employers and certain others who have no employees. Use your EIN on all of the items you send to the IRS and SSA. For more information, see Publication 1635, Understanding Your EIN.

If you do not have an EIN, you may apply for one online. Go to the IRS.gov and click on the *Apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) Online* link. You may also apply for an EIN by calling 1-800-829-4933, or you can fax or mail Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to the IRS. Do not use a social security number (SSN) in place of an EIN.

You should have only one EIN. If you have more than one and are not sure which one to use, call 1-800-829-4933 (TTY/TDD users can call 1-800-829-4059). Give the numbers you have, the name and address to which each was assigned, and the address of your main place of business. The IRS will tell you which number to use.

If you took over another employer's business (see <u>Successor employer</u> in section 9), do not use that employer's <u>EIN</u>. If you have applied for an EIN but do not have your EIN by the time a return is due, write "Applied For" and the date you applied for it in the space shown for the number.

2. Who Are Employees?

Generally, employees are defined either under common law or under statutes for certain situations. See Publication 15-A for details on statutory employees and nonemployees.

Employee status under common law. Generally, a worker who performs services for you is your employee if you have the right to control what will be done and how it will be done. This is so even when you give the employee freedom of action. What matters is that you have the right to control the details of how the services are performed. See Publication 15-A for more information on how to determine whether an individual providing services is an independent contractor or an employee.

Generally, people in business for themselves are not employees. For example, doctors, lawyers, veterinarians, and others in an independent trade in which they offer their services to the public are usually not employees. However, if the business is incorporated, corporate officers who work in the business are employees of the corporation.

If an employer-employee relationship exists, it does not matter what it is called. The employee may be called an agent or independent contractor. It also does not matter how payments are measured or paid, what they are called, or if the employee works full or part time.

Statutory employees. If someone who works for you is not an employee under the common law rules discussed earlier, do not withhold federal income tax from his or her pay, unless backup withholding applies. Although the following persons may not be common law employees, they are considered employees by statute for social security, Medicare, and FUTA tax purposes under certain conditions.

- An agent (or commission) driver who delivers food, beverages (other than milk), laundry, or dry cleaning for someone else.
- A full-time life insurance salesperson who sells primarily for one company.
- A homeworker who works by guidelines of the person for whom the work is done, with materials furnished by and returned to that person or to someone that person designates.
- A traveling or city salesperson (other than an agent-driver or commission-driver) who works full time (except for sideline sales activities) for one firm or person getting orders from customers. The orders must be for merchandise for resale or supplies for use in the customer's business. The customers must be retailers, wholesalers, contractors, or operators of hotels, restaurants, or other businesses dealing with food or lodging.

Statutory nonemployees. Direct sellers, qualified real estate agents, and certain companion sitters are, by law, considered nonemployees. They are generally treated as self-employed for all federal tax purposes, including income and employment taxes.

Treating employees as nonemployees. You will generally be liable for social security and Medicare taxes and withheld income tax if you do not deduct and withhold these taxes because you treated an employee as a nonemployee. You may be able to calculate your liability using special section 3509 rates for the employee share of social security and Medicare taxes and the federal income tax withholding. The applicable rates depend on whether you filed required Forms 1099. You cannot recover the employee share of social security, or Medicare tax, or income

tax withholding from the employee if the tax is paid under section 3509. You are liable for the income tax withholding regardless of whether the employee paid income tax on the wages. You continue to owe the full employer share of social security and Medicare taxes. The employee remains liable for the employee share of social security and Medicare taxes. See Internal Revenue Code section 3509 for details. Also see the Instructions for Form 941-X.

Section 3509 rates are not available if you intentionally disregard the requirement to withhold taxes from the employee or if you withheld income taxes but not social security or Medicare taxes. Section 3509 is not available for reclassifying statutory employees. See <u>Statutory employees</u>, earlier in this section.

If the employer issued required information returns, the section 3509 rates are:

- For social security taxes; employer rate of 6.2% plus 20% of the employee rate (see the Instructions for Form 941-X).
- For Medicare taxes; employer rate of 1.45% plus 20% of the employee rate of 1.45%, for a total rate of 1.74% of wages.
- For income tax withholding, the rate is 1.5% of wages.

If the employer did not issue required information returns, the section 3509 rates are:

- For social security taxes; employer rate of 6.2% plus 40% of the employee rate (see the Instructions for Form 941-X).
- For Medicare taxes; employer rate of 1.45% plus 40% of the employee rate of 1.45%, for a total rate of 2.03% of wages.
- For income tax withholding, the rate is 3.0% of wages.

Relief provisions. If you have a reasonable basis for not treating a worker as an employee, you may be relieved from having to pay employment taxes for that worker. To get this relief, you must file all required federal tax returns, including information returns, on a basis consistent with your treatment of the worker. You (or your predecessor) must not have treated any worker holding a substantially similar position as an employee for any periods beginning after 1977. See Publication 1976, Do You Qualify for Relief Under Section 530.

IRS help. If you want the IRS to determine whether a worker is an employee, file Form SS-8, Determination of Worker Status for Purposes of Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax Withholding.

Voluntary Classification Settlement Program (VCSP). Employers who are currently treating their workers (or a class or group of workers) as independent contractors or other nonemployees and want to voluntarily reclassify their workers as employees for future tax periods may be eligible to participate in the VCSP if certain requirements are met. The employer cannot currently be under examination by the IRS, Department of Labor, or a state government agency, concerning the classification of workers. To apply, use Form 8952, Application for Voluntary Classification Settlement Program (VCSP). For more information, visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/form8952.

Husband-Wife Business

If you and your spouse jointly own and operate a business and share in the profits and losses, you are partners in a partnership, whether or not you have a formal partnership agreement. See Publication 541, Partnerships, for more details. The partnership is considered the employer of any employees, and is liable for any employment taxes due on wages paid to its employees.

Exception—Qualified joint venture. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2006, the Small Business and Work Opportunity Tax Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-28) provides that a "qualified joint venture," whose only members are a husband and a wife filing a joint income tax return, can elect not to be treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes. A qualified joint venture conducts a trade or business where:

- The only members of the joint venture are a husband and wife who file a joint income tax return,
- Both spouses materially participate (see Material participation in the Instructions for Schedule C (Form 1040), line G) in the trade or business (mere joint ownership of property is not enough),
- Both spouses elect to not be treated as a partnership, and
- The business is co-owned by both spouses and is not held in the name of a state law entity such as a partnership or limited liability company (LLC).

To make the election, all items of income, gain, loss, deduction, and credit must be divided between the spouses, in accordance with each spouse's interest in the venture, and reported on separate Schedules C or F as sole proprietors. Each spouse must also file a separate Schedule SE to pay self-employment taxes, as applicable.

Spouses using the qualified joint venture rules are treated as sole proprietors for federal tax purposes and generally do not need an EIN. If employment taxes are owed by the qualified joint venture, either spouse may report and pay the employment taxes due on the wages paid to the employees using the EIN of that spouse's sole proprietorship. Generally, filing as a qualified joint venture will not increase the spouses' total tax owed on the joint income tax return. However, it gives each spouse credit for social security earnings on which retirement benefits are based and for Medicare coverage without filing a partner-ship return.

Note. If your spouse is your employee, not your partner, you must pay social security and Medicare taxes for him or her. For more information on qualified joint ventures, visit IRS.gov and enter the keywords *Qualified Joint Venture election* in the search box. Then select "Election for Husband and Wife Unincorporated Businesses."

Exception—Community income. If you and your spouse wholly own an unincorporated business as community property under the community property laws of a state, foreign country, or U.S. possession, you can treat the business either as a sole proprietorship (of the spouse who carried on the business) or a partnership. You may still make an election to be taxed as a qualified joint venture instead of a partnership. See Exception—Qualified joint venture, earlier in this section.

3. Family Employees

Child employed by parents. Payments for the services of a child under age 18 who works for his or her parent in a trade or business are not subject to social security and Medicare taxes if the trade or business is a sole proprietorship or a partnership in which each partner is a parent of the child. If these payments are for work other than in a trade or business, such as domestic work in the parent's private home, they are not subject to social security and

Medicare taxes until the child reaches age 21. However, see *Covered services of a child or spouse* below. Payments for the services of a child under age 21 who works for his or her parent, whether or not in a trade or business, are not subject to federal unemployment (FUTA) tax. Payments for the services of a child of any age who works for his or her parent are generally subject to income tax withholding unless the payments are for domestic work in the parent's home, or unless the payments are for work other than in a trade or business and are less than \$50 in the quarter or the child is not regularly employed to do such work.

One spouse employed by another. The wages for the services of an individual who works for his or her spouse in a trade or business are subject to income tax withholding and social security and Medicare taxes, but not to FUTA tax. However, the payments for services of one spouse employed by another in other than a trade or business, such as domestic service in a private home, are not subject to social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes.

Covered services of a child or spouse. The wages for the services of a child or spouse are subject to income tax withholding as well as social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes if he or she works for:

- A corporation, even if it is controlled by the child's parent or the individual's spouse;
- A partnership, even if the child's parent is a partner, unless each partner is a parent of the child;
- A partnership, even if the individual's spouse is a partner; or
- An estate, even if it is the estate of a deceased parent.

Parent employed by son or daughter. When the employer is a son or daughter employing his or her parent the following rules apply.

- Payments for the services of a parent in the son's or daughter's (the employer's) trade or business are subject to income tax withholding and social security and Medicare taxes.
- Payments for the services of a parent not in the son's or daughter's (the employer's) trade or business are generally not subject to social security and Medicare taxes.



Social security and Medicare taxes do apply to payments made to a parent for domestic services if all of the following apply:

- The parent is employed by his or her son or daughter:
- The son or daughter (the employer) has a child or stepchild living in the home;
- The son or daughter (the employer) is a widow or widower, divorced, or living with a spouse who, because of a mental or physical condition, cannot care for the child or stepchild for at least 4 continuous weeks in a calendar quarter; and
- The child or stepchild is either under age 18 or requires the personal care of an adult for at least 4 continuous weeks in a calendar quarter due to a mental or physical condition.

Payments made to a parent employed by his or her child are not subject to FUTA tax, regardless of the type of services provided.

4. Employee's Social Security Number (SSN)

You are required to get each employee's name and SSN and to enter them on Form W-2. This requirement also applies to resident and nonresident alien employees. You should ask your employee to show you his or her social security card. The employee may show the card if it is available.



Do not accept a social security card that says "Not valid for employment." A social security number issued with this legend does not permit employment.

You may, but are not required to, photocopy the social security card if the employee provides it. If you do not provide the correct employee name and SSN on Form W-2, you may owe a penalty unless you have reasonable cause. See Publication 1586, Reasonable Cause Regulations and Requirements for Missing and Incorrect Name/ TINs, for information on the requirement to solicit the employee's SSN.

Applying for a social security card. Any employee who is legally eligible to work in the United States and does not have a social security card can get one by completing Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, and submitting the necessary documentation. You can get this form at SSA offices, by calling 1-800-772-1213, or from the SSA website at www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.html. The employee must complete and sign Form SS-5; it cannot be filed by the employer.

Applying for a social security number. If you file Form W-2 on paper and your employee applied for an SSN but does not have one when you must file Form W-2, enter "Applied For" on the form. If you are filing electronically, enter all zeros (000-00-000) in the social security number field. When the employee receives the SSN, file Copy A of Form W-2c, Corrected Wage and Tax Statement, with the SSA to show the employee's SSN. Furnish copies B, C, and 2 of Form W-2c to the employee. Up to five Forms W-2c for each Form W-3c, Transmittal of Corrected Wage and Tax Statements, may now be filed per session over the Internet, with no limit on the number of sessions. For more information, visit the SSA's Employer W-2 Filing Instructions & Information webpage at www.socialsecurity.gov/employer. Advise your employee

Correctly record the employee's name and SSN. Record the name and number of each employee as they are shown on the employee's social security card. If the employee's name is not correct as shown on the card (for example, because of marriage or divorce), the employee should request a corrected card from the SSA. Continue to report the employee's wages under the old name until the employee shows you an updated social security card with the new name.

to correct the SSN on his or her original Form W-2.

If the SSA issues the employee a replacement card after a name change, or a new card with a different social security number after a change in alien work status, file a Form W-2c to correct the name/SSN reported for the most recently filed Form W-2. It is not necessary to correct other years if the previous name and number were used for years before the most recent Form W-2.

IRS individual taxpayer identification numbers (ITINs) for aliens. Do not accept an ITIN in place of an SSN for employee identification or for work. An ITIN is only available to resident and nonresident aliens who are not eligible for U.S. employment and need identification for other tax purposes. You can identify an ITIN because it is a nine-digit number, beginning with the number "9"

either a "7" or "8" as the fourth digit and is formatted like an SSN (for example, 9NN-7N-NNNN).



An individual with an ITIN who later becomes eligible to work in the United States must obtain

an SSN. If the individual is currently eligible to work in the United States, instruct the individual to apply for an SSN and follow the instructions under Applying for a social security number above. Do not use an ITIN in place of an SSN on Form W-2.

Verification of social security numbers. The SSA offers employers and authorized reporting agents three methods for verifying employee SSNs. Some verification methods require registration. For more information, call 1-800-772-6270.

- Internet. Verify up to 10 names and numbers (per screen) online using the Social Security Number Verification Service (SSNVS) and receive immediate results, or upload batch files of up to 250,000 names and numbers and usually receive results the next business day. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/employer/ssnv.htm for more information.
- Telephone. Verify up to ten names and numbers with Telephone Number Employer Verification (TNEV) by calling 1-800-772-6270 or 1-800-772-1213.
- Paper. Verify up to 300 names and numbers by submitting a paper request. For information, see Appendix A in the SSNVS handbook at www.socialsecurity.gov/employer/ssnvshandbk/appendix.

Registering for SSNVS and TNEV. You must register online and receive authorization from your employer to use SSNVS or TNEV. To register, visit SSA's website at www.ssa.gov/employer and click on the Business Services Online link. Follow the registration instructions to obtain a user Identification (ID) and password. You will need to provide the following information about yourself and your company.

- Name.
- SSN.
- Date of birth.
- Type of employer.
- Employer identification number (EIN).
- Company name, address, and telephone number.
- Email address.

When you have completed the online registration process, SSA will mail a one-time activation code to your employer. You must enter the activation code online to use SSNVS or TNEV.

5. Wages and Other Compensation

Wages subject to federal employment taxes generally include all pay you give to an employee for services performed. The pay may be in cash or in other forms. It includes salaries, vacation allowances, bonuses, commissions, and fringe benefits. It does not matter how you measure or make the payments. Amounts an employer pays as a bonus for signing or ratifying a contract in connection with the establishment of an employer-employee relationship and an amount paid to an

employee for cancellation of an employment contract and relinquishment of contract rights are wages subject to social security, Medicare, and federal unemployment taxes and income tax withholding. Also, compensation paid to a former employee for services performed while still employed is wages subject to employment taxes.

More information. See <u>section 6</u> for a discussion of tips and <u>section 7</u> for a discussion of supplemental wages. Also, <u>see section 15</u> for exceptions to the general rules for wages. Publication 15-A provides additional information on wages, including nonqualified deferred compensation, and other compensation. Publication 15-B provides information on other forms of compensation, including:

- Accident and health benefits.
- · Achievement awards,
- Adoption assistance,
- Athletic facilities,
- De minimis (minimal) benefits,
- Dependent care assistance,
- Educational assistance,
- Employee discounts,
- Employee stock options,
- Employer-provided cell phones,
- Group-term life insurance coverage,
- Health Savings Accounts,
- Lodging on your business premises,
- · Meals,
- Moving expense reimbursements,
- No-additional-cost services,
- Retirement planning services,
- Transportation (commuting) benefits,
- · Tuition reduction, and
- Working condition benefits.

Employee business expense reimbursements. A reimbursement or allowance arrangement is a system by which you pay the advances, reimbursements, and charges for your employees' business expenses. How you report a reimbursement or allowance amount depends on whether you have an accountable or a nonaccountable plan. If a single payment includes both wages and an expense reimbursement, you must specify the amount of the reimbursement.

These rules apply to all ordinary and necessary employee business expenses that would otherwise qualify for a deduction by the employee.

Accountable plan. To be an accountable plan, your reimbursement or allowance arrangement must require your employees to meet all three of the following rules.

- They must have paid or incurred deductible expenses while performing services as your employees. The reimbursement or advance must be paid for the expense and must not be an amount that would have otherwise been paid by the employee.
- 2. They must substantiate these expenses to you within a reasonable period of time.
- They must return any amounts in excess of substantiated expenses within a reasonable period of time.

Amounts paid under an accountable plan are not wages and are not subject to the withholding and payment of income, social security, Medicare, and federal unemployment (FUTA) taxes.

If the expenses covered by this arrangement are not substantiated (or amounts in excess of substantiated expenses are not returned within a reasonable period of time), the amount paid under the arrangement in excess of the substantiated expenses is treated as paid under a nonaccountable plan. This amount is subject to the withholding and payment of income, social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes for the first payroll period following the end of the reasonable period of time

end of the reasonable period of time.

A reasonable period of time depends on the facts and circumstances. Generally, it is considered reasonable if your employees receive their advance within 30 days of the time they incur the expenses, adequately account for the expenses within 60 days after the expenses were paid or incurred, and return any amounts in excess of expenses within 120 days after the expenses were paid or incurred. Also, it is considered reasonable if you give your employees a periodic statement (at least quarterly) that asks them to either return or adequately account for outstanding amounts and they do so within 120 days.

Nonaccountable plan. Payments to your employee for travel and other necessary expenses of your business under a nonaccountable plan are wages and are treated as supplemental wages and subject to the withholding and payment of income, social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes. Your payments are treated as paid under a nonaccountable plan if:

- Your employee is not required to or does not substantiate timely those expenses to you with receipts or other documentation,
- You advance an amount to your employee for business expenses and your employee is not required to or does not return timely any amount he or she does not use for business expenses,
- You advance or pay an amount to your employee regardless of whether you reasonably expect the employee to have business expenses related to your business, or
- You pay an amount as a reimbursement you would have otherwise paid as wages.

See $\underline{\text{section } 7}$ for more information on supplemental wages.

Per diem or other fixed allowance. You may reimburse your employees by travel days, miles, or some other fixed allowance under the applicable revenue procedure. In these cases, your employee is considered to have accounted to you if your reimbursement does not exceed rates established by the Federal Government. The 2011 standard mileage rate for auto expenses was 51 cents per mile from January 1—June 30, and 55.5 cents per mile from July 31—December 31. The rate for 2012 is 55.5 cents per mile. The government per diem rates for meals and lodging in the continental United States are listed in Publication 1542, Per Diem Rates. Other than the amount of these expenses, your employees' business expenses must be substantiated (for example, the business purpose of the travel or the number of business miles driven).

If the per diem or allowance paid exceeds the amounts substantiated, you must report the excess amount as wages. This excess amount is subject to income tax withholding and payment of social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes. Show the amount equal to the substantiated amount (for example, the nontaxable portion) in box 12 of Form W-2 using code L.

Wages not paid in money. If in the course of your trade or business you pay your employees in a medium that is neither cash nor a readily negotiable instrument, such as a

check, you are said to pay them "in kind." Payments in kind may be in the form of goods, lodging, food, clothing, or services. Generally, the fair market value of such payments at the time they are provided is subject to federal income tax withholding and social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes.

However, noncash payments for household work, agricultural labor, and service not in the employer's trade or business are exempt from social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes. Withhold income tax on these payments only if you and the employee agree to do so. Nonetheless, noncash payments for agricultural labor, such as commodity wages, are treated as cash payments subject to employment taxes if the substance of the transaction is a cash payment.

Moving expenses. Reimbursed and employer-paid qualified moving expenses (those that would otherwise be deductible by the employee) paid under an accountable plan are not includible in an employee's income unless you have knowledge the employee deducted the expenses in a prior year. Reimbursed and employer-paid nonqualified moving expenses are includible in income and are subject to employment taxes and income tax withholding. For more information on moving expenses, see Publication 521, Moving Expenses.

Meals and lodging. The value of meals is not taxable income and is not subject to income tax withholding and social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes if the meals are furnished for the employer's convenience and on the employer's premises. The value of lodging is not subject to income tax withholding and social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes if the lodging is furnished for the employer's convenience, on the employer's premises, and as a condition of employment.

"For the convenience of the employer" means you have a substantial business reason for providing the meals and lodging other than to provide additional compensation to the employee. For example, meals you provide at the place of work so that an employee is available for emergencies during his or her lunch period are generally considered to be for your convenience.

However, whether meals or lodging are provided for the convenience of the employer depends on all of the facts and circumstances. A written statement that the meals or lodging are for your convenience is not sufficient.

50% test. If over 50% of the employees who are provided meals on an employer's business premises receive these meals for the convenience of the employer, all meals provided on the premises are treated as furnished for the convenience of the employer. If this 50% test is met, the value of the meals is excludable from income for all employees and is not subject to federal income tax withholding or employment taxes. For more information, see Publication 15-B.

Health insurance plans. If you pay the cost of an accident or health insurance plan for your employees, including an employee's spouse and dependents, your payments are not wages and are not subject to social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes, or federal income tax withholding. Generally, this exclusion also applies to qualified long-term care insurance contracts. However, for income tax withholding, the value of health insurance benefits must be included in the wages of S corporation employees who own more than 2% of the S corporation (2% shareholders). For social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes, the health insurance benefits are excluded from the wages only for employees and their dependents or for a class or classes of employees and their dependents. See Announcement 92-16 for more information. You can find Announcement 92-16 on page 53 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 1992-5.

Health Savings Accounts and medical savings accounts. Your contributions to an employee's Health Savings Account (HSA) or Archer medical savings account (MSA) are not subject to social security, Medicare, or FUTA taxes, or federal income tax withholding if it is reasonable to believe at the time of payment of the contributions they will be excludable from the income of the employee. To the extent it is not reasonable to believe they will be excludable, your contributions are subject to these taxes. Employee contributions to their HSAs or MSAs through a payroll deduction plan must be included in wages and are subject to social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes and income tax withholding. However, HSA contributions made under a salary reduction arrangement in a section 125 cafeteria plan are not wages and are not subject to employment taxes or withholding. For more information, see the Instructions for Form 8889, Health Savings Accounts (HSAs).

Medical care reimbursements. Generally, medical care reimbursements paid for an employee under an employer's self-insured medical reimbursement plan are not wages and are not subject to social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes, or income tax withholding. See Publication 15-B for an exception for highly compensated employees

Differential wage payments. Differential wage payments are any payments made by an employer to an individual for a period during which the individual is performing service in the uniformed services while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days and represent all or a portion of the wages the individual would have received from the employer if the individual were performing services for the employer.

Differential wage payments are wages for income tax withholding, but are not subject to social security, Medicare, or FUTA taxes. Employers should report differential wage payments in box 1 of Form W-2. For more information about the tax treatment of differential wage payments, visit IRS.gov and enter the keywords *Employers with Employees in a Combat Zone*.

Fringe benefits. You generally must include fringe benefits in an employee's gross income (but see *Nontaxable fringe benefits*, next). The benefits are subject to income tax withholding and employment taxes. Fringe benefits include cars you provide, flights on aircraft you provide, free or discounted commercial flights, vacations, discounts on property or services, memberships in country clubs or other social clubs, and tickets to entertainment or sporting events. In general, the amount you must include is the amount by which the fair market value of the benefits is more than the sum of what the employee paid for it plus any amount the law excludes. There are other special rules you and your employees may use to value certain fringe benefits. See Publication 15-B for more information.

Nontaxable fringe benefits. Some fringe benefits are not taxable (or are minimally taxable) if certain conditions are met. See Publication 15-B for details. The following are some examples of nontaxable fringe benefits.

- Services provided to your employees at no additional cost to you.
- Qualified employee discounts.
- Working condition fringes that are property or services the employee could deduct as a business expense if he or she had paid for it. Examples include a company car for business use and subscriptions to business magazines.
- Certain minimal value fringes (including an occasional cab ride when an employee must work overtime and meals you provide at eating places you run

for your employees if the meals are not furnished at below cost).

- 5. Qualified transportation fringes subject to specified conditions and dollar limitations (including transportation in a commuter highway vehicle, any transit pass, and qualified parking).
- Qualified moving expense reimbursement. See <u>Moving expenses</u>, earlier in this section, for details.
- The use of on-premises athletic facilities, if substantially all of the use is by employees, their spouses, and their dependent children.
- 8. Qualified tuition reduction an educational organization provides to its employees for education. For more information, see Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education.
- Employer-provided cell phones provided primarily for a noncompensatory business reason.

However, do not exclude the following fringe benefits from the income of highly compensated employees unless the benefit is available to other employees on a nondiscriminatory basis.

- No-additional-cost services.
- Qualified employee discounts.
- Meals provided at an employer operated eating facility.
- Reduced tuition for education.

For more information, including the definition of a highly compensated employee, see Publication 15-B.

When fringe benefits are treated as paid. You may choose to treat certain noncash fringe benefits as paid by the pay period, by the quarter, or on any other basis you choose as long as you treat the benefits as paid at least once a year. You do not have to make a formal choice of payment dates or notify the IRS of the dates you choose. You do not have to make this choice for all employees. You may change methods as often as you like, as long as you treat all benefits provided in a calendar year as paid by December 31 of the calendar year. See Publication 15-B for more information, including a discussion of the special accounting rule for fringe benefits provided during November and December.

Valuation of fringe benefits. Generally, you must determine the value of fringe benefits no later than January 31 of the next year. Before January 31, you may reasonably estimate the value of the fringe benefits for purposes of withholding and depositing on time.

Withholding on fringe benefits. You may add the value of fringe benefits to regular wages for a payroll period and figure withholding taxes on the total, or you may withhold federal income tax on the value of the fringe benefits at the optional flat 25% supplemental wage rate. However, see Withholding on supplemental wages when an employee receives more than \$1 million of supplemental wages during the calendar year in section 7.

You may choose not to withhold income tax on the value of an employee's personal use of a vehicle you provide. You must, however, withhold social security and Medicare taxes on the use of the vehicle. See Publication 15-B for more information on this election.

Depositing taxes on fringe benefits. Once you choose when fringe benefits are paid, you must deposit taxes in the same deposit period you treat the fringe benefits as paid. To avoid a penalty, deposit the taxes following the general deposit rules for that deposit period.

If you determine by January 31 you overestimated the value of a fringe benefit at the time you withheld and deposited for it, you may claim a refund for the overpayment or have it applied to your next employment tax return. See <u>Valuation of fringe benefits</u>, earlier in this section. If you underestimated the value and deposited too little, you may be subject to a failure-to-deposit penalty. See <u>section 11</u> for information on deposit penalties.

If you deposited the required amount of taxes but withheld a lesser amount from the employee, you can recover from the employee the social security, Medicare, or income taxes you deposited on his or her behalf, and included in the employee's Form W-2. However, you must recover the income taxes before April 1 of the following year.

Sick pay. In general, sick pay is any amount you pay under a plan to an employee who is unable to work because of sickness or injury. These amounts are sometimes paid by a third party, such as an insurance company or an employees' trust. In either case, these payments are subject to social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes. Sick pay becomes exempt from these taxes after the end of 6 calendar months after the calendar month the employee last worked for the employer. The payments are always subject to federal income tax. See Publication 15-A for more information.

6. Tips

Tips your employee receives from customers are generally subject to withholding. Your employee must report cash tips to you by the 10th of the month after the month the tips are received. The report should include tips you paid over to the employee for charge customers, tips the employee received directly from customers, and tips received from other employees under any tip-sharing arrangement. Both directly and indirectly tipped employees must report tips to you. No report is required for months when tips are less than \$20. Your employee reports the tips on Form 4070, Employee's Report of Tips to Employer, or on a similar statement. The statement must be signed by the employee and must include:

- The employee's name, address, and SSN,
- Your name and address,
- The month or period the report covers, and
- The total of tips received during the month or period.

Both Forms 4070 and 4070-A, Employee's Daily Record of Tips, are included in Publication 1244, Employee's Daily Record of Tips and Report to Employer.



You are permitted to establish a system for electronic tip reporting by employees. See Regulations section 31.6053-1(d).

Collecting taxes on tips. You must collect income tax, employee social security tax, and employee Medicare tax on the employee's tips. If an employee reports to you in writing \$20 or more of tips in a month, the tips are also subject to FUTA tax.

You can collect these taxes from the employee's wages or from other funds he or she makes available. See *Tips treated as supplemental wages* in section 7 for more information. Stop collecting the employee social security tax when his or her wages and tips for tax year 2012 reach \$110,100; collect the income and employee Medicare taxes for the whole year on all wages and tips. You are responsible for the employer social security tax on wages and tips until the wages (including tips) reach the limit. You are responsible for the employer Medicare tax for the whole year on all wages and tips. File Form 941 or Form 944 to report withholding and employment taxes on tips.

Ordering rule. If, by the 10th of the month after the month for which you received an employee's report on tips, you do not have enough employee funds available to deduct the employee tax, you no longer have to collect it. If there are not enough funds available, withhold taxes in the following order.

- 1. Withhold on regular wages and other compensation.
- 2. Withhold social security and Medicare taxes on tips.
- 3. Withhold income tax on tips.

Reporting tips. Report tips and any collected and uncollected social security and Medicare taxes on Form W-2 and on Form 941, lines 5b and 5c (Form 944, lines 4b and 4c). Report an adjustment on Form 941, line 9 (Form 944, line 6), for the uncollected social security and Medicare taxes. Enter the amount of uncollected social security and Medicare taxes in box 12 of Form W-2 with codes A and B. See section 13 and the Instructions for Forms W-2 and \overline{W} -3.

Allocated tips. If you operate a large food or beverage establishment, you must report allocated tips under certain circumstances. However, do not withhold income, social security, or Medicare taxes on allocated tips.

A large food or beverage establishment is one that provides food or beverages for consumption on the premises, where tipping is customary, and where there were normally more than 10 employees on a typical business day during the preceding year.

The tips may be allocated by one of three methods—hours worked, gross receipts, or good faith agreement. For information about these allocation methods, including the requirement to file Forms 8027 electronically if 250 or more forms are filed, see the Instructions for Form 8027.

Tip Rate Determination and Education Program. Employers may participate in the Tip Rate Determination and Education Program. The program primarily consists of two voluntary agreements developed to improve tip income reporting by helping taxpayers to understand and meet their tip reporting responsibilities. The two agreements are the Tip Rate Determination Agreement (TRDA) and the Tip Reporting Alternative Commitment (TRAC). A tip agreement, the Gaming Industry Tip Compliance Agreement (GITCA), is available for the gaming (casino) industry. To get more information about TRDA and TRAC agreements, see Publication 3144, Tips on Tips. Additionally, you can access IRS.gov and enter the keywords *MSU tips* to get more information about GITCA, TRDA, or TRAC agreements.

7. Supplemental Wages

Supplemental wages are wage payments to an employee that are not regular wages. They include, but are not limited to, bonuses, commissions, overtime pay, payments for accumulated sick leave, severance pay, awards, prizes, back pay, retroactive pay increases, and payments for nondeductible moving expenses. Other payments subject to the supplemental wage rules include taxable fringe benefits and expense allowances paid under a nonaccountable plan. How you withhold on supplemental wages depends on whether the supplemental payment is identified as a separate payment from regular wages. See Regulations section 31.3402(g)-1 for additional guidance for wages paid after January 1, 2007. Also see Revenue Ruling 2008-29, 2008-24 I.R.B. 1149, available at www.irs.gov/irb/2008-24_IRB/ar08.html.

Withholding on supplemental wages when an employee receives more than \$1 million of supplemental wages from you during the calendar year. Special rules

apply to the extent supplemental wages paid to any one employee during the calendar year exceed \$1 million. If a supplemental wage payment, together with other supplemental wage payments made to the employee during the calendar year, exceeds \$1 million, the excess is subject to withholding at 35% (or the highest rate of income tax for the year). Withhold using the 35% rate without regard to the employee's Form W-4. In determining supplemental wages paid to the employee during the year, include payments from all businesses under common control. For more information, see Treasury Decision 9276, 2006-37 I.R.B. 423, available at

www.irs.gov/irb/2006-37_IRB/ar09.html

Withholding on supplemental wage payments to an employee who does not receive \$1 million of supplemental wages during the calendar year. If the supplemental wages paid to the employee during the calendar year are less than or equal to \$1 million, the following rules apply in determining the amount of income tax to be withheld.

Supplemental wages combined with regular wages. If you pay supplemental wages with regular wages but do not specify the amount of each, withhold federal income tax as if the total were a single payment for a regular payroll period.

Supplemental wages identified separately from regular wages. If you pay supplemental wages separately (or combine them in a single payment and specify the amount of each), the federal income tax withholding method depends partly on whether you withhold income tax from your employee's regular wages.

- If you withheld income tax from an employee's regular wages in the current or immediately preceding calendar year, you can use one of the following methods for the supplemental wages.
 - Withhold a flat 25% (no other percentage allowed).
 - b. If the supplemental wages are paid concurrently with regular wages, add the supplemental wages to the concurrently paid regular wages. If there are no concurrently paid regular wages, add the supplemental wages to alternatively, either the regular wages paid or to be paid for the current payroll period or the regular wages paid for the preceding payroll period. Figure the income tax withholding as if the total of the regular wages and supplemental wages is a single payment. Subtract the tax withheld from the regular wages. Withhold the remaining tax from the supplemental wages. If there were other payments of supplemental wages paid during the payroll period made before the current payment of supplemental wages, aggregate all the payments of supplemental wages paid during the payroll period with the regular wages paid during the payroll period, calculate the tax on the total, subtract the tax already withheld from the regular wages and the previous supplemental wage payments, and withhold the remaining tax.
- If you did not withhold income tax from the employee's regular wages in the current or immediately preceding calendar year, use method 1-b above.
 This would occur, for example, when the value of the employee's withholding allowances claimed on Form W-4 is more than the wages.

Regardless of the method you use to withhold income tax on supplemental wages, they are subject to social security, Medicare, and FUTA taxes. **Example 1.** You pay John Peters a base salary on the 1st of each month. He is single and claims one withholding allowance. In January he is paid \$1,000. Using the wage bracket tables, you withhold \$52 from this amount. In February, he receives salary of \$1,000 plus a commission of \$2,000, which you combine with regular wages and do not separately identify. You figure the withholding based on the total of \$3,000. The correct withholding from the tables is \$342.

Example 2. You pay Sharon Warren a base salary on the 1st of each month. She is single and claims one allowance. Her May 1 pay is \$2,000. Using the wage bracket tables, you withhold \$192. On May 14 she receives a bonus of \$1,000. Electing to use supplemental wage withholding method 1-b, you:

- Add the bonus amount to the amount of wages from the most recent base salary pay date (May 1) (\$2,000 + \$1,000 = \$3,000).
- Determine the amount of withholding on the combined \$3,000 amount to be \$342 using the wage bracket tables.
- Subtract the amount withheld from wages on the most recent base salary pay date (May 1) from the combined withholding amount (\$342 - \$192 = \$150).
- 4. Withhold \$150 from the bonus payment.

Example 3. The facts are the same as in Example 2, except you elect to use the flat rate method of withholding on the bonus. You withhold 25% of \$1,000, or \$250, from Sharon's bonus payment.

Example 4. The facts are the same as in Example 2, except you elect to pay Sharon a second bonus of \$2,000 on May 28. Using supplemental wage withholding method 1-b, you:

- Add the first and second bonus amounts to the amount of wages from the most recent base salary pay date (May 1) (\$2,000 + \$1,000 + \$2,000 = \$5,000).
- Determine the amount of withholding on the combined \$5,000 amount to be \$800 using the wage bracket tables.
- Subtract the amounts withheld from wages on the most recent base salary pay date (May 1) and the amounts withheld from the first bonus payment from the combined withholding amount (\$800 - \$192 - \$150 = \$458).
- 4. Withhold \$458 from the second bonus payment.

Tips treated as supplemental wages. Withhold income tax on tips from wages earned by the employee or from other funds the employee makes available. If an employee receives regular wages and reports tips, figure income tax withholding as if the tips were supplemental wages. If you have not withheld income tax from the regular wages, add the tips to the regular wages. Then withhold income tax on the total. If you withheld income tax from the regular wages, you can withhold on the tips by method 1-a or 1-b discussed earlier in this section under <u>Supplemental wages identified separately from regular wages</u>.

Vacation pay. Vacation pay is subject to withholding as if it were a regular wage payment. When vacation pay is in addition to regular wages for the vacation period, treat it as a supplemental wage payment. If the vacation pay is for a time longer than your usual payroll period, spread it over the pay periods for which you pay it.

8. Payroll Period

Your payroll period is a period of service for which you usually pay wages. When you have a regular payroll period, withhold income tax for that time period even if your employee does not work the full period.

No regular payroll period. When you do not have a regular payroll period, withhold the tax as if you paid wages for a daily or miscellaneous payroll period. Figure the number of days (including Sundays and holidays) in the period covered by the wage payment. If the wages are unrelated to a specific length of time (for example, commissions paid on completion of a sale), count back the number of days from the payment period to the latest of:

- The last wage payment made during the same calendar year,
- The date employment began, if during the same calendar year, or
- January 1 of the same year.

Employee paid for period less than 1 week. When you pay an employee for a period of less than one week, and the employee signs a statement under penalties of perjury indicating he or she is not working for any other employer during the same week for wages subject to withholding, figure withholding based on a weekly payroll period. If the employee later begins to work for another employer for wages subject to withholding, the employee must notify you within 10 days. You then figure withholding based on the daily or miscellaneous period.

9. Withholding From Employees' Wages

Income Tax Withholding

Using Form W-4 to figure withholding. To know how much federal income tax to withhold from employees' wages, you should have a Form W-4 on file for each employee. Encourage your employees to file an updated Form W-4 for 2012, especially if they owed taxes or received a large refund when filing their 2011 tax return. Advise your employees to use the Withholding Calculator on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/individuals for help in determining how many withholding allowances to claim on their Forms W-4.

Ask all new employees to give you a signed Form W-4 when they start work. Make the form effective with the first wage payment. If a new employee does not give you a completed Form W-4, withhold income tax as if he or she is single, with no withholding allowances.

Form in Spanish. You can provide Formulario W-4(SP), Certificado de Exención de Retenciones del Empleado, in place of Form W-4, to your Spanish-speaking employees. For more information, see Publicación 17(SP), El Impuesto Federal sobre los Ingresos (Para Personas Físicas). The rules discussed in this section that apply to Form W-4 also apply to Formulario W-4(SP).

Electronic system to receive Form W-4. You may establish a system to electronically receive Forms W-4 from your employees. See Regulations section 31.3402(f)(5)-1(c) for more information.

Effective date of Form W-4. A Form W-4 remains in effect until the employee gives you a new one. When you receive a new Form W-4 from an employee, do not adjust

withholding for pay periods before the effective date of the new form. If an employee gives you a Form W-4 that replaces an existing Form W-4, begin withholding no later than the start of the first payroll period ending on or after the 30th day from the date when you received the replacement Form W-4. For exceptions, see *Exemption from federal income tax withholding, IRS review of requested Forms W-4*, and *Invalid Forms W-4*, later in this section.



A Form W-4 that makes a change for the next calendar year will not take effect in the current calendar year.

Successor employer. If you are a successor employer (see <u>Successor employer</u>, later in this section), secure new Forms W-4 from the transferred employees unless the "Alternative Procedure" in section 5 of Revenue Procedure 2004-53 applies. See Revenue Procedure 2004-53, 2004-34 I.R.B. 320, available at www.irs.gov/irb/2004-34_IRB/ar13.html.

Completing Form W-4. The amount of any federal income tax withholding must be based on marital status and withholding allowances. Your employees may not base their withholding amounts on a fixed dollar amount or percentage. However, an employee may specify a dollar amount to be withheld in addition to the amount of withholding based on filing status and withholding allowances claimed on Form W-4.

Employees may claim fewer withholding allowances than they are entitled to claim. They may wish to claim fewer allowances to ensure they have enough withholding or to offset the tax on other sources of taxable income not subject to withholding.

See Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax, for more information about completing Form W-4. Along with Form W-4, you may wish to order Publication 505 and Publication 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding, for use by your employees.

Do not accept any withholding or estimated tax payments from your employees in addition to withholding based on their Form W-4. If they require additional withholding, they should submit a new Form W-4 and, if necessary, pay estimated tax by filing Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

Exemption from federal income tax withholding. Generally, an employee may claim exemption from federal income tax withholding because he or she had no income tax liability last year and expects none this year. See the Form W-4 instructions for more information. However, the wages are still subject to social security and Medicare taxes. See also *Invalid Forms W-4*, later in this section.

A Form W-4 claiming exemption from withholding is effective when it is filed with the employer and only for that calendar year. To continue to be exempt from withholding in the next calendar year, an employee must give you a new Form W-4 by February 15. If the employee does not give you a new Form W-4 by February 15, begin withholding based on the last Form W-4 for the employee that did not claim an exemption from withholding or, if one was not filed, then withhold tax as if he or she is single with zero withholding allowances. If the employee provides a new Form W-4 claiming exemption from withholding on February 16 or later, you may apply it to future wages but do not refund any taxes already withheld.

Withholding income taxes on the wages of nonresident alien employees. In general, you must withhold federal income taxes on the wages of nonresident alien employees. However, see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities, for exceptions to this general rule. Also see section 3 of Publication 51 (Circular A), Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide, for guidance on H-2A visa workers.

Withholding Adjustment for Nonresident Aliens. For 2012, apply the procedure discussed below to figure the amount of income tax to withhold from the wages of nonresident alien employees performing services within the United States.



Nonresident alien students from India and business apprentices from India are not subject to this procedure.

Instructions. To figure how much income tax to withhold from the wages paid to a nonresident alien employee performing services in the United States, use the following steps.

Step 1. Add to the wages paid to the nonresident alien employee for the payroll period the amount shown in the chart below for the applicable payroll period.

Amount to Add to Nonresident Alien Employee's Wages for Calculating Income Tax Withholding Only

Payroll Period	Add Additional
Weekly	\$ 41.35
Biweekly	82.69
Semimonthly	89.58
Monthly	179.17
Quarterly	537.50
Semiannually	1,075.00
Annually	2,150.00
Daily or Miscellaneous (each day of the payroll period)	8.27

Step 2. Use the amount figured in Step 1 and the number of withholding allowances claimed (generally limited to one allowance) to figure income tax withholding. Determine the value of withholding allowances by multiplying the number of withholding allowances claimed by the appropriate amount from Table 5. Percentage Method—2012 Amount for One Withholding Allowance shown on page 35. If you are using the Percentage Method Tables for Income Tax Withholding, provided on pages 36–37, reduce the amount figured in Step 1 by the value of withholding allowances and use that reduced amount to figure the income tax withholding. If you are using the Wage Bracket Method for Income Tax Withholding, provided on pages 38–57, use the amount figured in Step 1 and the number of withholding allowances to figure income tax withholding.

The amounts added under the chart above are added to wages solely for calculating income tax withholding on the wages of the nonresident alien employee. The amounts from the chart above should not be included in any box on the employee's Form W-2 and do not increase the income tax liability of the employee. Also, these chart amounts do not increase the social security, Medicare, or FUTA tax liability of the employer or the employee.

This procedure only applies to nonresident alien employees who have wages subject to income tax withholding.

Example. An employer using the percentage method of withholding pays wages of \$500 for a biweekly payroll period to a married nonresident alien employee. The nonresident alien has properly completed Form W-4, entering marital status as "single" with one withholding allowance and indicating status as a nonresident alien on Form W-4, line 6 (see *Nonresident alien employee's Form W-4*, later

in this section). The employer determines the wages to be used in the withholding tables by adding to the \$500 amount of wages paid the amount of \$82.69 from the chart above (\$582.69 total). The employer then applies the applicable tables to determine the income tax withholding for nonresident aliens (see <u>Step 2</u> above). **Reminder:** If you use the Percentage Method Tables for Income Tax Withholding, reduce the amount figured in Step 1 by the value of withholding allowances and use that reduced amount to figure income tax withholding.

The \$82.69 added to wages for calculating income tax withholding is not reported on Form W-2, and does not increase the income tax liability of the employee. The \$82.69 added amount also does not affect the social security tax, Medicare tax, or FUTA tax liability of the employer or the employee.

Supplemental wage payment. This procedure for determining the amount of income tax withholding does not apply to a supplemental wage payment (see section 7) if the 35% mandatory flat rate withholding applies or if the 25% optional flat rate withholding is being used to calculate income tax withholding on the supplemental wage payment.

Nonresident alien employee's Form W-4. When completing Forms W-4, nonresident aliens are required to:

- Not claim exemption from income tax withholding,
- Request withholding as if they are single, regardless of their actual marital status,
- Claim only one allowance (if the nonresident alien is a resident of Canada, Mexico, or South Korea, or a student or business apprentice from India, he or she may claim more than one allowance), and
- Write "Nonresident Alien" or "NRA" above the dotted line on line 6 of Form W-4.

If you maintain an electronic Form W-4 system, you should provide a field for nonresident aliens to enter non-resident alien status in lieu of writing "Nonresident Alien" or "NRA" above the dotted line on line 6.



A nonresident alien employee may request additional withholding at his or her option for other purposes, although such additions should not be

necessary for withholding to cover federal income tax liability related to employment.

Form 8233. If a nonresident alien employee claims a tax treaty exemption from withholding, the employee must submit Form 8233, Exemption from Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual, with respect to the income exempt under the treaty, instead of Form W-4. See Publication 515 for details.

IRS review of requested Forms W-4. When requested by the IRS, you must make original Forms W-4 available for inspection by an IRS employee. You may also be directed to send certain Forms W-4 to the IRS. You may receive a notice from the IRS requiring you to submit a copy of Form W-4 for one or more of your named employees. Send the requested copy or copies of Form W-4 to the IRS at the address provided and in the manner directed by the notice. The IRS may also require you to submit copies of Form W-4 to the IRS as directed by a revenue procedure or notice published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin. When we refer to Form W-4, the same rules apply to Formulario W-4(SP), its Spanish translation.

After submitting a copy of a requested Form W-4 to the IRS, continue to withhold federal income tax based on that Form W-4 if it is valid (see *Invalid Forms W-4*, later in this section). However, if the IRS later notifies you in writing the

employee is not entitled to claim exemption from withholding or a claimed number of withholding allowances, withhold federal income tax based on the effective date, marital status, and maximum number of withholding allowances specified in the notice (commonly referred to as a "lock-in letter").

Initial lock-in letter. The IRS also uses information reported on Form W-2 to identify employees with withholding compliance problems. In some cases, if a serious under-withholding problem is found to exist for a particular employee, the IRS may issue a lock-in letter to the employer specifying the maximum number of withholding allowances and marital status permitted for a specific employee. You must furnish this notice to the employee within 10 business days of receipt if the employee is employed by you as of the date of the notice. Begin withholding based on the notice on the date specified in the notice.

Employee not performing services. If you receive a notice for an employee who is not performing services for you, you must still furnish the notice to the employee and withhold based on the notice if any of the following apply.

- You are paying wages for the employee's prior services and the wages are subject to income tax withholding on or after the date specified in the notice.
- You reasonably expect the employee to resume services within 12 months of the date of the notice.
- The employee is on a leave of absence that does not exceed 12 months or the employee has a right to reemployment after the leave of absence.

Termination and re-hire of employees. If you must furnish and withhold based on the notice and the employment relationship is terminated after the date of the notice, you must continue to withhold based on the notice if you continue to pay any wages subject to income tax withholding. You must also withhold based on the notice or modification notice if the employee resumes the employment relationship with you within 12 months after the termination of the employment relationship.

Modification notice. After issuing the notice specifying the maximum number of withholding allowances and marital status permitted, the IRS may issue a subsequent notice (modification notice) that modifies the original notice. The modification notice may change the marital status and/or the number of withholding allowances permitted. You must withhold federal income tax based on the effective date specified in the modification notice.

New Form W-4 after notice. After the IRS issues a notice or modification notice, if the employee provides you with a new Form W-4 claiming complete exemption from withholding or claims a marital status, a number of withholding allowances, and any additional withholding that results in less withholding than would result under the IRS notice or modification notice, disregard the new Form W-4. You must withhold based on the notice or modification notice unless the IRS notifies you to withhold based on the new Form W-4. If the employee wants to put a new Form W-4 into effect that results in less withholding than required, the employee must contact the IRS.

If, after you receive an IRS notice or modification notice, your employee gives you a new Form W-4 that does not claim exemption from federal income tax withholding and claims a marital status, a number of withholding allowances, and any additional withholding that results in more withholding than would result under the notice or modification notice, you must withhold tax based on the new Form W-4. Otherwise, disregard any subsequent Forms W-4 provided by the employee and withhold based on the IRS notice or modification notice.

For additional information about these rules, see Treasury Decision 9337, 2007-35 I.R.B. 455, available at www.irs.gov/irb/2007-35_IRB/ar10.html.

Substitute Forms W-4. You are encouraged to have your employees use the official version of Form W-4 to claim withholding allowances or exemption from withholding. Call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 or visit IRS.gov to obtain copies of Form W-4.

You may use a substitute version of Form W-4 to meet your business needs. However, your substitute Form W-4 must contain language that is identical to the official Form W-4 and your form must meet all current IRS rules for substitute forms. At the time you provide your substitute form to the employee, you must provide him or her with all tables, instructions, and worksheets from the current

Form W-4

You cannot accept substitute Forms W-4 developed by employees. An employee who submits an employee-developed substitute Form W-4 after October 10, 2007, will be treated as failing to furnish a Form W-4. However, continue to honor any valid employee-developed Forms W-4 you accepted before October 11, 2007.

Invalid Forms W-4. Any unauthorized change or addition to Form W-4 makes it invalid. This includes taking out any language by which the employee certifies the form is correct. A Form W-4 is also invalid if, by the date an employee gives it to you, he or she indicates in any way it is false. An employee who submits a false Form W-4 may be subject to a \$500 penalty. You may treat a Form W-4 as invalid if the employee wrote "exempt" on line 7 and also entered a number on line 5 or an amount on line 6.

When you get an invalid Form W-4, do not use it to figure federal income tax withholding. Tell the employee it is invalid and ask for another one. If the employee does not give you a valid one, withhold taxes as if the employee was single and claiming no withholding allowances. However, if you have an earlier Form W-4 for this worker that is valid, withhold as you did before.

Amounts exempt from levy on wages, salary, and other income. If you receive a Notice of Levy on Wages, Salary, and Other Income (Forms 668-W(ACS), 668-W(c)(DO), or 668-W(ICS)), you must withhold amounts as described in the instructions for these forms. Publication 1494, Tables for Figuring Amount Exempt From Levy on Wages, Salary, and Other Income—Forms 668-W(ACS), 668-W(c)(DO), and 668-W(ICS), shows the exempt amount. If a levy issued in a prior year is still in effect and the taxpayer submits a new Statement of Exemptions and Filing Status, use the current year Publication 1494 to compute the exempt amount.

Social Security and Medicare Taxes

The Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) provides for a federal system of old-age, survivors, disability, and hospital insurance. The old-age, survivors, and disability insurance part is financed by the social security tax. The hospital insurance part is financed by the Medicare tax. Each of these taxes is reported separately.

Generally, you are required to withhold social security and Medicare taxes from your employees' wages and pay the employer's share of these taxes. Certain types of wages and compensation are not subject to social security and Medicare taxes. See Section 5 and Section 15 for details. Generally, employee wages are subject to social security and Medicare taxes regardless of the employee's age or whether he or she is receiving social security benefits. If the employee reported tips, see Section 6.

Tax rates and the social security wage base limit. Social security and Medicare taxes have different rates

and only the social security tax has a wage base limit. The wage base limit is the maximum wage subject to the tax for the year. Determine the amount of withholding for social security and Medicare taxes by multiplying each payment by the employee tax rate. There are no withholding allowances for social security and Medicare taxes.

The employee tax rate for social security is 4.2% on wages paid and tips received before March 1, 2012. The employee tax rate for social security increases to 6.2% on wages paid and tips received after February 29, 2012. The employer tax rate for social security remains unchanged at 6.2%. The social security wage base limit is \$110,100. The 2012 employee tax rate for Medicare is 1.45% (amount withheld) each for the employee and employer (2.9% total). There is no wage base limit for Medicare tax; all covered wages are subject to Medicare tax.



At the time this publication was prepared for release, the rate for the employee's share of social security tax was 4.2% and scheduled to increase

to 6.2% for wages paid after February 29, 2012. However, Congress was discussing an extension of the 4.2% employee tax rate for social security beyond February 29, 2012. Check for updates at www.irs.gov/pub15.

Successor employer. If you received all or most of the property used in the trade or business of another employer, or a unit of that employer's trade or business, you may include the wages the other employer paid to your acquired employees before the transfer of property when you figure the annual wage base limit for social security. You should determine whether or not you should file Schedule D (Form 941), Report of Discrepancies Caused by Acquisitions, Statutory Mergers, or Consolidations, by reviewing the Instructions for Schedule D (Form 941). See Regulations section 31.3121(a)(1)-1(b) for more information. Also see Revenue Procedure 2004-53, 2004-34 I.R.B. 320, available at

www.irs.gov/irb/2004-34_IRB/ar13.html

Example. Early in 2012, you bought all of the assets of a plumbing business from Mr. Martin. Mr. Brown, who had been employed by Mr. Martin and received \$2,000 in wages before the date of purchase, continued to work for you. The wages you paid to Mr. Brown are subject to social security taxes on the first \$108,100 (\$110,100 minus \$2,000). Medicare tax is due on all of the wages you pay him during the calendar year.

Withholding of social security and Medicare taxes on nonresident aliens. In general, if you pay wages to nonresident alien employees, you must withhold federal social security and Medicare taxes as you would for a U.S. citizen. However, see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities, for exceptions to this general rule.

International social security agreements. The United States has social security agreements, also known as totalization agreements, with many countries that eliminate dual taxation and dual coverage. Compensation subject to social security and Medicare taxes may be exempt under one of these agreements. You can get more information and a list of agreement countries from the SSA at www.socialsecurity.gov/international or see section 7 of Publication 15-A.

Religious exemption. An exemption from social security and Medicare taxes is available to members of a recognized religious sect opposed to insurance. This exemption is available only if both the employee and the employer are members of the sect.

For more information, see Publication 517, Social Security and Other Information for Members of the Clergy and Religious Workers.

Foreign persons treated as American employers. Under IRC section 3121(z), for services performed after July 31, 2008, a foreign person who meets both of the following conditions is generally treated as an American employer for purposes of paying FICA taxes on wages paid to an employee who is a United States citizen or resident.

- 1. The foreign person is a member of a domestically controlled group of entities.
- The employee of the foreign person performs services in connection with a contract between the U.S. Government (or an instrumentality of the U.S. Government) and any member of the domestically controlled group of entities. Ownership of more than 50% constitutes control.

Part-Time Workers

For federal income tax withholding and social security, Medicare, and federal unemployment (FUTA) tax purposes, there are no differences among full-time employees, part-time employees, and employees hired for short periods. It does not matter whether the worker has another job or has the maximum amount of social security tax withheld by another employer. Income tax withholding may be figured the same way as for full-time workers. Or it may be figured by the part-year employment method explained in section 9 of Publication 15-A.

10. Required Notice to Employees About the Earned Income Credit (EIC)

You must notify employees who have no federal income tax withheld that they may be able to claim a tax refund because of the EIC. Although you do not have to notify employees who claim exemption from withholding on Form W-4 about the EIC, you are encouraged to notify any employees whose wages for 2011 were less than \$43,998 (\$49,078 if married filing jointly) that they may be eligible to claim the credit for 2011. This is because eligible employees may get a refund of the amount of EIC that is more than the tax they owe.

You will meet this notification requirement if you issue the employee Form W-2 with the EIC notice on the back of Copy B, or a substitute Form W-2 with the same statement. You will also meet the requirement by providing Notice 797, Possible Federal Tax Refund Due to the Earned Income Credit (EIC), or your own statement that contains the same wording.

If a substitute for Form W-2 is given to the employee on time but does not have the required statement, you must notify the employee within 1 week of the date the substitute for Form W-2 is given. If Form W-2 is required but is not given on time, you must give the employee Notice 797 or your written statement by the date Form W-2 is required to be given. If Form W-2 is not required, you must notify the employee by February 7, 2012.

11. Depositing Taxes

In general, you must deposit federal income tax withheld and both the employer and employee social security and Medicare taxes. You must use electronic funds transfer to make all federal tax deposits. See How To Deposit, later in this section, for information on electronic deposit requirements.



The credit against employment taxes for COBRA assistance payments you take on Form 941, line 12a, or Form 944, line 11a, is treated as a deposit

of taxes on the first day of your return period. See COBRA premium assistance credit under Introduction for more information.

Payment with return. You may make a payment with Form 941 or Form 944 instead of depositing, without incurring a penalty, if one of the following applies.

- Your Form 941 total tax liability for either the current quarter or the preceding quarter is less than \$2,500, and you did not incur a \$100,000 next-day deposit obligation during the current quarter. If you are not sure your total tax liability for the current quarter will be less than \$2,500, (and your liability for the preceding quarter was not less than \$2,500), make deposits using the semi-weekly or monthly rules so you won't be subject to failure-to-deposit penalties.
- You are a monthly schedule depositor (defined below) and make a payment in accordance with the Accuracy of Deposits Rule discussed later in this section. This payment may be \$2,500 or more.

Employers who have been notified to file Form 944 can pay their fourth quarter tax liability with Form 944 if the fourth quarter tax liability is less than \$2,500. Employers must have deposited any tax liability due for the first, second, and third quarters according to the deposit rules to avoid failure-to-deposit penalties for deposits during those quarters.

Separate deposit requirements for nonpayroll (Form 945) tax liabilities. Separate deposits are required for nonpayroll and payroll income tax withholding. Do not combine deposits for Forms 941 (or Form 944) and Form 945 tax liabilities. Generally, the deposit rules for nonpayroll liabilities are the same as discussed below, except the rules apply to an annual rather than a quarterly return period. Thus, the \$2,500 threshold for the deposit requirement discussed earlier applies to Form 945 on an annual basis. See the separate Instructions for Form 945 for more information.

When To Deposit

There are two deposit schedules—monthly and semi-weekly—for determining when you deposit social security, Medicare, and withheld income taxes. These schedules tell you when a deposit is due after a tax liability arises (for example, when you have a payday). Before the beginning of each calendar year, you must determine which of the two deposit schedules you are required to use. The deposit schedule you must use is based on the total tax liability you reported on Form 941 during a lookback period discussed next. Your deposit schedule is not determined by how often you pay your employees or make deposits. See special rules for Forms 944 and 945, later in this section. Also see *Application of Monthly and Semiweekly Schedules*, later in this section.



These rules do not apply to federal unemployment (FUTA) tax. See section 14 for information on depositing FUTA tax.

Lookback period. If you are a Form 941 filer, your deposit schedule for a calendar year is determined from the total taxes reported on Forms 941 (line 10; line 8 for quarters ending before January 1, 2011) in a 4-quarter lookback period. The lookback period begins July 1 and ends June 30 as shown next in Table 1. If you reported \$50,000 or less of taxes for the lookback period, you are a monthly schedule depositor; if you reported more than \$50,000, you are a semiweekly schedule depositor.

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Table 1. Lookback Period for Calendar Year 2012

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201	0		2011		2012
July	1 Oct. 1	Jan. 1	Apr.1		Calendar
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Sep.	30 Dec. 31	Mar. 31	June 30		JanDec.



The lookback period for a 2012 Form 941 filer who filed Form 944 in either 2010 or 2011 is calendar year 2010.

If you are a Form 944 filer for the current year or either of the preceding 2 years, your deposit schedule for a calendar year is determined from the total taxes reported during the second preceding calendar year (either on your Form 941 for all 4 quarters of that year or your Form 944 for that year). The lookback period for 2012 for a Form 944 filer is calendar year 2010. If you reported \$50,000 or less of taxes for the lookback period, you are a monthly schedule depositor; if you reported more than \$50,000, you are a semiweekly schedule depositor.

If you are a Form 945 filer, your deposit schedule for a calendar year is determined from the total taxes reported on line 3 of your Form 945 for the second preceding calendar year. The lookback period for 2012 for a Form 945 filer is calendar year 2010.

Adjustments and the lookback rule. Adjustments made on Forms 941-X and Form 944-X do not affect the amount of tax liability for previous periods for purposes of the lookback rule.

Example. An employer originally reported a tax liability of \$45,000 for the lookback period. The employer discovered, during January 2012, that the tax reported for one of the lookback period quarters was understated by \$10,000 and corrected this error by filing Form 941-X. This employer is a monthly schedule depositor for 2012 because the lookback period tax liabilities are based on the amounts originally reported, and they were \$50,000 or less.

Deposit period. The term deposit period refers to the period during which tax liabilities are accumulated for each required deposit due date. For monthly schedule depositors, the deposit period is a calendar month. The deposit periods for semiweekly schedule depositors are Wednesday through Friday and Saturday through Tuesday.

Monthly Deposit Schedule

You are a monthly schedule depositor for a calendar year if the total taxes on Form 941 (line 10; line 8 for quarters ending before January 1, 2011) for the 4 quarters in your lookback period were \$50,000 or less. **Under the monthly deposit schedule, deposit employment taxes on payments made during a month by the 15th day of the following month.** See also *Deposits on Business Days Only* and the \$100,000 Next-Day Deposit Rule, later in this section. Monthly schedule depositors should not file Form 941 or Form 944 on a monthly basis.

New employers. Your tax liability for any quarter in the lookback period before you started or acquired your business is considered to be zero. Therefore, you are a monthly schedule depositor for the first calendar year of

your business. However, see the \$100,000 Next-Day Deposit Rule, later in this section.

Semiweekly Deposit Schedule

You are a semiweekly schedule depositor for a calendar year if the total taxes on Form 941 (line 10; line 8 for quarters ending before January 1, 2011) during your lookback period were more than \$50,000. Under the semiweekly deposit schedule, deposit employment taxes for payments made on Wednesday, Thursday, and/or Friday by the following Wednesday. Deposit taxes for payments made on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and/or Tuesday by the following Friday. See also <u>Deposits on Business Days</u> Only, later in this section.

Note. Semiweekly schedule depositors must complete Schedule B (Form 941), Report of Tax Liability for Semiweekly Schedule Depositors, and submit it with Form 941. If you file Form 944 and are a semiweekly schedule depositor, complete Form 945-A, Annual Record of Federal Tax Liability, and submit it with your return (instead of Schedule B).

Table 2. Semiweekly Deposit Schedule

IF the payday falls on a	THEN deposit taxes by the following
Wednesday, Thursday, and/or Friday	Wednesday
Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and/or Tuesday	Friday

Semiweekly deposit period spanning 2 quarters. If you have more than one pay date during a semiweekly period and the pay dates fall in different calendar quarters, you will need to make **separate deposits** for the separate liabilities.

Example. If you have a pay date on Saturday, March 31, 2012 (first quarter), and another pay date on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (second quarter), two separate deposits would be required even though the pay dates fall within the same semiweekly period. Both deposits would be due Friday, April 6, 2012.

Summary of Steps to Determine Your Deposit Schedule

- 1.Identify your lookback period (see *Lookback period*, earlier in this section).
- Add the total taxes you reported on Form 941 (line 10; line 8 for quarters ending before January 1, 2011) during the lookback period.
- Determine if you are a monthly or semiweekly schedule depositor:

If the total taxes you reported in the lookback period were	Then you are a
\$50,000 or less	Monthly Schedule Depositor
More than \$50,000	Semiweekly Schedule Depositor

Example of Monthly and Semiweekly Schedules

Rose Co. reported Form 941 taxes as follows:

2011 Lookbac	k Period	2012 Lookback Period		
3rd Quarter 2009	\$12,000	3rd Quarter 2010	\$12,000	
4th Quarter 2009	12,000	4th Quarter 2010	12,000	
1st Quarter 2010	12,000	1st Quarter 2011	12,000	
2nd Quarter 2010	<u>12,000</u>	2nd Quarter 2011	<u>15,000</u>	
	\$48,000	_	\$51,000	

Rose Co. is a monthly schedule depositor for 2011 because its tax liability for the 4 quarters in its lookback period (third quarter 2009 through second quarter 2010) was not more than \$50,000. However, for 2012, Rose Co. is a semiweekly schedule depositor because the total taxes exceeded \$50,000 for the 4 quarters in its lookback period (third quarter 2010 through second quarter 2011).

Deposits on Business Days Only

If a deposit is required to be made on a day that is not a business day, the deposit is considered timely if it is made by the close of the next business day. A business day is any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. For example, if a deposit is required to be made on a Friday and Friday is a legal holiday, the deposit will be considered timely if it is made by the following Monday (if that Monday is a business day).

Semiweekly schedule depositors have at least 3 business days to make a deposit. If any of the 3 weekdays after the end of a semiweekly period is a legal holiday, you will have an additional day for each day that is a legal holiday to make the required deposit. For example, if a semiweekly schedule depositor accumulated taxes for payments made on Friday and the following Monday is a legal holiday, the deposit normally due on Wednesday may be made on Thursday (this allows 3 business days to make the deposit).

Legal holiday. The term "legal holiday" means any legal holiday in the District of Columbia. Legal holidays for 2012 are listed below.

- January 2— New Year's Day (observed)
- January 16— Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- February 20— Washington's Birthday
- April 16— District of Columbia Emancipation Day
- May 28— Memorial Day
- July 4— Independence Day
- September 3— Labor Day
- October 8— Columbus Day
- November 12— Veterans' Day (observed)
- November 22— Thanksgiving Day
- December 25— Christmas Day

Application of Monthly and Semiweekly Schedules

The terms "monthly schedule depositor" and "semiweekly schedule depositor" do not refer to how often your business pays its employees or even how often you are required to make deposits. The terms identify which set of deposit rules you must follow when an employment tax liability arises. The deposit rules are based on the dates when wages are paid (for example, cash basis); not on when tax liabilities are accrued for accounting purposes.

Monthly schedule example. Spruce Co. is a monthly schedule depositor with seasonal employees. It paid wages each Friday during January but did not pay any wages during February. Under the monthly deposit schedule, Spruce Co. must deposit the combined tax liabilities for the four January paydays by February 15. Spruce Co. does not have a deposit requirement for February (due by March 15) because no wages were paid and, therefore, it did not have a tax liability for February.

Semiweekly schedule example. Green, Inc. is a semiweekly schedule depositor and pays wages once each month on the last Friday of the month. Although Green, Inc., has a semiweekly deposit schedule, it will deposit just once a month because it pays wages only once a month. The deposit, however, will be made under the semiweekly deposit schedule as follows: Green, Inc.'s tax liability for the April 27, 2012 (Friday), payday must be deposited by May 2, 2012 (Wednesday). Under the semiweekly deposit schedule, liabilities for wages paid on Wednesday through Friday must be deposited by the following Wednesday.

\$100,000 Next-Day Deposit Rule

If you accumulate \$100,000 or more in taxes on any day during a monthly or semiweekly deposit period (see <u>Deposit period</u>, earlier in this section), you must deposit the tax by the next business day, whether you are a monthly or semiweekly schedule depositor.

For purposes of the \$100,000 rule, do not continue accumulating a tax liability after the end of a deposit period. For example, if a semiweekly schedule depositor has accumulated a liability of \$95,000 on a Tuesday (of a Saturday-through-Tuesday deposit period) and accumulated a \$10,000 liability on Wednesday, the \$100,000 next-day deposit rule does not apply. Thus, \$95,000 must be deposited by Friday and \$10,000 must be deposited by the following Wednesday.

However, once you accumulate at least \$100,000 in a deposit period, stop accumulating at the end of that day and begin to accumulate anew on the next day. For example, Fir Co. is a semiweekly schedule depositor. On Monday, Fir Co. accumulates taxes of \$110,000 and must deposit this amount on Tuesday, the next business day. On Tuesday, Fir Co. accumulates additional taxes of \$30,000. Because the \$30,000 is not added to the previous \$110,000 and is less than \$100,000, Fir Co. must deposit the \$30,000 by Friday (following the semiweekly deposit schedule).



If you are a monthly schedule depositor and accumulate a \$100,000 tax liability on any day, you become a semiweekly schedule depositor on the

next day and remain so for at least the rest of the calendar year and for the following calendar year.

Example. Elm, Inc., started its business on May 1, 2012. On May 4, it paid wages for the first time and accumulated a tax liability of \$40,000. On Friday, May 11, 2012, Elm, Inc., paid wages and accumulated a liability of \$60,000, bringing its total accumulated tax liability to \$100,000. Because this was the first year of its business, the tax liability for its lookback period is considered to be zero, and it would be a monthly schedule depositor based on the lookback rules. However, since Elm, Inc., accumulated a \$100,000 liability on May 11, it became a semiweekly schedule depositor on May 12. It will be a semiweekly schedule depositor for the remainder of 2012 and for 2013. Elm, Inc., is required to deposit the \$100,000 by Monday, May 14, the next business day.

Accuracy of Deposits Rule

You are required to deposit 100% of your tax liability on or before the deposit due date. However, penalties will not be applied for depositing less than 100% if both of the following conditions are met.

- Any deposit shortfall does not exceed the greater of \$100 or 2% of the amount of taxes otherwise required to be deposited.
- The deposit shortfall is paid or deposited by the shortfall makeup date as described below.

Makeup Date for Deposit Shortfall:

- Monthly schedule depositor. Deposit the shortfall or pay it with your return by the due date of your return for the return period in which the shortfall occurred. You may pay the shortfall with your return even if the amount is \$2,500 or more.
- Semiweekly schedule depositor. Deposit by the earlier of:
 - a. The first Wednesday or Friday (whichever comes first) that falls on or after the 15th of the month following the month in which the shortfall occurred, or
 - The due date of your return (for the return period of the tax liability).

For example, if a semiweekly schedule depositor has a deposit shortfall during July 2012, the shortfall makeup date is August 15, 2012 (Wednesday). However, if the shortfall occurred on the required April 6, 2012 (Friday) deposit due date for a March 31, 2012 (Saturday) pay date, the return due date for the March 31, 2012 pay date (April 30, 2012) would come before the May 16, 2012 (Wednesday) shortfall makeup date. In this case, the shortfall must be deposited by April 30, 2012.

How To Deposit

You must deposit employment taxes, including Form 945 taxes, by electronic funds transfer. See <u>Payment with return</u>, earlier in this section, for exceptions explaining when taxes may be paid with the tax return instead of being deposited.

Electronic deposit requirement. You must use electronic funds transfer to make all federal tax deposits (such as deposits of employment tax, excise tax, and corporate income tax). Generally, electronic fund transfers are made using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). If you do not want to use EFTPS, you can arrange for your tax professional, financial institution, payroll service, or other trusted third party to make deposits on your behalf.

If you fail to make a timely deposit, you may be subject to a 10% failure-to-deposit penalty. EFTPS is a free service provided by the Department of Treasury. To get more information or to enroll in EFTPS, call 1-800-555-4477. You can also visit the EFTPS website at www.eftps.gov. Additional information about EFTPS is also available in Publication 966.

When you receive your EIN. If you are a new employer that indicated a federal tax obligation when requesting an EIN, you will be pre-enrolled in EFTPS. You will receive information about Express Enrollment in your Employer Identification Number (EIN) Package and an additional mailing containing your EFTPS personal identification number (PIN) and instructions for activating your PIN. Call the toll-free number located in your "How to Activate Your

Enrollment" brochure to activate your enrollment and begin making your payroll tax deposits. Be sure to tell your payroll provider about your EFTPS enrollment.

Deposit record. For your records, an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Trace Number will be provided with each successful payment. The number can be used as a receipt or to trace the payment.

Depositing on time. For deposits made by EFTPS to be on time, you must initiate the deposit by 8 p.m. Eastern time the day before the date the deposit is due. If you use a third party to make a deposit on your behalf, they may have different cutoff times.

Same-day payment option. If you fail to initiate a deposit transaction on EFTPS by 8 p.m. Eastern time the day before the date a deposit is due, you can still make your deposit on time by using the Federal Tax Application (FTA). If you ever need the same-day payment method, you will need to make arrangements with your financial institution ahead of time. Please check with your financial institution regarding availability, deadlines, and costs. Your financial institution may charge you a fee for payments made this way. To learn more about the information you will need to provide to your financial institution to make a same-day wire payment, visit www.eftps.gov to download the Same-Day Payment Worksheet.

How to claim credit for overpayments. If you deposited more than the right amount of taxes for a quarter, you can choose on Form 941 for that quarter (or on Form 944 for that year) to have the overpayment refunded or applied as a credit to your next return. Do not ask EFTPS to request a refund from the IRS for you.

Deposit Penalties



Although the deposit penalties information provided below refers specifically to Form 941, these rules also apply to Form 945 and Form 944 (if the

employer required to file Form 944 does not qualify for the exception to the deposit requirements discussed under Payment with return, earlier in this section).

Penalties may apply if you do not make required deposits on time or if you make deposits for less than the required amount. The penalties do not apply if any failure to make a proper and timely deposit was due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect. The IRS may also waive penalties if you inadvertently fail to deposit in the first quarter you were required to deposit any employment tax, or in the first quarter during which your frequency of deposits changed, if you timely filed your employment tax return.

For amounts not properly or timely deposited, the penalty rates are as follows.

- 2% Deposits made 1 to 5 days late.
- **5%** Deposits made 6 to 15 days late.
- 10% Deposits made 16 or more days late. Also applies to amounts paid within 10 days of the date of the first notice the IRS sent asking for the tax due.
- **10% -** Deposits paid directly to the IRS, or paid with your tax return. But see *Payment with return*, earlier in this section, for an exception.
- 15% Amounts still unpaid more than 10 days after the date of the first notice the IRS sent asking for the tax due or the day on which you received notice and demand for immediate payment, whichever is earlier.

Late deposit penalty amounts are determined using calendar days, starting from the due date of the liability.

Special rule for former Form 944 filers. If you filed Form 944 for the prior year and file Forms 941 for the current year, the failure-to-deposit penalty will not apply to a late deposit of employment taxes for January of the current year if the taxes are deposited in full by March 15 of the current year.

Order in which deposits are applied. Deposits generally are applied to the most recent tax liability within the quarter. If you receive a failure-to-deposit pénalty notice, you may designate how your deposits are to be applied in order to minimize the amount of the penalty if you do so within 90 days of the date of the notice. Follow the instructions on the penalty notice you received. For more information on designating deposits, see Revenue Procedure 2001-58. You can find Revenue Procedure 2001-58 on page 579 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2001-50 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb01-50.pdf.

Example. Cedar, Inc. is required to make a deposit of \$1,000 on June 15 and \$1,500 on July 15. It does not make the deposit on June 15. On July 15, Cedar, Inc. deposits \$2,000. Under the deposits rule, which applies deposits to the most recent tax liability, \$1,500 of the deposit is applied to the July 15 deposit and the remaining \$500 is applied to the June deposit. Accordingly, \$500 of the June 15 liability remains undeposited. The penalty on this underdeposit will apply as explained earlier.

Trust fund recovery penalty. If federal income, social security, and Medicare taxes that must be withheld are not withheld or are not deposited or paid to the United States Treasury, the trust fund recovery penalty may apply. The penalty is the full amount of the unpaid trust fund tax. This penalty may apply to you if these unpaid taxes cannot be immediately collected from the employer or business.

The trust fund recovery penalty may be imposed on all persons who are determined by the IRS to be responsible for collecting, accounting for, and paying over these taxes,

and who acted willfully in not doing so.

A responsible person can be an officer or employee of a corporation, a partner or employee of a partnership, an accountant, a volunteer director/trustee, or an employee of a sole proprietorship. A responsible person also may include one who signs checks for the business or otherwise has authority to cause the spending of business funds.

Willfully means voluntarily, consciously, and intentionally. A responsible person acts willfully if the person knows

the required actions are not taking place.

Separate accounting when deposits are not made or withheld taxes are not paid. Separate accounting may be required if you do not pay over withheld employee social security, Medicare, or income taxes; deposit required taxes; make required payments; or file tax returns. In this case, you would receive written notice from the IRS requiring you to deposit taxes into a special trust account for the U.S. Government.



You may be charged with criminal penalties if you do not comply with the special bank deposit requirements for the special trust account for the

U.S. Government.

"Averaged" failure-to-deposit penalty. IRS may assess an "averaged" failure-to-deposit (FTD) penalty of 2% to 10% if you are a monthly schedule depositor and did not properly complete Form 941, line 16, when your tax liability shown on Form 941, line 10, equaled or exceeded \$2,500.

The IRS may also assess an "averaged" FTD penalty of 2% to 10% if you are a semiweekly schedule depositor and your tax liability shown on Form 941, line 10, equaled or exceeded \$2,500 and you:

Completed Form 941, line 16, instead of Schedule B (Form 941),

- Failed to attach a properly completed Schedule B (Form 941), or
- Improperly completed Schedule B (Form 941) by, for example, entering tax deposits instead of tax liabilities in the numbered spaces.

The FTD penalty is figured by distributing your total tax liability shown on Form 941, line 10, equally throughout the tax period. As a result, your deposits and payments may not be counted as timely because the actual dates of your tax liabilities cannot be accurately determined.
You can avoid an "averaged" FTD penalty by reviewing

your return before you file it. Follow these steps before

submitting your Form 941.

- If you are a monthly schedule depositor, report your tax liabilities (not your deposits) in the monthly entry spaces on Form 941, line 16.
- If you are a semiweekly schedule depositor, report your tax liabilities (not your deposits) on Schedule B (Form 941) in the lines that represent the dates your employees were paid.
- Verify your total liability shown on Form 941, line 16, or the bottom of Schedule B (Form 941) equals your tax liability shown on Form 941, line 10.
- Do not show negative amounts on Form 941, line 16, or Schedule B (Form 941).
- For prior period errors do not adjust your tax liabilities reported on Form 941, line 16, or on Schedule B (Form 941). Instead, file an adjusted return (Form 941-X, 944-X, or 945-X) if you are also adjusting your tax liability. If you are only adjusting your deposits in response to a failure-to-deposit penalty notice, see the Instructions for Schedule B (Form 941) or the Form 945-X instructions (for Forms 944 and 945).

12. Filing Form 941 or Form 944

Form 941. Each quarter, all employers who pay wages subject to income tax withholding (including withholding on sick pay and supplemental unemployment benefits) or social security and Medicare taxes must file Form 941 unless the employer is required to file Form 944 or the following exceptions apply. Form 941 must be filed by the last day of the month that follows the end of the quarter. See the *Calendar*, earlier.

Form 944. If you receive written notification you qualify for the Form 944 program, you must file Form 944 instead of Form 941. If you received this notification, but prefer to file Form 941, you can request to have your filing requirement changed to Form 941 if you satisfy certain requirements. See the Instructions for Form 944 for details. Employers who must file Form 944 have until the last day of the month that follows the end of the year to file Form 944.

Exceptions. The following exceptions apply to the filing requirements for Forms 941 and 944.

 Seasonal employers who no longer file for quarters when they regularly have no tax liability because they have paid no wages. To alert the IRS you will not have to file a return for one or more quarters during the year, check the "Seasonal employer" box on Form 941, line 18. When you fill out Form 941, be sure to check the box on the top of the form that corresponds to the quarter reported. Generally, the IRS will not inquire about unfiled returns if

at least one taxable return is filed each year. However, you must check the "Seasonal employer" box on **every** Form 941 you file. Otherwise, the IRS will expect a return to be filed for each quarter.

- Household employers reporting social security and Medicare taxes and/or withheld income tax. If you are a sole proprietor and file Form 941 or Form 944 for business employees, you may include taxes for household employees on your Form 941 or Form 944. Otherwise, report social security and Medicare taxes and income tax withholding for household employees on Schedule H (Form 1040), Household Employment Taxes. See Publication 926, Household Employer's Tax Guide, for more information
- Employers reporting wages for employees in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico. If your employees are not subject to U.S. income tax withholding, use Form 941-SS or Form 944-SS. Employers in Puerto Rico use Form 941-PR or Form 944-PR. If you have both employees who are subject to U.S. income tax withholding and employees who are not subject to U.S. income tax withholding, you must file only Form 941 (or Form 944) and include all your employees' wages on that form. For more information, see Publication 80 (Circular SS), Federal Tax Guide for Employers in US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Agricultural employers reporting social security, Medicare, and withheld income taxes. Report these taxes on Form 943, Employer's Annual Federal Tax Return for Agricultural Employees.

Form 941 e-file. The Form 941 e-file program allows a taxpayer to electronically file Form 941 or Form 944 using a computer with an internet connection and commercial tax preparation software. For more information, visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/efile, or call 1-866-255-0654.

Electronic filing by reporting agents. Reporting agents filing Forms 941 or Form 944 for groups of taxpayers can file them electronically. See *Reporting Agents* in section 7 of Publication 15-A.

Penalties. For each whole or part month a return is not filed when required (disregarding any extensions of the filing deadline), there is a failure-to-file penalty of 5% of the unpaid tax due with that return. The maximum penalty is generally 25% of the tax due. Also, for each whole or part month the tax is paid late (disregarding any extensions of the payment deadline), there is a failure-to-pay penalty of 0.5% per month of the amount of tax. For individual filers only, the failure-to-pay penalty is reduced from 0.5% per month to 0.25% per month if an installment agreement is in effect. You must have filed your return on or before the due date of the return to qualify for the reduced penalty. The maximum amount of the failure-to-pay penalty is also 25% of the tax due. If both penalties apply in any month, the failure-to-file penalty is reduced by the amount of the failure-to-pay penalty. The penalties will not be charged if you have a reasonable cause for failing to file or pay. If you receive a penalty notice, you can provide an explanation of why you believe reasonable cause exists.

Note. In addition to any penalties, interest accrues from the due date of the tax on any unpaid balance.

If income, social security, or Medicare taxes that must be withheld are not withheld or are not paid, you may be personally liable for the trust fund recovery penalty. See *Trust fund recovery penalty* in section 11.

Use of a reporting agent or other third-party payroll service provider does not relieve an employer of the responsibility to ensure tax returns are filed and all taxes are paid or deposited correctly and on time.

Do not file more than one Form 941 per quarter or more than one Form 944 per year. Employers with multiple locations or divisions must file only one Form 941 per quarter or one Form 944 per year. Filing more than one return may result in processing delays and may require correspondence between you and the IRS. For information on making adjustments to previously filed returns, see section 13.

Reminders about filing.

- Do not report more than 1 calendar quarter on a Form 941.
- If you need Form 941 or Form 944, get one from the IRS in time to file the return when due.
- Enter your name and EIN on Form 941 or Form 944.
 Be sure they are exactly as they appeared on earlier returns.
- See the Instructions for Form 941 or the Instructions for Form 944 for information on preparing the form.

Final return. If you go out of business, you must file a final return for the last quarter (last year for Form 944) in which wages are paid. If you continue to pay wages or other compensation for periods following termination of your business, you must file returns for those periods. See the Instructions for Form 941 or the Instructions for Form 944 for details on how to file a final return.

If you are required to file a final return, you are also required to furnish Forms W-2 to your employees by the due date of your final return. File Forms W-2 and W-3 with the SSA by the last day of the month that follows the due date of your final return. Do not send an original or copy of your Form 941 or Form 944 to the SSA. See the Instructions for Forms W-2 and W-3 for more information.

Filing late returns for previous years. If possible, get a copy of Form 941 or Form 944 (and separate instructions) with a revision date showing the year for which your delinquent return is being filed. See *Quick and Easy Access to IRS Tax Help and Tax Products*, located at the end of this publication, for various ways to secure any necessary forms and instructions. Contact the IRS at 1-800-829-4933 if you have any questions.

Table 3. Social Security and Medicare Tax Rates (for 3 prior years)

Calendar Year	Wage Base Limit (each employee)	Tax Rate on Taxable Wages and Tips
2011-Social Security	\$106,800	10.4%
2011-Medicare	All Wages	2.9%
2009 and 2010-Social Security	\$106,800	12.4%
2009 and 2010-Medicare	All Wages	2.9%

Reconciling Forms W-2, W-3, and 941 or 944. When there are discrepancies between Forms 941 or Form 944 filed with the IRS and Forms W-2 and W-3 filed with the

SSA, the IRS must contact you to resolve the discrepancies.

Take the following steps to help reduce discrepancies.

- 1. Report bonuses as wages and as social security and Medicare wages on Forms W-2 and on Form 941 or Form 944.
- 2. Report both social security and Medicare wages and taxes separately on Forms W-2, W-3, 941, and 944.
- 3. Report employee share of social security taxes on Form W-2 in the box for social security tax withheld (box 4), not as social security wages.
- 4. Report employee share of Medicare taxes on Form W-2 in the box for Medicare tax withheld (box 6), not as Medicare wages.
- 5. Make sure the social security wage amount for each employee does not exceed the annual social security wage base limit (for example, \$110,100 for 2012).
- 6. Do not report noncash wages that are not subject to social security or Medicare taxes as social security or Medicare wages.
- 7. If you used an EIN on any Form 941 or Form 944 for the year that is different from the EIN reported on Form W-3, enter the other EIN on Form W-3 in the box for "Other EIN used this year."
- 8. Be sure the amounts on Form W-3 are the total of amounts from Forms W-2.
- 9. Reconcile Form W-3 with your four quarterly Forms 941 or annual Form 944 by comparing amounts reported for:
 - a. Income tax withholding;
 - b. Social security wages, social security tips, and Medicare wages and tips. Form W-3 should include Forms 941 or Form 944 adjustments only for the current year (that is, if the Form 941 or Form 944 adjustments include amounts for a prior year, do not report those prior year adjustments on the current-year Forms W-2 and W-3);
 - Social security and Medicare taxes. The amounts shown on the four quarterly Forms 941 or the annual Form 944, including current-year adjustments, should be approximately twice the amounts shown on Form W-3. This is because Form 941 and Form 944 include both the employer and employee shares of social security and Medicare taxes; and
 - d. Advance earned income credit (EIC) for years ending before January 1, 2011.

Do not report on Form 941 or Form 944 backup withholding or income tax withholding on nonpayroll payments such as pensions, annuities, and gambling winnings. Nonpayroll withholding must be reported on Form 945. See the Instructions for Form 945 for details. Income tax withholding required to be reported on Forms 1099 or W-2G must be reported on Form 945. Only taxes and withholding properly reported on Form W-2 should be reported on Form 941 or Form 944.

Amounts reported on Forms W-2, W-3, and Forms 941 or Form 944 may not match for valid reasons. If they do not match, you should determine the reasons they are valid. Keep your reconciliation so you will have a record of why amounts did not match in case there are inquiries from the IRS or the SSA. See the Instructions for Schedule D (Form 941) if you need to explain any discrepancies that were caused by an acquisition, statutory merger, or consolidation.

13. Reporting Adjustments to Form 941 or Form 944

Current Period Adjustments

In certain cases, amounts reported as social security and Medicare taxes on Form 941, lines 5a-5c, column 2 (Form 944, lines 4a-4c, column 2), must be adjusted to arrive at your correct tax liability (for example, excluding amounts withheld by a third-party payor or amounts you were not required to withhold). Current period adjustments are reported on Form 941, lines 7–9, or Form 944, line 6, and include the following types of adjustments.

Fractions-of-cents adjustment. If there is a small difference between total taxes after adjustments (Form 941, line 10; Form 944, line 7) and total deposits (Form 941, line 13; Form 944, line 10), it may have been caused, all or in part, by rounding to the nearest cent each time you computed payroll. This rounding occurs when you figure the amount of social security and Medicare tax to be withheld and deposited from each employee's wages. The IRS refers to rounding differences relating to employee withholding of social security and Medicare taxes as "fractions-of-cents" adjustments. If you pay your taxes with Form 941 (or Form 944) instead of making deposits because your total taxes for the quarter (year for Form 944) are less than \$2,500, you also may report a fractions-of-cents adjustment.

To determine if you have a fractions-of-cents adjustment for 2012, multiply the total wages and tips for the quarter subject to:

- Social security tax reported on Form 941 or Form 944 by the employee's tax rate for social security,
- Medicare tax reported on Form 941or Form 944 by 1.45% (.0145).

Compare these amounts (the employee share of social security and Medicare taxes) with the total social security and Medicare taxes actually withheld from employees for the quarter (from your payroll records). The difference, positive or negative, is your fractions-of-cents adjustment to be reported on Form 941, line 7, or Form 944, line 6. If the actual amount withheld is less, report a negative adjustment using a minus sign (if possible, otherwise use parentheses) in the entry space. If the actual amount is more, report a positive adjustment.



For the above adjustments, prepare and retain a brief supporting statement explaining the nature and amount of each. Do not attach the statement to Form 941 or Form 944.

Example. Cedar, Inc. was entitled to the following current period adjustments.

- Fractions of cents. Cedar, Inc. determined the amounts withheld and deposited for social security and Medicare taxes during the quarter were a net \$1.44 more than the employee share of the amount figured on Form 941, lines 5a-5c, column 2 (social security and Medicare taxes). This difference was caused by adding or dropping fractions of cents when figuring social security and Medicare taxes for each wage payment. Cedar, Inc. must report a positive \$1.44 fractions-of-cents adjustment on Form 941, line 7.
- Third-party sick pay. Cedar, Inc. included taxes of \$2,000 for sick pay on Form 941, lines 5a and 5c, column 2, for social security and Medicare taxes.

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However, the third-party payor of the sick pay withheld and paid the employee share (\$1,000) of these taxes. Cedar, Inc. is entitled to a \$1,000 sick pay adjustment (negative) on Form 941, line 8.

• Life insurance premiums. Cedar, Inc. paid group-term life insurance premiums for policies in excess of \$50,000 for former employees. The former employees must pay the employee share of the social security and Medicare taxes (\$200) on the policies. However, Cedar, Inc. must include the employee share of these taxes with the social security and Medicare taxes reported on Form 941, lines 5a and 5c, column 2. Therefore, Cedar, Inc. is entitled to a negative \$200 adjustment on Form 941, line 9.

Adjustment of tax on third-party sick pay. Report both the employer and employee shares of social security and Medicare taxes for sick pay on Form 941, lines 5a and 5c (Form 944, lines 4a and 4c). Show as a negative adjustment on Form 941, line 8 (Form 944, line 6), the social security and Medicare taxes withheld on sick pay by a third-party payor. See section 6 of Publication 15-A for more information.

Adjustment of tax on tips. If, by the 10th of the month after the month you received an employee's report on tips, you do not have enough employee funds available to withhold the employee's share of social security and Medicare taxes, you no longer have to collect it. However, report the entire amount of these tips on Form 941, lines 5b and 5c (Form 944, lines 4b and 4c). Include as a negative adjustment on Form 941, line 9 (Form 944, line 6), the total uncollected employee share of the social security and Medicare taxes.

Adjustment of tax on group-term life insurance premiums paid for former employees. The employee share of social security and Medicare taxes for premiums on group-term life insurance over \$50,000 for a former employee is paid by the former employee with his or her tax return and is not collected by the employer. However, include all social security and Medicare taxes for such coverage on Form 941, lines 5a and 5c (Form 944, lines 4a and 4c), and back out the amount of the employee share of these taxes as a negative adjustment on Form 941, line 9 (Form 944, line 6). See Publication 15-B for more information on group-term life insurance.

No change to record of federal tax liability. Do not make any changes to your record of federal tax liability reported on Form 941, line 16, or Schedule B (Form 941) (Form 945-A for Form 944 filers) for current period adjustments. The amounts reported on the record reflect the actual amounts you withheld from employees' wages for social security and Medicare taxes. Because the current period adjustments make the amounts reported on Form 941, lines 5a-5c, column 2 (Form 944, lines 4a-4c, column 2), equal the actual amounts you withheld (the amounts reported on the record), no additional changes to the record of federal tax liability are necessary for these adjustments.

Prior Period Adjustments

Forms for prior period adjustments. The Internal Revenue Service has developed Form 941-X and Form 944-X to replace Form 941c, Supporting Statement to Correct Information. There are also Forms 943-X, 945-X, and CT-1X to report corrections on the corresponding returns.

Form 941-X and Form 944-X also replace Form 843, Claim for Refund or Request for Abatement, for employers

to request a refund or abatement of overreported employment taxes. Continue to use Form 843 when requesting a refund or abatement of assessed interest or penalties.



See Revenue Ruling 2009-39, 2009-52 I.R.B. 951, for examples of how the interest-free adjustment and claim for refund rules apply in 10 differ-

ent situations. You can find Rev. Rul. 2009-39, at www.irs.gov/irb/2009-52_IRB/ar14.html.

Background. Treasury Decision 9405 changed the process for making interest-free adjustments to employment taxes reported on Form 941 and Form 944 and for filing a claim for refund of employment taxes. Treasury Decision 9405, 2008-32 I.R.B. 293, is available at www.irs.gov/irb/2008-32_irb/ar13.html. You will use the adjustment process if you underreported employment

adjustment process if you underreported employment taxes and are making a payment, or if you overreported employment taxes and will be applying the credit to the Form 941 or Form 944 period during which you file Form 941-X or Form 944-X. You will use the claim process if you overreported employment taxes and are requesting a refund or abatement of the overreported amount. We use the terms "correct" and "corrections" to include interest-free adjustments under sections 6205 and 6413, and claims for refund and abatement under sections 6402, 6414, and 6404 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Correcting employment taxes. When you discover an error on a previously filed Form 941 or Form 944, you must:

- Correct that error using Form 941-X or Form 944-X,
- File a separate Form 941-X or Form 944-X for each Form 941 or Form 944 you are correcting, and
- File Form 941-X or Form 944-X separately. **Do not** file with Form 941 or Form 944.

Continue to report current quarter adjustments for fractions of cents, third-party sick pay, tips, and group-term life insurance on Form 941 using lines 7–9, and on Form 944 using line 6.

Report the correction of underreported and overreported amounts for the same tax period on a single Form 941-X or Form 944-X unless you are requesting a refund. If you are requesting a refund and are correcting both underreported and overreported amounts, file one Form 941-X or Form 944-X correcting the underreported amounts only and a second Form 941-X or Form 944-X correcting the overreported amounts.

See the chart on the back of Form 941-X or Form 944-X for help in choosing whether to use the adjustment process or the claim process. See the Instructions for Form 941-X or the Instructions for Form 944-X for details on how to make the adjustment or claim for refund or abatement.

Income tax withholding adjustments. In a current calendar year, correct prior quarter income tax withholding errors by making the correction on Form 941-X when you discover the error.

You may make an adjustment only to correct income tax withholding errors discovered during the same calendar year in which you paid the wages. This is because the employee uses the amount shown on Form W-2 as a credit when filing his or her income tax return (Form 1040, etc.).

You cannot adjust amounts reported as income tax withheld in a prior calendar year unless it is to correct an administrative error or section 3509 applies. An administrative error occurs if the amount you entered on Form 941 or Form 944 is not the amount you actually withheld. For example, if the total income tax actually withheld was incorrectly reported on Form 941 or Form 944 due to a mathematical or transposition error, this would be an administrative error. The administrative error adjustment corrects the amount reported on Form 941 or Form 944 to

agree with the amount actually withheld from employees and reported on their Forms W-2.

Collecting underwithheld taxes from employees. If you withheld no income, social security, or Medicare taxes or less than the correct amount from an employee's wages, you can make it up from later pay to that employee. But you are the one who owes the underpayment. Reimbursement is a matter for settlement between you and the employee. Underwithheld income tax must be recovered from the employee on or before the last day of the calendar year. There are special rules for tax on tips (see section 6) and fringe benefits (see section 5).

Refunding amounts incorrectly withheld from employees. If you withheld more than the correct amount of income, social security, or Medicare taxes from wages paid, repay or reimburse the employee the excess. Any excess income tax withholding must be repaid or reimbursed to the employee before the end of the calendar year in which it was withheld. Keep in your records the employee's written receipt showing the date and amount of the repayment or record of reimbursement. If you did not repay or reimburse the employee, you must report and pay each excess amount when you file Form 941 for the quarter (or Form 944 for the year) in which you withheld too much tax.

Correcting filed Forms W-2 and W-3. When adjustments are made to correct wages and social security and Medicare taxes because of a change in the wage totals reported for a previous year, you also need to file Form W-2c and Form W-3c with the SSA. Up to five Forms W-2c per Form W-3c may now be filed per session over the Internet, with no limit on the number of sessions. For more information, visit the Social Security Administration's Employer W-2 Filing Instructions & Information webpage at www.socialsecurity.gov/employer.

Exceptions to interest-free corrections of employment taxes. A correction will **not** be eligible for interest-free treatment if:

- The failure to report relates to an issue raised in an IRS examination of a prior return, or
- The employer knowingly underreported its employment tax liability.

A correction will **not** be eligible for interest-free treatment after the **earlier** of the following:

- Receipt of an IRS notice and demand for payment after assessment or
- Receipt of an IRS Notice of Determination of Worker Classification (Letter 3523).

Wage Repayments

If an employee repays you for wages received in error, do not offset the repayments against current-year wages unless the repayments are for amounts received in error in the current year.

Repayment of current year wages. If you receive repayments for wages paid during a prior quarter in the current year, report adjustments on Form 941-X to recover income tax withholding and social security and Medicare taxes for the repaid wages.

Repayment of prior year wages. If you receive repayments for wages paid during a prior year, report an adjustment on Form 941-X or Form 944-X to recover the social security and Medicare taxes. You may not make an adjustment for income tax withholding because the wages were wages and income to the employee for the prior year.

You also must file Forms W-2c and W-3c with the SSA to correct social security and Medicare wages and taxes. Do not correct wages (box 1) on Form W-2c for the amount paid in error. Give a copy of Form W-2c to the employee.

Employee reporting of repayment. The wages paid in error in the prior year remain taxable to the employee for that year. This is because the employee received and had use of those funds during that year. The employee is not entitled to file an amended return (Form 1040X) to recover the income tax on these wages. Instead, the employee is entitled to a deduction (or credit in some cases) for the repaid wages on his or her income tax return for the year of repayment.

14. Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax

The Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA), with state unemployment systems, provides for payments of unemployment compensation to workers who have lost their jobs. Most employers pay both a federal and a state unemployment tax. A list of state unemployment agencies, including addresses and phone numbers, is available in the Instructions for Form 940. Only the employer pays FUTA tax; it is not withheld from the employee's wages. For more information, see the Instructions for Form 940.



Services rendered after December 20, 2000, to a federally recognized Indian tribal government (or any subdivision, subsidiary, or business wholly

owned by such an Indian tribe) are exempt from FUTA tax, subject to the tribe's compliance with state law. For more information, see Internal Revenue Code section 3309(d).

Who must pay? Use the following three tests to determine whether you must pay FUTA tax. Each test applies to a different category of employee, and each is independent of the others. If a test describes your situation, you are subject to FUTA tax on the wages you pay to employees in that category during the current calendar year.

1. General test.

You are subject to FUTA tax in 2012 on the wages you pay employees who are not farmworkers or household workers if:

- a. You paid wages of \$1,500 or more in any calendar quarter in 2011 or 2012, or
- b. You had one or more employees for at least some part of a day in any 20 or more different weeks in 2011 or 20 or more different weeks in 2012.

2. Household employees test.

You are subject to FUTA tax if you paid total cash wages of \$1,000 or more to household employees in any calendar quarter in 2011 or 2012. A household employee is an employee who performs household work in a private home, local college club, or local fraternity or sorority chapter.

3. Farmworkers test.

You are subject to FUTA tax on the wages you pay to farmworkers if:

- You paid cash wages of \$20,000 or more to farmworkers during any calendar quarter in 2011 or 2012, or
- b. You employed 10 or more farmworkers during at least some part of a day (whether or not at the same time) during any 20 or more different weeks in 2011 or 20 or more different weeks in 2012.

Computing FUTA tax. For 2012, the FUTA tax rate is 6.0%. The tax applies to the first \$7,000 you pay to each employee as wages during the year. The \$7,000 is the federal wage base. Your state wage base may be different.

Generally, you can take a credit against your FUTA tax for amounts you paid into state unemployment funds. The credit may be as much as 5.4% of FUTA taxable wages. If you are entitled to the maximum 5.4% credit, the FUTA tax rate after credit is 0.6%. You are entitled to the maximum credit if you paid your state unemployment taxes in full, on time, and on all the same wages as are subject to FUTA tax, and as long as the state is not determined to be a credit reduction state. See the Instructions for Form 940 to determine the credit.

In some states, the wages subject to state unemployment tax are the same as the wages subject to FUTA tax. However, certain states exempt some types of wages from state unemployment tax, even though they are subject to FUTA tax (for example, wages paid to corporate officers, certain payments of sick pay by unions, and certain fringe benefits). In such a case, you may be required to deposit more than 0.6% FUTA tax on those wages. See the Instructions for Form 940 for further guidance.



In years when there are credit reduction states, you must include liabilities owed for credit reduction with your fourth quarter deposit. You may

deposit the anticipated extra liability throughout the year, but it is not due until the due date for the deposit for the fourth quarter, and the associated liability should be recorded as being incurred in the fourth quarter. See the Instructions for Form 940 for more information.

Successor employer. If you acquired a business from an employer who was liable for FUTA tax, you may be able to count the wages that employer paid to the employees who continue to work for you when you figure the \$7,000 FUTA wage base. See the Instructions for Form 940.

Depositing FUTA tax. For deposit purposes, figure FUTA tax quarterly. Determine your FUTA tax liability by multiplying the amount of taxable wages paid during the quarter by 0.6%. Stop depositing FUTA tax on an employee's wages when he or she reaches \$7,000 in taxable wages for the calendar year.

If your FUTA tax liability for any calendar quarter is \$500 or less, you do not have to deposit the tax. Instead, you may carry it forward and add it to the liability figured in the next quarter to see if you must make a deposit. If your FUTA tax liability for any calendar quarter is over \$500 (including any FUTA tax carried forward from an earlier

quarter), you must deposit the tax by electronic funds transfer. See <u>section 11</u> for more information on electronic funds transfer.

Household employees. You are not required to deposit FUTA taxes for household employees unless you report their wages on Form 941, Form 944, or Form 943. See Publication 926 for more information.

When to deposit. Deposit the FUTA tax by the last day of the first month that follows the end of the quarter. If the due date (below) for making your deposit falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you may make your deposit on the next business day.

If your liability for the fourth quarter (plus any undeposited amount from any earlier quarter) is over \$500, deposit the entire amount by the due date of Form 940 (January 31). If it is \$500 or less, you can make a deposit, pay the tax with a credit or debit card, or pay the tax with your 2011 Form 940 by January 31. For information on paying your taxes with a credit or debit card, visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/e-pay.

Table 4. When to Deposit FUTA Taxes

Quarter	Ending	Due Date
JanFebMar.	Mar. 31	Apr. 30
AprMay-June	June 30	July 31
July-AugSept.	Sept. 30	Oct. 31
OctNovDec.	Dec. 31	Jan. 31

Reporting FUTA tax. Use Form 940 to report FUTA tax. File your 2011 Form 940 by January 31, 2012. However, if you deposited all FUTA tax when due, you may file on or before February 10, 2012. If you do not receive Form 940, you can get a form by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Household employees. If you did not report employment taxes for household employees on Form 941, Form 944, or Form 943, report FUTA tax for these employees on Schedule H (Form 1040). See Publication 926 for more information. You must have an EIN to file Schedule H (Form 1040).

Electronic filing by reporting agents. Reporting agents filing Forms 940 for groups of taxpayers can file them electronically. See the *Reporting Agent* discussion in section 7 of Publication 15-A.

15. Special Rules for Various Types of Services and Payments Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Special Classes of Employment and Special Types of Payments	Treatment Under Employment Taxes			
	Income Tax Withholding	Social Security and Medicare	Federal Unemployment	
Aliens, nonresident.	See Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities, and Publication 519, U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens.			
Aliens, resident: 1. Service performed in the U.S.	Same as U.S. citizen.	Same as U.S. citizen. (Exempt if any part of service as crew member of foreign vessel or aircraft is performed outside U.S.)	Same as U.S. citizen.	
2. Service performed outside U.S.	Withhold	Taxable if (1) working for an American employer or (2) an American employer by agreement covers U.S. citizens and residents employed by its foreign affiliates.	Exempt unless on or in connection with an American vessel or aircraft and either performed under contract made in U.S., or alien is employed on such vessel or aircraft when it touches U.S. port.	
Cafeteria plan benefits under section 125.	If employee chooses cash, sub benefit, the treatment is the sar Publication 15-B for more information	me as if the benefit was provic	f employee chooses another led outside the plan. See	
Deceased worker:				
Wages paid to beneficiary or estate in same calendar year as worker's death. See the Instructions for Forms W-2 and W-3 for details.	Exempt	Taxable	Taxable	
2. Wages paid to beneficiary or estate after calendar year of worker's death.	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	
Dependent care assistance programs.	Exempt to the extent it is reasonable to believe amounts are excludable from gross income under section 129.			
Disabled worker's wages paid after year in which worker became entitled to disability insurance benefits under the Social Security Act.	Withhold	Exempt, if worker did not perform any service for employer during period for which payment is made.	Taxable	
Employee business expense reimbursement:				
Accountable plan. Amounts not exceeding specified government rate for per diem or standard mileage.	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	
b. Amounts in excess of specified government rate for per diem or standard mileage.	Withhold	Taxable	Taxable	
2. Nonaccountable plan. See section 5 for details.	Withhold	Taxable	Taxable	
Family employees:				
Child employed by parent (or partnership in which each partner is a parent of the child).	Withhold	Exempt until age 18; age 21 for domestic service.	Exempt until age 21	
2. Parent employed by child.	Withhold	Taxable if in course of the son's or daughter's business. For domestic services, see section 3.	Exempt	
Spouse employed by spouse. See section 2 for more information.	Withhold	Taxable if in course of spouse's business.	Exempt	
See section 3 for more information.				
Fishing and related activities.	See Publication 334, Tax Guid		F	
Foreign governments and international organizations.	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	

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Foreign service by U.S. citizens: 1. As U.S. government employees. 2. For foreign affiliates of American employers and other private employers.	Withhold Exempt if at time of payment (1) it is reasonable to believe employee is entitled to exclusion from income under section 911 or (2) the employer is required by law of the foreign country to withhold income tax on such payment.	Same as within U.S. Exempt unless (1) an American employer by agreement covers U.S. citizens employed by its foreign affiliates or (2) U.S. citizen works for American employer.	Exempt Exempt unless (1) on American vessel or aircraft and work is performed under contract made in U.S. or worker is employed on vessel when it touches U.S. port or (2) U.S. citizen works for American employer (except in a contiguous country with which the U.S. has an agreement for unemployment compensation) or in the U.S. Virgin Islands.
Fringe benefits.	Taxable on excess of fair mark by the employee and any amou may apply. Benefits provided u for social security, Medicare, ar	ınt excludable by law. Howeve nder cafeteria plans may qual	er, special valuation rules ifv for exclusion from wages
Government employment: State/local governments and political subdivisions, employees of: 1. Salaries and wages (includes payments to most elected and appointed officials.) See chapter 3 of Publication 963, Federal-State Reference Guide.	Withhold	Generally, taxable for (1) services performed by employees who are either (a) covered under a section 218 agreement or (b) not covered under a section 218 agreement and not a member of a public retirement system (mandatory social security and Medicare coverage), and (2) (for Medicare tax only) for services performed by employees hired or rehired after 3/31/86 who are not covered under a section 218 agreement or the mandatory social security provisions, unless specifically excluded by law. See Publication 963.	Exempt
Election workers. Election individuals are workers who are employed to perform services for state or local governments at election booths in connection with national, state, or local elections. Note. File Form W-2 for payments of \$600 or more even if no social security, or Medicare taxes were withheld.	Exempt	Taxable if paid \$1,500 or more in 2012 (lesser amount if specified by a section 218 social security agreement). See Revenue Ruling 2000-6.	Exempt
3. Emergency workers. Emergency workers who were hired on a temporary basis in response to a specific unforeseen emergency and are not intended to become permanent employees.	Withhold	Exempt if serving on a temporary basis in case of fire, storm, snow, earthquake, flood, or similar emergency.	Exempt
U.S. federal government employees.	Withhold	Taxable for Medicare. Taxable for social security unless hired before 1984. See section 3121(b)(5).	Exempt

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		Income Tax Withholding	Social Security and Medicare	Federal Unemployment		
	neworkers (industrial, cottage ustry):					
1.	Common law employees. Statutory employees.	Withhold Exempt	Taxable Taxable if paid \$100 or more in cash in a year.	Taxable Exempt		
	See section 2 for details.					
Hos	spital employees:					
1. 2.	Interns Patients	Withhold Withhold	Taxable Taxable (Exempt for state or local government hospitals.)	Exempt Exempt		
Hou	sehold employees:					
1.	Domestic service in private homes. Farmers, see Publication 51 (Circular A).	Exempt (withhold if both employer and employee agree).	Taxable if paid \$1,800 or more in cash in 2012. Exempt if performed by an individual under age 18 during any portion of the calendar year and is not the principal occupation of the employee.	Taxable if employer paid total cash wages of \$1,000 or more in any quarter in the current or preceding calendar year.		
2.	Domestic service in college clubs, fraternities, and sororities.	Exempt (withhold if both employer and employee agree).	Exempt if paid to regular student; also exempt if employee is paid less than \$100 in a year by an income-tax-exempt employer.	Taxable if employer paid total cash wages of \$1,000 or more in any quarter in the current or preceding calendar year.		
Ins (Accident and health insurance premiums under a plan or system for employees and their dependents generally or for a class or classes of employees and their dependents.	Exempt (except 2% shareholder-employees of S corporations).	Exempt	Exempt		
2.	Group-term life insurance costs. See Publication 15-B for details	Exempt	Exempt, except for the cost of group-term life insurance includible in the employee's gross income. Special rules apply for former employees.	Exempt		
Insu 1.	urance agents or solicitors: Full-time life insurance salesperson.	Withhold only if employee under common law. See section 2.	Taxable	Taxable if (1) employee under common law and (2) not paid solely by commissions.		
2.	Other salesperson of life, casualty, etc., insurance.	Withhold only if employee under common law.	Taxable only if employee under common law.	Taxable if (1) employee under common law and (2) not paid solely by commissions.		
Interest on loans with below-market interest rates (foregone interest and deemed original issue discount).		See Publication 15-A.				
Lea emp	ve-sharing plans: Amounts paid to an ployee under a leave-sharing plan.	Withhold	Taxable	Taxable		
New and and cust	vspaper carriers and vendors: vspaper carriers under age 18; newspaper magazine vendors buying at fixed prices retaining receipts from sales to tomers. See Publication 15-A for rmation on statutory nonemployee status.	Exempt (withhold if both employer and employee voluntarily agree).	Exempt	Exempt		

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3. Statutory nonemployees (qualified real estate agents, direct sellers, and certain companion sitters). See Publication 15-A for details.	3.	estate agents, direct sellers, and certain companion sitters). See Publication 15-A	•	Exempt	Exempt		
Scholarships and fellowship grants (includible in income under section 117(c)): Withhold Taxability depends on the nature of the employment and the status of the organization. See <i>Students, scholars, trainees, teachers, etc.</i> on the next page.	(inc	ludible in income under section	Withhold	the status of the organization. See Students, schola			
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		Income Tax Withholding	Social Security and Medicare	Federal Unemployment	
Service not in the course of the employer's trade or business (other than on a farm operated for profit or for household employment in private homes).		Withhold only if employee earns \$50 or more in cash in a quarter and works on 24 or more different days in that quarter or in the preceding quarter.	Taxable if employee receives \$100 or more in cash in a calendar year.	Taxable only if employee earns \$50 or more in cash in a quarter and works on 24 or more different days in that quarter or in the preceding quarter.	
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Stu etc.	dents, scholars, trainees, teachers,				
1.	Student enrolled and regularly attending classes, performing services for:				
	 a. Private school, college, or university. 	Withhold	Exempt	Exempt	
	 Auxiliary nonprofit organization operated for and controlled by school, college, or university. 	Withhold	Exempt unless services are covered by a section 218 (Social Security Act) agreement.	Exempt	
	 Public school, college, or university. 	Withhold	Exempt unless services are covered by a section 218 (Social Security Act) agreement.	Exempt	
2.	Full-time student performing service for academic credit, combining instruction with work experience as an integral part of the program.	Withhold	Taxable	Exempt unless program was established for or on behalf of an employer or group of employers.	
3.	Student nurse performing part-time services for nominal earnings at hospital as incidental part of training.	Withhold	Exempt	Exempt	
4.	Student employed by organized camps.	Withhold	Taxable	Exempt	
5.	Student, scholar, trainee, teacher, etc., as nonimmigrant alien under section 101(a)(15)(F), (J), (M), or (Q) of Immigration and Nationality Act (that is, aliens holding F-1, J-1, M-1, or Q-1 visas).	Withhold unless excepted by regulations.	Exempt if service is performe section 101(a)(15)(F), (J), (N Nationality Act. However, the employee becomes a reside residency tests for exempt in Publication 519.	I), or (Q) of Immigration and ese taxes may apply if the nt alien. See the special	
Supplemental unemployment compensation plan benefits.		Withhold	Exempt under certain conditions. See Publication 15-7		
Tip	s:				
1.	If \$20 or more in a month.	Withhold	Taxable	Taxable for all tips reported in writing to employer.	
2.	If less than \$20 in a month. See section 6 for more information.	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	
Worker's compensation.		Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	

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16. How To Use the Income Tax Withholding Tables

There are several ways to figure income tax withholding. The following methods of withholding are based on the information you get from your employees on Form W-4. See section 9 for more information on Form W-4.



Adjustments are not required when there will be more than the usual number of pay periods, for example, 27 biweekly pay dates instead of 26.

Wage Bracket Method

Under the wage bracket method, find the proper table (on pages 38–57) for your payroll period and the employee's marital status as shown on his or her Form W-4. Then, based on the number of withholding allowances claimed on the Form W-4 and the amount of wages, find the amount of federal tax to withhold. If your employee is claiming more than 10 withholding allowances, see below.

If you cannot use the wage bracket tables because wages exceed the amount shown in the last bracket of the table, use the percentage method of withholding described below. Be sure to reduce wages by the amount of total withholding allowances in Table 5 before using the percentage method tables (pages 36–37).

Adjusting wage bracket withholding for employees claiming more than 10 withholding allowances. The wage bracket tables can be used if an employee claims up to 10 allowances. More than 10 allowances may be claimed because of the special withholding allowance, additional allowances for deductions and credits, and the system itself.

Adapt the tables to more than 10 allowances as follows:

- Multiply the number of withholding allowances over 10 by the allowance value for the payroll period. The allowance values are in Table 5, Percentage Method—2012 Amount for One Withholding Allowance, below.
- 2. Subtract the result from the employee's wages.
- 3. On this amount, find and withhold the tax in the column for 10 allowances.

This is a voluntary method. If you use the wage bracket tables, you may continue to withhold the amount in the "10" column when your employee has more than 10 allowances, using the method above. You can also use any other method described below.

Percentage Method

If you do not want to use the wage bracket tables on pages 38–57 to figure how much income tax to withhold, you can use a percentage computation based on Table 5, below, and the appropriate rate table. This method works for any number of withholding allowances the employee claims and any amount of wages.

Use these steps to figure the income tax to withhold under the percentage method.

 Multiply one withholding allowance for your payroll period (see Table 5 below) by the number of allowances the employee claims.

- 2. Subtract that amount from the employee's wages.
- 3. Determine the amount to withhold from the appropriate table on page 36 or 37.

Table 5. Percentage Method—2012 Amount for One Withholding Allowance

Payroll Period	One Withholding Allowance
Weekly	\$ 73.08
Biweekly	146.15
Semimonthly	158.33
Monthly	316.67
Quarterly	
Semiannually	1,900.00
Annually	3,800.00
Daily or miscellaneous (each day of the payroll period)	14.62

Example. An unmarried employee is paid \$600 weekly. This employee has in effect a Form W-4 claiming two withholding allowances. Using the percentage method, figure the income tax to withhold as follows:

1.	Total wage payment	\$600.00
2.	One allowance	
3.	Allowances claimed on Form W-4	2
4.	Multiply line 2 by line 3	\$146.16
5	Amount subject to withholding	
	(subtract line 4 from line 1)	\$453.84
6.	Tax to be withheld on \$453.84 from	4
	Table 1—single person, page 36	\$ 53.53

To figure the income tax to withhold, you may reduce the last digit of the wages to zero, or figure the wages to the nearest dollar.

Annual income tax withholding. Figure the income tax to withhold on annual wages under the *Percentage Method* for an annual payroll period. Then prorate the tax back to the payroll period.

Example. A married person claims four withholding allowances. She is paid \$1,000 a week. Multiply the weekly wages by 52 weeks to figure the annual wage of \$52,000. Subtract \$15,200 (the value of four withholding allowances for 2012) for a balance of \$36,800. Using the table for the annual payroll period on page 37, \$3,435 is withheld. Divide the annual tax by 52. The weekly income tax to withhold is \$66.06.

Alternative Methods of Income Tax Withholding

Rather than the *Wage Bracket Method* or *Percentage Method* described above, you can use an alternative method to withhold income tax. Publication 15-A describes these alternative methods and contains:

- Formula tables for percentage method withholding (for automated payroll systems),
- Wage bracket percentage method tables (for automated payroll systems), and
- Combined income, social security, and Medicare tax withholding tables.

Some of the alternative methods explained in Publication 15-A are annualized wages, average estimated wages, cumulative wages, and part-year employment.

Percentage Method Tables for Income Tax Withholding (For Wages Paid in 2012)

TABLE 1—WEEKLY Payroll Period

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(a) SINGLE person (including head of household)—				(b) MARRIED person—			
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\$721		\$93.60 plus 25%	—\$721	\$1,515		. \$187.15 plus 25%	—\$1,515
\$1,688		\$335.35 plus 28%	—\$1,688	\$2,900		. \$533.40 plus 28%	—\$2,900
\$3,477		\$836.27 plus 33%	—\$3,477	\$4,338		. \$936.04 plus 33%	—\$4,338
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Not over \$83 \$0			Not over \$312		. \$0		
Over —	But not over—	of e	xcess over—	Over—	But not over—	•	of excess over —
\$83 \$417 \$1,442 \$3,377 \$6,954 \$15,019	—\$1,442 —\$3,377 —\$6,954 —\$15,019	. \$0.00 plus 10% . \$33.40 plus 15% . \$187.15 plus 25% . \$670.90 plus 28% . \$1,672.46 plus 33% . \$4,333.91 plus 35%	—\$83 —\$417 —\$1,442 —\$3,377 —\$6,954 —\$15,019	\$312 \$981 \$3,031 \$5,800 \$8,675 \$15,248	—\$3,031 —\$5,800 —\$8,675 —\$15,248	.\$0.00 plus 10% .\$66.90 plus 15% .\$374.40 plus 25% .\$1,066.65 plus 28% .\$1,871.65 plus 33% .\$4,040.74 plus 35%	—\$8,675

TABLE 3—SEMIMONTHLY Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE person (including head of household)—				(b) MARRIED pe	erson—		
			If the amount of v subtracting withh is:	vages (after olding allowances)	The amount of incon to withhold is:	ne tax	
Not over \$90 .		. \$0		Not over \$338 .		. \$0	
Over —	But not over—	of e	excess over-	Over—	But not over—		of excess over-
\$90		. \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$90			. \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$338
\$452	— \$1,563	. \$36.20 plus 15%	—\$452	\$1,063	— \$3,283	. \$72.50 plus 15%	—\$1,063
\$1,563	—\$3,658	. \$202.85 plus 25%	—\$1,563		— \$6,283	. \$405.50 plus 25%	—\$3,283
\$3,658	— \$7,533	. \$726.60 plus 28%	—\$3,658	\$6,283	— \$9,398	.\$1,155.50 plus 28%	—\$6,283
\$7,533	—\$16,271 · · · ·	. \$1,811.60 plus 33%	— \$7,533	\$9,398	— \$16,519	. \$2,027.70 plus 33%	—\$9,398
\$16,271		. \$4,695.14 plus 35%	—\$16,271	\$16,519		. \$4,377.63 plus 35%	—\$16,519

TABLE 4—MONTHLY Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE person (including head of household)— If the amount of wages (after subtracting withholding allowances) is: Not over \$179\$0				is:	f wages (after nholding allowances)	The amount of income to withhold is:	ne tax
Over—	But not over—	·	of excess over—	Over—	But not over—	•	of excess over-
\$179 \$904 \$3,125 \$7,317 \$15,067	—\$904 —\$3,125 —\$7,317 —\$15,067 —\$32,542	. \$0.00 plus 10% . \$72.50 plus 15% . \$405.65 plus 25% . \$1,453.65 plus 28% . \$3,623.65 plus 33% . \$9,390.40 plus 35%	—\$179 —\$904 —\$3,125 —\$7,317 —\$15,067	\$675 \$2,125 \$6,567 \$12,567 \$18,796	—\$2,125 —\$6,567 —\$12,567 —\$18,796	. \$0.00 plus 10% . \$145.00 plus 15% . \$811.30 plus 25% . \$2,311.30 plus 28% . \$4,055.42 plus 33%	—\$675 —\$2,125 —\$6,567 —\$12,567

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TABLE 5—QUARTERLY Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE pers	son (including head of household)—		(b) MARRIED	person—		
If the amount of subtracting withh is:	wages (after nolding allowances) The amount of incom to withhold is:	ne tax	If the amount of subtracting with is:	The amount of income tax to withhold is:		
Not over \$538 .	\$0		Not over \$2,025	5	. \$0	
Over—	But not over—	of excess over —	Over—	But not over—		of excess over—
\$538	—\$2,713 \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$538	\$2,025	— \$6,375	. \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$2,025
\$2,713	—\$9,375 \$217.50 plus 15%	—\$2,713	\$6,375	—\$19,700 . .	. \$435.00 plus 15%	—\$6,375
\$9,375	—\$21,950 \$1,216.80 plus 25%	—\$9,375	\$19,700	—\$37,700 . .	. \$2,433.75 plus 25%	—\$19,700
\$21,950	—\$45,200 \$4,360.55 plus 28%	—\$21,950	\$37,700	—\$56,388	. \$6,933.75 plus 28%	—\$37,700
\$45,200	—\$97,625 \$10,870.55 plus 33%		\$56,388	— \$99,113	. \$12,166.39 plus 33%	—\$56,388
\$97,625	\$28,170.80 plus 35%	—\$97,625	\$99,113		. \$26,265.64 plus 35%	—\$99,113

TABLE 6—SEMIANNUAL Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE pers	on (including head	of household)—		(b) MARRIED p	erson—		
If the amount of v subtracting withh is:	wages (after olding allowances)	The amount of income ta to withhold is:	ıx	If the amount of subtracting with is:	The amount of income to withhold is:	ne tax	
Not over \$1,075		. \$0		Not over \$4,050)	. \$0	
Over—	But not over —	- of	excess over-	Over—	But not over—	•	of excess over-
\$1,075	— \$5,425	.\$0.00 plus 10%	— \$1,075	\$4,050	—\$12,750 . .	. \$0.00 plus 10%	— \$4,050
\$5,425	—\$18,750 . .	. \$435.00 plus 15%	—\$5,425	\$12,750	—\$39,400 . .	. \$870.00 plus 15%	—\$12,750
\$18,750	— \$43,900 . .	. \$2,433.75 plus 25%	—\$18,750	\$39,400	— \$75,400	. \$4,867.50 plus 25%	—\$39,400
\$43,900	— \$90,400	. \$8,721.25 plus 28%	— \$43,900	\$75,400	— \$112,775	. \$13,867.50 plus 28%	—\$75,400
\$90,400	—\$195,250 . .	. \$21,741.25 plus 33%	— \$90,400	\$112,775	—\$198,225	. \$24,332.50 plus 33%	—\$112,775
\$195,250		.\$56,341.75 plus 35%	— \$195,250	\$198,225		. \$52,531.00 plus 35%	—\$198,225

TABLE 7—ANNUAL Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE per	son (including head of ho	ousehold) —		(b) MARRIED pe	erson—		
If the amount of subtracting withl is:	nolding allowances) The	e amount of income tax withhold is:		If the amount of subtracting withh is:	wages (after nolding allowances)	The amount of income to withhold is:	e tax
Not over \$2,150	\$0			Not over \$8,100		\$0	
Over—	But not over—	of ex	cess over-	Over —	But not over—	C	of excess over —
\$2,150	—\$10,850 · · · \$0.	.00 plus 10%	— \$2,150	\$8,100	— \$25,500	\$0.00 plus 10%	-\$8,100
\$10,850	—\$37,500 · · · \$87	70.00 plus 15%	— \$10,850	\$25,500	— \$78,800	\$1,740.00 plus 15%	— \$25,500
\$37,500	—\$87,800 . .\$4,	,867.50 plus 25%	— \$37,500	\$78,800	—\$150,800 . .	\$9,735.00 plus 25%	— \$78,800
\$87,800	—\$180,800 · · · \$17	7,442.50 plus 28%	— \$87,800	\$150,800	—\$225,550	\$27,735.00 plus 28%	— \$150,800
\$180,800	—\$390,500 · · · \$43	3,482.50 plus 33%	— \$180,800	\$225,550	—\$396,450 · · ·	\$48,665.00 plus 33%	— \$225,550
\$390,500		12,683.50 plus 35%	—\$390,500	\$396,450		\$105,062.00 plus 35%	— \$396,450

TABLE 8—DAILY or MISCELLANEOUS Payroll Period

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(a) SINGLE per	son (including head of household)—		(b) MARRIED	person—	
	holding allowances) umber of days in the The amount of incon			nholding allowances) number of days in the The amount	of income tax per day is:
Not over \$8.30			Not over \$31.2	0 \$0	
Over—	But not over—	of excess over —	Over—	But not over—	of excess over—
\$8.30	—\$41.70 \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$8.30	\$31.20	—\$98.10 \$0.00 plus 1	0% —\$31.20
\$41.70	—\$144.20 \$3.34 plus 15%	—\$41.70	\$98.10	—\$303.10 \$6.69 plus 1	5% —\$98.10
\$144.20	—\$337.70 \$18.72 plus 25%	—\$144.20	\$303.10	—\$580.00 \$37.44 plus	25% —\$303.10
\$337.70	—\$695.40 \$67.10 plus 28%	—\$337.70	\$580.00	—\$867.50 \$106.67 plus	s 28% —\$580.00
\$695.40	—\$1,501.90 \$167.26 plus 33%	—\$695.40	\$867.50	—\$1,524.80 \$187.17 plus	s 33% —\$867.50
\$1,501.90	\$433.41 plus 35%	— \$1,501.90	\$1,524.80	\$404.08 plus	s 35% —\$1,524.80

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\$1,250 and over

Use Table 1(a) for a **SINGLE person** on page 36. Also see the instructions on page 35.

MARRIED Persons—WEEKLY Payroll Period

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And the	wages				ages Paid and the nun			lowances c	laimed is—	-		
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	triari				The an	nount of inc	come tax to	be withhe	ld is—			
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350 360 370 380 390	360 370 380 390 400	20 21 22 23 24	13 14 15 16 17	5 6 7 8 9	0 0 0 1 2	0000	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
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450 460 470 480 490	460 470 480 490 500	30 31 32 33 34	23 24 25 26 27	15 16 17 18 19	8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
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550 560 570 580 590	560 570 580 590 600	43 45 46 48 49	33 34 35 37 38	25 26 27 28 29	18 19 20 21 22	11 12 13 14 15	3 4 5 6 7	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
600 610 620 630 640	610 620 630 640 650	51 52 54 55 57	40 41 43 44 46	30 31 32 33 35	23 24 25 26 27	16 17 18 19 20	8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
650 660 670 680 690	660 670 680 690 700	58 60 61 63 64	47 49 50 52 53	36 38 39 41 42	28 29 30 31 32	21 22 23 24 25	13 14 15 16 17	6 7 8 9 10	0 0 1 2 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
700 710 720 730 740	710 720 730 740 750	66 67 69 70 72	55 56 58 59 61	44 45 47 48 50	33 34 36 37 39 40	26 27 28 29 30 31	18 19 20 21 22	11 12 13 14 15	4 5 6 7 8 9	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
750 760 770 780 790	760 770 780 790 800	73 75 76 78 79	62 64 65 67 68	51 53 54 56 57	40 42 43 45 46	31 32 33 34 35	23 24 25 26 27	16 17 18 19 20	10 11	2 3	0 0 0	0 0 0 0

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And the				•			holding all	owances cl	aimed is—			
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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\$800 810 820 830	\$810 820 830 840	\$81 82 84 85	\$70 71 73 74	\$59 60 62 63	\$48 49 51 52	\$37 38 40 41	\$28 29 30 31	\$21 22 23 24	\$14 15 16 17	\$6 7 8 9	\$0 0 1 2	\$0 0 0 0
840 850 860 870 880	850 860 870 880 890	87 88 90 91 93	76 77 79 80 82	65 66 68 69 71	54 55 57 58 60	43 44 46 47 49	32 33 35 36 38	25 26 27 28 29 30	18 19 20 21 22 23	10 11 12 13 14	3 4 5 6 7	0 0 0 0 0
890 900 910 920 930	900 910 920 930 940	94 96 97 99 100	82 83 85 86 88 89	72 74 75 77 78	61 63 64 66 67	50 52 53 55 56	39 41 42 44 45	30 31 32 33 34	23 24 25 26 27	15 16 17 18 19	8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5
940 950 960 970 980 990	950 960 970 980 990 1,000	102 103 105 106 108 109	91 92 94 95 97 98	80 81 83 84 86 87	69 70 72 73 75 76	58 59 61 62 64 65	47 48 50 51 53 54	36 37 39 40 42 43	28 29 30 31 32 33	20 21 22 23 24 25	13 14 15 16 17 18	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
1,000 1,010 1,020 1,030 1,040	1,010 1,020 1,030 1,040 1,050	111 112 114 115 117	100 101 103 104 106	89 90 92 93 95	78 79 81 82 84	67 68 70 71 73	56 57 59 60 62	45 46 48 49 51	34 35 37 38 40	26 27 28 29 30	19 20 21 22 23	12 13 14 15 16
1,050 1,060 1,070 1,080 1,090 1,100	1,060 1,070 1,080 1,090 1,100 1,110	118 120 121 123 124 126	107 109 110 112 113 115	96 98 99 101 102 104	85 87 88 90 91	74 76 77 79 80 82	63 65 66 68 69 71	52 54 55 57 58 60	41 43 44 46 47 49	31 32 33 35 36	24 25 26 27 28 29	17 18 19 20 21
1,110 1,120 1,130 1,140	1,120 1,130 1,140 1,150 1,160	127 129 130 132	116 118 119 121	105 107 108 110	94 96 97 99 100	83 85 86 88 89	72 74 75 77 78	61 63 64 66 67	50 52 53 55 56	38 39 41 42 44 45	30 31 32 33 35	22 23 24 25 26 27
1,160 1,170 1,180 1,190 1,200	1,170 1,180 1,190 1,200	133 135 136 138 139	124 125 127 128 130	113 114 116 117	102 103 105 106 108	91 92 94 95 97	80 81 83 84 86	69 70 72 73 75	58 59 61 62 64	45 47 48 50 51	36 38 39 41 42	27 28 29 30 31 32
1,210 1,220 1,230 1,240 1,250	1,220 1,230 1,240 1,250 1,260	142 144 145 147	131 133 134 136 137	120 122 123 125 126	109 111 112 114 115	98 100 101 103 104	87 89 90 92 93	76 78 79 81 82	65 67 68 70 71	53 54 56 57 59 60	44 45 47 48 50	32 33 34 36 37 39
1,260 1,270 1,280 1,290	1,270 1,280 1,290 1,300	150 151 153 154 156	139 140 142 143 145	128 129 131 132 134	117 118 120 121 123	106 107 109 110	95 96 98 99 101	84 85 87 88 90	73 74 76 77 79	62 63 65 66 68	51 53 54 56 57	40 42 43 45
1,300 1,310 1,320 1,330 1,340	1,310 1,320 1,330 1,340 1,350	157 159 160 162	146 148 149 151	135 137 138 140	124 126 127 129 130	113 115 116 118	102 104 105 107	91 93 94 96 97	80 82 83 85	69 71 72 74	59 60 62 63	46 48 49 51 52
1,350 1,360 1,370 1,380 1,390	1,360 1,370 1,380 1,390 1,400	163 165 166 168 169	152 154 155 157 158	141 143 144 146 147	130 132 133 135 136	119 121 122 124 125	108 110 111 113 114	99 100 102 103	86 88 89 91 92	75 77 78 80 81	65 66 68 69 71	54 55 57 58 60

\$1,400 and over

Use Table 1(b) for a **MARRIED person** on page 36. Also see the instructions on page 35.

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1,220 1,240 1,260 1,280 1,300	1,240 1,260 1,280 1,300 1,320	155 158 161 164 167	133 136 139 142 145	112 115 118 121 124	90 93 96 99 102	68 71 74 77 80	46 49 52 55 58	29 31 33	12 14 16 18 20 22	0 0 2 4 6	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
1,320 1,340 1,360 1,380 1,400	1,340 1,360 1,380 1,400 1,420	170 173 176 179 182	148 151 154 157 160	127 130 133 136 139	105 108 111 114 117	83 86 89 92 95	61 64 67 70 73	36 39 42 45 48 51	22 24 26 28 30 32	8 10 12 14 16	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
1,420 1,440 1,460 1,480 1,500	1,440 1,460 1,480 1,500 1,520	185 189 194 199 204	163 166 169 172 175	142 145 148 151 154	120 123 126 129 132	98 101 104 107 110	76 79 82 85 88	54 57 60 63 66	32 35 38 41 44	18 20 22 24 26	3 5 7 9	0 0 0 0
1,520 1,540 1,560 1,580 1,600	1,540 1,560 1,580 1,600 1,620	209 214 219 224 229	178 181 184 188 193	157 160 163 166 169	135 138 141 144 147	113 116 119 122 125	91 94 97 100 103	69 72 75 78 81	47 50 53 56 59	26 28 30 32 34 37	13 15 17 19 21	0 0 1 3 5 7 9 11
1,620 1,640 1,660 1,680 1,700	1,640 1,660 1,680 1,700 1,720	234 239 244 249 254	198 203 208 213 218	172 175 178 181 184	150 153 156 159 162	128 131 134 137 140	106 109 112 115 118	84 87 90 93 96	62 65 68 71 74	40 43 46 49 52	23 25 27 29 31	9 11 13 15 17
1,720 1,740 1,760 1,780	1,740 1,760 1,780 1,800 1,820	259 264 269 274 279	223 228 233 238 243	187 191 196 201 206	165 168 171 174 177	143 146 149 152	121 124 127 130	99 102 105 108 111	77 80 83 86 89	55 58 61 64 67	33 36 39 42 45	19 21 23 25
1,800 1,820 1,840 1,860 1,880	1,840 1,860 1,880 1,900	284 289 294 299	248 253 258 263	211 216 221 226	180 183 186 190	158 161 164 167	133 136 139 142 145	114 117 120 123	92 95 98 101	70 73 76 79	48 51 54 57	27 29 31 33 35
1,900 1,920 1,940 1,960 1,980	1,920 1,940 1,960 1,980 2,000	304 309 314 319 324	268 273 278 283 288	231 236 241 246 251	195 200 205 210 215	170 173 176 179 182	148 151 154 157 160	126 129 132 135 138	104 107 110 113 116	82 85 88 91 94	60 63 66 69 72	38 41 44 47 50
2,000 2,020 2,040 2,060 2,080	2,020 2,040 2,060 2,080 2,100	329 334 339 344 349	293 298 303 308 313	256 261 266 271 276	220 225 230 235 240	185 188 193 198 203	163 166 169 172 175	141 144 147 150 153	119 122 125 128 131	97 100 103 106 109	75 78 81 84 87	53 56 59 62 65

\$2,100 and over

Use Table 2(a) for a **SINGLE person** on page 36. Also see the instructions on page 35.

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And the	wages			•	ages Paid and the nun			lowances c	laimed is—	-		
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					The an	nount of inc	come tax to	be withhe	ld is—			
\$ 0 320 330 340 350	\$320 330 340 350 360	\$0 1 2 3 4	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0
360 370 380 390 400	370 380 390 400 410	5 6 7 8 9	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	00000	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0000	0000	0 0 0 0
410 420 430 440 450	420 430 440 450 460	10 11 12 13	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	00000	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0000	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
460 470 480 490 500	470 480 490 500 520	15 16 17 18	1 2 3 4	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	00000	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
520 540 560 580 600	540 560 580 600 620	22 24 26 28	5 7 9 11 13	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	00000	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
620 640 660 680 700	640 660 680 700 720	32 34 36 38 40	15 17 19 21 23	3 5 7 9	0 0 0 0	0000	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
720 740 760 780 800	740 760 780 800 820	42 44 46 48 50 52	25 27 29 31 33 35 37	13 15 17 19	0 0 2 4 6	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
820 840 860 880 900	840 860 880 900 920	54 56 58 60	37 39 41 43 45 47	23 25 27 29 31	8 10 12 14 16	0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
920 940 960 980 1,000 1,020	940 960 980 1,000 1,020 1,040	62 64 66 68 71 74	47 49 51 53 55 57	33 35 37 39 41	18 20 22 24 26 28	3 5 7 9 11 13	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
1,040 1,060 1,080	1,060 1,080 1,100	77 80 83 86 89 92	57 59 61 63 65 67	43 45 47 49 51	30 32 34 36 38 40	15 17 19	1 3 5 7 9	0 0 0	0 0 0	00000	0 0 0	0 0 0
1,100 1,120 1,140 1,160 1,180 1,200	1,120 1,140 1,160 1,180 1,200 1,220	95 98 101	70 73 76	51 53 55 57 59 61	42 44 46	21 23 25 27 29 31	11 13 15 17 19	0 0 0 2 4	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1,200 1,220 1,240 1,260 1,280 1,300	1,220 1,240 1,260 1,280 1,300 1,320	104 107 110 113 116 119 122	79 82 85 88 91 94	63 65 67 69 72 75	48 50 52 54 56	33 35 37 39 41	21 23 25 27 29 31	6 8 10 12 14	0 0 0	0000	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1,300 1,320 1,340 1,360 1,380 1,400 1,420 1,440 1,460	1,320 1,340 1,360 1,380 1,400 1,420 1,440 1,460 1,480 1,500	112 122 125 128 131 134 137 140	100 103 106 109 112 115 118	78 81 84 87 90 93	58 60 62 64 66 69 72 75 78	43 45 47 49 51 53 55	31 33 35 37 39 41 43 45	16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30	0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0
1,480	1,500	143	121	99	78 l	59	45	30	16	1	0	0

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MARRIED Persons—BIWEEKLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

And the		And the number of withholding allowances claimed is—											
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
					The am		ome tax to	be withhel	d is—				
\$1,500	\$1,520	\$146 149	\$124 127	\$102 105	\$81 84	\$61 63 65 68	\$47 49	\$32 34 36 38	\$18	\$3	\$0	\$0	
\$1,500 1,520 1,540	1,540 1,560	149 152	127 130	105 108	84 87	63	49 51	34	20	5 7	0	\$0 0 0 0	
1,560	1,580	155	133	111	90	68	53	38	22 24	9	ŏ	ŏ	
1,580	1,600	158	136	114	93	71	55	40	26	11	0		
1,600	1,620 1,640	161 164	139 142	117	96	74 77	57 59	42	28 30	13 15	0	0	
1,620 1,640	1.660	167	145	120 123 126	96 99 102 105	80	61	42 44 46 48 50	32	17	0 2	0 0 0 0	
1.660	1.680	170	148	126	105	80 83 86	63 65	48	32 34 36	19 21	2 4	0	
1,680	1,700 1,720	173 176	151	129	108 111	86	65 67	50	38	21	6 8		
1,700 1,720	1 7/10	179	154 157	132 135	114	89 92 95	70	52 54 56 58	40	23 25 27 29	10	0	
1,720 1,740	1.760	182 185	160 163	138 I	117	95 98	73	56	42	27	12	0	
1,760 1,780	1,780 1,800	188	166	141 144	120 123	101	76 79	60	44 46	31	14 16	2	
1,800	1.820	191	169	147	126	104	82 85	62 64	48		18	0 0 0 2 4 6 8 10 12	
1,800 1,820 1,840	1.840	194	172	150 153 156	129	107	85	64	50	33 35 37 39 41	20 22 24 26	6	
1,840 1,860	1,860 1,880	197 200	175 178	153	132 135	110 113	88 91	66 69 72	52 54 56	37	22	10	
1,880	1,900	203	181	159	138	116	94	72				12	
1,900	1,920	206	184 187 190 193	162 165	141	119	97	75 78	58	43 45 47	28 30 32 34 36	14	
1,920 1,940	1,940 1,960	209 212 215	187 190	165 168	144 147	122 125	100 103	78 81	60 62	45 47	30	14 16 18 20 22	
1,960	1,980	215	193	171	150	128	106	84	62 64	49	34	20	
1,980	2,000	218	196	174	153	131	109	87	66	51			
2,000	2,020 2,040	221 224	199 202	177 180	156 159	134 137	112 115	90 93	68 71	53 55	38 40	24 26	
2,020 2,040 2,060	2,060	227	205	183 186	162	140	118	96	74	57	42	28	
2,060 2,080	2,080 2,100	227 230 233	199 202 205 208 211	186 189	165 168	143 146	121 124	93 96 99 102	77 80	53 55 57 59 61	44 46	24 26 28 30 32	
2.100	2,120	236	214		171	149	127	102	83				
2,120 2,140	2.140	239	217	192 195	174	152	130	108	86	65	50	36	
2,140 2,160	2,160 2,180	236 239 242 245	220	198 201	177 180	155 158	133 136	111 114	89	63 65 67 70 73	48 50 52 54 56	34 36 38 40 42	
2,180	2,100	248	214 217 220 223 226	204	183	161	139	117	89 92 95	73	56	42	
2 200	2 220	251	229 232 235 238 241	207 210 213 216	186	164	142	120	98	76 79	58	44	
2,220	2,240	254 257	232	210	189	167 170	145 148	123	101 104	79	58 60 62	46	
2,220 2,240 2,260	2,240 2,260 2,280	260	238	216	192 195	173	151	126 129	107	82 85 88	64	44 46 48 50 52	
2,280	2,300	263	241	219	198	176	154	132	110		66		
2,300	2,320	266	244	222	201 204	179 182	157 160	135 138	113 116	91 94	69	54 56	
2,320 2,340 2,360	2,340 2,360	269 272 275	250	222 225 228	207 210	185	163	141	119	97	69 72 75	58	
2,360 2,380	2,380 2,400	275 278	244 247 250 253 256	231 234	210 213	188 191	166 169	144 147	122 125	100 103	78 81	54 56 58 60 62	
2,400	2,400	281	259	237	216	194	172	150	128	103	84	64	
2,420	2,440	284	262	240	219	197	175	153	131	109	87	66	
2,440 2,460	2,460 2,480	287 290	265 268	243 246	222 225	200 203	178 181	156 159	134 137	112 115	90 93	68 71	
2,480	2,500	293	271	249	228	206	184	162	140	118	96	71 74	
2 500	2.520	296	274	252 255	231	209	187	165	143	121	99	77	
2,520 2,540 2,560	2,540 2,560	299	277	255	234	212	190	168	146	124	102	80	
2,540 2,560	2,580	302 305	280 283	258 261	237 240	215 218	193 196	171 174	149 152	127 130	105 108	83 86 89	
2,580	2,600	308	286	264	243	221	199	177	155	130 133	111	89	
2,600	2,620	311	289 292 295	267	246	224	202	180	158	136 139	114	92 95 98	
2,620 2,640	2,640 2,660	314 317	292	270 273	249 252	227 230	205 208	183 186	161 164	142	117 120	95 98	
2.660	2,680	320	298	276	255	233	211	189	167	145	120 123	101	
2,680	2,700	323	301	279	258	236	214	192	170	148	126	104	

\$2,700 and over

Use Table 2(b) for a **MARRIED person** on page 36. Also see the instructions on page 35.

SINGLE Persons—SEMIMONTHLY Payroll Period (For Wages Paid through December 2012)

And the	wages				_		nholding all	lowances c	laimed is—	-		
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
\$ 0 115 120 135 145 150 155 160 165 170 175 180 195 200 215 220 225 230 245 250 260 270 280 290 300 310 320 330 340 440 440 450 460 470 480 490 500 540 540 540 540 540 540 540 540 54		\$033 44556 67788 9910011 112133 144556 178901 2222222 22833 333456 3380413 448557 6636692 578	1 \$0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	2 \$000000000000000000000000000000000000				6 be withher \$0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		8	g	\$0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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SINGLE Persons—SEMIMONTHLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

And the				•		through I		owances c	laimed is—	-		
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	uiaii				The an	nount of inc	come tax to	be withhel	ld is—			
\$800 820 840 860 880 900 920	\$820 840 860 880 900 920 940	\$90 93 96 99 102 105 108	\$66 69 72 75 78 81 84	\$42 45 48 51 54 57 60	\$25 27 29 31 33 35 37	\$9 11 13 15 17 19 21	\$0 0 0 1 3 5 7	\$0 0 0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0 0
940 960 980 1,000 1,020 1,040 1,060 1,080	960 980 1,000 1,020 1,040 1,060 1,080 1,100	111 114 117 120 123 126 129 132	97 93 96 99 102 105 108	63 66 69 72 75 78 81 84	40 43 46 49 52 55 58 61 64	23 25 27 29 31 33 35 37 40	9 11 13 15 17 19 21	0 0 0 0 1 3 5 7	000 00000 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
1,100 1,120 1,140 1,160 1,180 1,200 1,220	1,140 1,160 1,180 1,200 1,220 1,240	138 141 144 147 150 153	114 117 120 123 126 129 132	87 90 93 96 99 102 105	67 70 73 76 79 82	40 43 46 49 52 55 58	23 25 27 29 31 33 35 37	9 11 13 15 17 19	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
1,240 1,260 1,280 1,300 1,320 1,340 1,360	1,260 1,280 1,300 1,320 1,340 1,360 1,380	156 159 162 165 168 171 174	135 138 141 144 147 150	108 111 114 117 120 123 126	85 88 91 94 97 100 103	61 64 67 70 73 76 79 82	40 43 46 49 52 55 58	21 23 25 27 29 31 33 35	3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0
1,380 1,400 1,420 1,440 1,460 1,480	1,400 1,420 1,440 1,460 1,480 1,500	177 180 183 186 189 192	153 156 159 162 165 168 171	126 129 132 135 138 141 144	106 109 112 115 118 121 124	82 85 88 91 94 97	61 64 67 70 73	37 40 43 46 49	19 21 23 25 27 29 31	3 5 7 9 11 13	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1,500 1,520 1,540 1,560 1,580 1,600 1,620 1,640	1,520 1,540 1,560 1,580 1,600 1,620 1,640 1,660	198 201 205 210 215 220 225	174 177 180 183 186 189 192	147 150 153 156 159 162 165 168	127 130 133 136 139 142 145	103 106 109 112 115 118 121	76 79 82 85 88 91 94 97	52 55 58 61 64 67 70 73	33 35 38 41 44 47 50	17 19 21 23 25 27 29	2 4 6 8 10 12 14	0 0 0 0 0 0 0
1,660 1,680 1,700 1,720 1,740 1,760 1,780 1,800 1,840 1,840 1,860 1,880	1,680 1,700 1,720 1,740 1,760 1,780 1,800 1,820 1,840 1,860 1,880 1,900	230 235 240 245 250 255 260 265 270 275 280 285	195 198 201 205 210 215 220 225 230 235 240 245	171 174 177 180 183 186 189 192 195 198 201 206	148 151 154 157 160 163 166 169 172 175 178 181	124 127 130 133 136 139 142 145 148 151 154 157	100 103 106 109 112 115 118 121 124 127 130 133	76 79 82 85 88 91 94 97 100 103 106 109	53 56 59 62 65 67 74 77 80 83 83	31 33 35 38 41 44 47 50 53 56 59 62	16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38	0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22
1,000 1,900 1,920 1,940 1,960 1,980 2,000 2,020 2,040 2,060 2,080 2,100	1,900 1,940 1,940 1,960 1,980 2,000 2,020 2,040 2,060 2,080 2,100 2,120 2,140	293 290 295 300 305 310 315 320 325 330 335 340 345	245 250 255 260 265 270 275 280 285 290 295 300 305	206 211 216 221 226 231 236 241 246 251 256 261 266	184 187 190 193 196 199 202 206 211 216 221 226	157 160 163 166 169 172 175 178 181 184 187 190	136 139 142 145 148 151 157 160 163 166	112 115 118 121 124 127 130 133 136 139 142	89 92 95 98 101 104 110 113 116 119	65 68 71 74 77 80 83 86 89 92 95 98	56 41 44 47 50 53 56 59 62 65 68 71 74	22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 41 44 47 50

\$2,140 and over

Use Table 3(a) for a **SINGLE person** on page 36. Also see the instructions on page 35.

MARRIED Persons—SEMIMONTHLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

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MARRIED Persons—SEMIMONTHLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

And the	e wages		And the number of withholding allowances claimed is— 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
At least	But less	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	than							be withhel				
\$1,500 1,520 1,540 1,560	\$1,520 1,540 1,560 1,580	\$140 143 146 149	\$116 119 122 125	\$92 95 98 101	\$70 72 74 77	\$54 56 58 60	\$38 40 42 44	\$22 24 26 28 30	\$6 8 10 12	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0
1,580 1,600 1,620 1,640	1,600 1,620 1,640 1,660	152 155 158 161	128 131 134 137	104 107 110 113	80 83 86 89 92 95	62 64 66 68	46 48 50 52	30 32 34 36 38	14 16 18	0 1 3 5 7	0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
1,660 1,680 1,700	1,680 1,700 1,720	164 167 170	140 143 146	116 119	98	70 72	54 56	40	20 22 24 26	9	0 0	
1,720 1,740 1,760 1,780	1,740 1,760 1,780 1,800	173 176 179 182	149 152 155 158	122 125 128 131 134	101 104 107 110	75 78 81 84 87	58 60 62 64 66	42 44 46 48 50	26 28 30 32 34	13 15 17 19	0 0 1 3	0 0 0 0
1,800 1,820 1,840 1,860 1,880	1,820 1,840 1,860 1,880 1,900	185 188 191 194 197	161 164 167 170 173	137 140 143 146 149	113 116 119 122 125	90 93 96 99 102	68 70 72 75 78	52 54 56 58 60	36 38 40 42 44	21 23 25 27 29	5 7 9 11 13	0 0 0 0
1,900 1,920 1,940 1,960 1,980	1,920 1,940 1,960 1,980 2,000	200 203 206 209 212	176 179 182 185 188	152 155 158 161 164	128 131 134 137 140	105 108 111 114 117	81 84 87 90 93	62 64 66 68 70	46 48 50 52 54	31 33 35 37 39	15 17 19 21 23	0 1 3 5 7
2,000 2,020 2,040 2,060 2,080	2,020 2,040 2,060 2,080 2,100	215 218 221 221 224 227	191 194 197 200 203	167 170 173 176 179	143 146 149 152 155	120 123 126 129 132	96 99 102 105 108	72 75 78 81 84	56 58 60 62 64	41 43 45 47 49	25 27 29 31 33	9 11 13 15 17
2,100 2,120 2,140 2,160 2,180	2,120 2,140 2,160 2,180 2,200	230 233 236 239 242	206 209 212 215 218	182 185 188 191 194	158 161 164 167 170	135 138 141 144 147	111 114 117 120 123	87 90 93 96 99	66 68 70 72 75	51 53 55 57 59	35 37 39 41 43	19 21 23 25 27
2,200 2,220 2,240 2,260 2,280	2,220 2,240 2,260 2,280 2,300	245 248 251 254 257	221 224 227 230 233	197 200 203 206 209	173 176 179 182 185	150 153 156 159 162	126 129 132 135 138	102 105 108 111 114	78 81 84 87 90	61 63 65 67 69	45 47 49 51 53	29 31 33 35 37
2,300 2,320 2,340 2,360 2,380	2,320 2,340 2,360 2,380 2,400	260 263 266 269 272	236 239 242 245 248	212 215 218 221 224	188 191 194 197 200	165 168 171 174 177	141 144 147 150 153	117 120 123 126 129	93 96 99 102 105	71 73 76 79 82	55 57 59 61 63	39 41 43 45 47
2,400 2,420 2,440 2,460 2,480	2,420 2,440 2,460 2,480 2,500	275 278 281 284 287	251 254 257 260 263	227 230 233 236 239	203 206 209 212 215	180 183 186 189 192	156 159 162 165 168	132 135 138 141 144	108 111 114 117 120	85 88 91 94 97	65 67 69 71 73	49 51 53 55 57
2,500 2,520 2,540 2,560 2,580	2,520 2,540 2,560 2,580 2,600	290 293 296 299 302	266 269 272 275 278	242 245 248 251 254	218 221 224 227 230	195 198 201 204 207	171 174 177 180 183	147 150 153 156 159	123 126 129 132 135	100 103 106 109 112	76 79 82 85 88	59 61 63 65 67
2,600 2,620 2,640 2,660 2,680	2,620 2,640 2,660 2,680 2,700	305 308 311 314 317	281 284 287 290 293	257 260 263 266 269	233 236 239 242 245	210 213 216 219 222	186 189 192 195 198	162 165 168 171 174	138 141 144 147 150	115 118 121 124 127	91 94 97 100 103	69 71 73 76 79
2,700 2,720	2,720 2,740	320 323	296 299	272 275	248 251	225 228	201 204	177 180	153 156	130 133	106 109	82 85

\$2,740 and over

Use Table 3(b) for a **MARRIED person** on page 36. Also see the instructions on page 35.

SINGLE Persons—**MONTHLY** Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

At least But less than	
\$ 0 \$220 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	
480 500 31 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	

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SINGLE Persons—MONTHLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

And the				•	ages Paid and the num			2012) lowances c	laimed is—	-		
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	liiaii					nount of inc	come tax to	be withhel	d is—			
\$2,400 2,440 2,480 2,520 2,560 2,600	\$2,440 2,480 2,520 2,560 2,600 2,640	\$300 306 312 318 324 330	\$252 258 264 270 276 282 288	\$205 211 217 223 229 235 241	\$157 163 169 175 181 187	\$110 116 122 128 134 140	\$66 70 74 80 86 92	\$34 38 42 46 50 54 58	\$2 6 10 14 18 22 26	\$0 0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0
2,640 2,680 2,720 2,760 2,800 2,840 2,880 2,920 2,960	2,680 2,720 2,760 2,800 2,840 2,880 2,920 2,960	336 342 348 354 360 366 372 378	294 300 306 312 318 324 330 336	247 247 253 259 265 271 277 283 289	193 199 205 211 217 223 229 235	146 152 158 164 170 176 182 188	98 104 110 116 122 128 134 140	62 66 70 75 81 87 93	30 34 38 42 46 50 54	0 0 3 7 11 15 19 23 27	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0
3,000 3,040 3,080 3,120 3,160	3,000 3,040 3,080 3,120 3,160 3,200 3,240	384 390 396 402 409 419	342 348 354 360 366	295 301 307 313 319	241 247 253 259 265 271 277	194 200 206 212 218 224 230	146 152 158 164 170 176	99 105 111 117 123 129 135	58 62 66 70 75 81	31 35 39 43 47	0 0 3 7 11 15	0 0 0 0
3,200 3,240 3,280 3,320 3,360 3,400	3,280 3,320 3,360 3,400 3,440	429 439 449 459 469 479 489	372 378 384 390 396 402 410	325 331 337 343 349 355 361	283 289 295 301 307 313	236 242 248 254 260	188 194 200 206 212	141 147 153 159 165	93 99 105 111 117	51 55 59 63 67 71	23 27 31 35 39 43	0 0 0 3 7
3,440 3,480 3,520 3,560 3,600 3,640	3,480 3,520 3,560 3,600 3,640 3,680	489 499 509 519 529 539	410 420 430 440 450 460	361 367 373 379 385 391 397	313 319 325 331 337 343	266 272 278 284 290 296	218 224 230 236 242 248	171 177 183 189 195 201	123 129 135 141 147 153	76 82 88 94 100 106	43 47 51 55 59 63	7 11 15 19 23 27
3,680 3,720 3,760 3,800 3,840	3,720 3,760 3,800 3,840 3,880	549 559 569 579 589	470 480 490 500 510	397 403 411 421 431	349 355 361 367 373	302 308 314 320 326	254 260 266 272 278	207 213 219 225 231	159 165 171 177 183	112 118 124 130 136	67 71 76 82 88	27 31 35 39 43 47 51
3,880 3,920 3,960 4,000 4.040	3,920 3,960 4,000 4,040 4,080	599 609 619 629 639	520 530 540 550 560	441 451 461 471 481	379 385 391 397 403	332 338 344 350 356	284 290 296 302 308	237 243 249 255 261	189 195 201 207 213	142 148 154 160 166	94 100 106 112 118	47 51 55 59 63 67 71
4,080 4,120 4,160 4,200 4,240	4,120 4,160 4,200 4,240 4,280	649 659 669 679 689	570 580 590 600 610	491 501 511 521 531	412 422 432 442 452	362 368 374 380 386	314 320 326 332 338	267 273 279 285 291	219 225 231 237 243	172 178 184 190 196	124 130 136 142 148	77 83 89 95 101
4,280 4,320 4,360 4,400 4,440 4,480 4,520 4,560	4,320 4,360 4,400 4,440 4,480 4,520	699 709 719 729 739 749	620 630 640 650 660 670	541 551 561 571 581 591	462 472 482 492 502 512	392 398 404 413 423 433	344 350 356 362 368 374	297 303 309 315 321 327	249 255 261 267 273 279	202 208 214 220 226 232	154 160 166 172 178 184	107 113 119 125 131 137
4,600 4,640 4,680 4,720 4,760	4,560 4,600 4,640 4,680 4,720 4,760 4,800 4,840	759 769 779 789 799 809 819 829 839	680 690 700 710 720 730 740 750	601 611 621 631 641 651 661	522 532 542 552 562 572 582 592	443 453 463 473 483 493 503 513 523	380 386 392 398 404 414 424 434	333 339 345 351 357 363 369 375	285 291 297 303 309 315 321 327	238 244 250 256 262 268 274 280	190 196 202 208 214 220 226 232 238	137 143 149 155 161 167 173 179 185
4,800 4,840 4,880 4,920 4,960 5,000 5,040	4,880 4,920 4,960 5,000 5,040 5,080	839 849 859 869 879 889	760 770 780 790 800 810	681 691 701 711 721 731	602 612 622 632 642 652	523 533 543 553 563 573	444 454 464 474 484 494	381 387 393 399 405	333 339 345 351 357 363	286 292 298 304 310 316	238 244 250 256 262 268	191 197 203 209 215 221

\$5,080 and over

Use Table 4(a) for a **SINGLE person** on page 36. Also see the instructions on page 35.

MARRIED Persons—MONTHLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

And the						nber of with			laimed is—	-		
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					The an	nount of inc	come tax to	be withhe	ld is—			
\$ 0 680 720 760	\$680 720 760 800	\$0 3 7 11	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0
800 840 880 920 960	840 880 920 960 1,000	15 19 23 27 31	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0000	0000	00000	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1,000 1,040 1,080 1,120 1,160	1,040 1,080 1,120 1,160 1,200	35 39 43 47 51	3 7 11 15 19	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0000	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1,200 1,240 1,280 1,320 1,360	1,240 1,280 1,320 1,360 1,400	55 59 63 67 71	23 27 31 35 39	0 0 0 3 7	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	00000	0 0 0 0	00000	00000	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1,400 1,440 1,480 1,520 1,560	1,440 1,480 1,520 1,560 1,600	75 79 83 87 91	43 47 51 55 59	11 15 19 23 27	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0000	0 0 0 0	00000	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1,600 1,640 1,680 1,720 1,760	1,640 1,680 1,720 1,760 1,800	95 99 103 107 111	63 67 71 75 79	31 35 39 43 47	0 4 8 12 16	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
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MARRIED Persons—MONTHLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

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3,800	3,840	399	352	304	257	209	162	125	93	61	30	0
3,840	3,880	405	358	310	263	215	168	129	97	65	34	2
3,880	3,920	411	364	316	269	221	174	133	101	69	38	6
3,920	3,960	417	370	322	275	227	180	137	105	73	42	10
3,960	4,000	423	376	328	281	233	186	141	109	77	46	14
4,000	4,040	429	382	334	287	239	192	145	113	81	50	18
4,040	4,080	435	388	340	293	245	198	150	117	85	54	22
4,080	4,120	441	394	346	299	251	204	156	121	89	58	26
4,120	4,160	447	400	352	305	257	210	162	125	93	62	30
4,160	4,200	453	406	358	311	263	216	168	129	97	66	34
4,200	4,240	459	412	364	317	269	222	174	133	101	70	38
4,240	4,280	465	418	370	323	275	228	180	137	105	74	42
4,280	4,320	471	424	376	329	281	234	186	141	109	78	46
4,320	4,360	477	430	382	335	287	240	192	145	113	82	50
4,360	4,400	483	436	388	341	293	246	198	151	117	86	54
4,400	4,440	489	442	394	347	299	252	204	157	121	90	58
4,440	4,480	495	448	400	353	305	258	210	163	125	94	62
4,480	4,520	501	454	406	359	311	264	216	169	129	98	66
4,520	4,560	507	460	412	365	317	270	222	175	133	102	70
4,560	4,600	513	466	418	371	323	276	228	181	137	106	74
4,600	4,640	519	472	424	377	329	282	234	187	141	110	78
4,640	4,680	525	478	430	383	335	288	240	193	145	114	82
4,680	4,720	531	484	436	389	341	294	246	199	151	118	86
4,720	4,760	537	490	442	395	347	300	252	205	157	122	90
4,760	4,800	543	496	448	401	353	306	258	211	163	126	94
4,800	4,840	549	502	454	407	359	312	264	217	169	130	98
4,840	4,880	555	508	460	413	365	318	270	223	175	134	102
4,880	4,920	561	514	466	419	371	324	276	229	181	138	106
4,920	4,960	567	520	472	425	377	330	282	235	187	142	110
4,960	5,000	573	526	478	431	383	336	288	241	193	146	114
5,000	5,040	579	532	484	437	389	342	294	247	199	152	118
5,040	5,080	585	538	490	443	395	348	300	253	205	158	122
5,080	5,120	591	544	496	449	401	354	306	259	211	164	126
5,120	5,160	597	550	502	455	407	360	312	265	217	170	130
5,160	5,200	603	556	508	461	413	366	318	271	223	176	134
5,200	5,240	609	562	514	467	419	372	324	277	229	182	138
5,240	5,280	615	568	520	473	425	378	330	283	235	188	142
5,280	5,320	621	574	526	479	431	384	336	289	241	194	146
5,320	5,360	627	580	532	485	437	390	342	295	247	200	152
5,360	5,400	633	586	538	491	443	396	348	301	253	206	158
5,400	5,440	639	592	544	497	449	402	354	307	259	212	164
5,440	5,480	645	598	550	503	455	408	360	313	265	218	170
5,480	5,520	651	604	556	509	461	414	366	319	271	224	176
5,520	5,560	657	610	562	515	467	420	372	325	277	230	182
5,560	5,600	663	616	568	521	473	426	378	331	283	236	188
5,600	5,640	669	622	574	527	479	432	384	337	289	242	194
5,640	5,680	675	628	580	533	485	438	390	343	295	248	200
5,680	5,720	681	634	586	539	491	444	396	349	301	254	206
5,720	5,760	687	640	592	545	497	450	402	355	307	260	212
5,760	5,800	693	646	598	551	503	456	408	361	313	266	218
5,800	5,840	699	652	604	557	509	462	414	367	319	272	224
5,840	5,880	705	658	610	563	515	468	420	373	325	278	230

\$5,880 and over

Use Table 4(b) for a **MARRIED person** on page 36. Also see the instructions on page 35.

SINGLE Persons—DAILY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

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SINGLE Persons—DAILY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

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246 249 252 255 258	249 252 255 258 261	45 45 46 47 48	41 42 42 43 44	37 38 39 39 40	34 34 35 36 37	30 31 31 32 33	26 27 28 29 29	23 23 24 25 26	19 20 20 21 22	17 17 18 18 18	14 15 15 16 16	12 13 13 14 14
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291 294 297 300 303 306	297 300 303 306 309	56 57 57 58 59 60	52 53 54 54 55 56	48 49 50 51 51	45 46 46 47 48 49	42 43 43 44	38 38 39 40 41	34 35 35 36 37 38	31 32 32 33	27 27 28 29 30	23 24 24 25 26	19 20 21 22 22 23
309 312 315 318 321	312 315 318 321 324	60 61 62 63 63 64	56 57 57 58 59 60	52 53 54 54 55 56 57	49 49 50 51 52 52 53	45 46 46 47 48 49	41 42 43 44 44 45 46	38 38 39 40 41	34 35 35 36 37 38 38	30 31 32 33 33 34	27 27 28 29 30 30	23 24 25 25 26 27
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341 343 345 347	343 345 347 349	69 69 70 70	65 65 66 66	61 61 62 62 63	57 58 58 58 59 59	53 54 55 55 56	50 50 51	46 47 47 48	43 43 44 44	38 38 39 39 40 40	34 35 35 36 36 37	31 31 32 32 33 33 33
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357 359 361 363 365	359 361 363 365 367 369	73 73 74 74 75	69 69 70 70 71	65 65 66 66 67	62 62 63 63	58 58 59 59 60 60	54 54 55 55 56	50 51 51 52 52	48 48 49	43 43 44 44 45	39 40 40 41 41	36 36 37 37 38
367 369 371 373 375	369 371 373 375 377	76 76 77 77 78	71 72 73 73 74	67 68 69 69 70	64 64 65 65 66	61 61 62 62	56 57 57 58 58	53 53 54 54 55	49 50 50 51 51	45 46 46 47 47	42 42 43 43 44	38 39 39 40 40
377 379 381 383 385	379 381 383 385 387	78 79 79 80 81	74 75 75 76 77	70 71 71 72 72	66 67 67 68 68	63 63 64 64 65	59 59 60 60	55 56 56 57 57	52 52 53 53 54	48 48 49 49 50	44 45 45 46 46	41 41 42 42 43
387 389	389 391	81 82	77 78	73 74	69 69	65 66	61 62	58 58	54 55	50 51	47 47	43 44

\$391 and over

Use Table 8(a) for a **SINGLE person** on page 37. Also see the instructions on page 35.

MARRIED Persons—DAILY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

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MARRIED Persons—DAILY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2012)

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270 273 276 279 282	273 276 279 282 285	33 33 34 34 35	31 31 31 32 32	28 29 29 30 30	26 27 27 27 28	24 24 25 25 26	22 22 23 23 24	20 20 20 21 21	17 18 18 19	15 16 16 17 17	13 13 14 14 15	11 11 12 12 13
285 288 291 294 297 300 303 306 309	288 291 294 297 300 303 306 309 312	35 35 36 36 37 37 38 39 39	33 33 34 34 35 35 35 36 36	31 31 32 32 33 33 34 34	28 29 29 30 30 31 31 32 32 32	26 27 27 28 28 28 29 29	24 24 25 25 26 26 27 27 28	22 22 23 23 24 24 25 25 25 26	20 20 21 21 21 22 22 23 23	17 18 18 19 19 20 20 21 21	15 16 16 17 17 17 18 18	13 14 14 15 15 16 16
312 315 318 321 324 327 330 333	315 318 321 324 327 330 333 336	40 41 42 42 43 44 45	37 37 38 39 39 40	35 35 36 36 37 37	32 33 33 34 35 35 36 36 36	30 31 31 32 32 32 33 33 34 34	28 29 29 30 30 31 31	26 26 27 27 28 28 29 29 29	24 24 25 25 25 26 26 26 27	21 22 22 23 23 23 24	19 20 20 21 21 22 22 22 23	17 18 18 18 19
336 339 341 343 345 347 349 351	339 341 343 345 347 349 351 353	46 47 47 48 48 49 49 50	42 42 43 44 44 45 45 46 46	38 39 39 40 40 41 41 42 42	37 37 37 38 38 39	35 35 35 35 36 36	32 32 32 33 33 34 34	30 30 31 31 31 32	27 28 28 28 29 29 29 29	24 25 25 26 26 26 27 27 27	23 24 24 24 24 25 25	20 20 21 21 21 22 22 22 23 23
353 355 357 359 361 363 365 367 369 371	355 357 359 361 363 365 367 369 371	50 51 51 52 52 53 53 54 54	47 47 48 48 49 49 50 50	43 44 44 45 45 46 46 47	39 40 41 41 42 42 43 43	36 37 37 38 38 39 39	34 34 35 35 35 36 36 36 37	32 32 33 33 33 34 34 34 35	30 30 30 31 31 31 32 32 32	28 28 28 29 29 29 30 30	25 26 26 27 27 27 27 27 28 28	23 24 24 24 25 25 25 26
373 375 377 379 381	373 375 377 379 381 383	55 55 56 56 57 57	51 52 52 53 53 54	47 48 48 49 49 50	44 44 45 45 46 46 47 47	40 41 41 42 42 43 43	37 37 38 38 38	35 35 36 36 36	32 33 33 33 34 34	30 31 31 31 31 32	28 29 29 29 30	25 26 26 26 27 27 27 27
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\$401 and over

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