# FOR EMPLOYEES WHO EARNED LESS THAN \$10,000

Card Form 1040A offers an easy way for employees receiving less than \$10,000 total income to file their 1963 U.S. income tax returns.

## To use CARD Form 1040A follow these simple steps

- A Read instructions below. See "Who May Use Form 1040A." If ineligible, use Form 1040.
- B Fill out the copy on page 3. If you need help, you can ask questions by phone of any Internal Revenue Service office or come in for assistance.
- C Transfer answers from the copy to the card. Keep the copy for your records.
- D Sign the **card** and mail it together with your Withholding Statements (Forms W-2, Copy B) to your District Director of Internal Revenue.

If your name, address, and social security number are already printed and punched on the card form, please use this card as it will permit high-speed machine handling. Correct the preprinted information, if necessary.

WHO MUST FILE A TAX RETURN.—Every citizen or resident of the United States under 65 who had \$600 or more income; if 65 or over, \$1,200 or more.

WHO MAY USE FORM 1040A.—If your income was less than \$10,000 and consisted entirely of wages reported on Withholding Statements (Forms W-2) and not more than \$200 total of dividends, interest, and other wages not subject to withholding, you may use the card form. A husband and wife may file a joint return if their combined incomes do not exceed these limits.

WHO MAY NOT USE FORM 1040A.—File Form 1040 instead of Form 1040A if—

- (1) you had income from sources other than or in amounts larger than those stated above,
- (2) either husband or wife itemizes deductions,
- (3) you claim the tax status of head of household or surviving husband or wife,
- (4) you claim dividends received credit or retirement income credit.
- (5) you claim an exclusion for "Sick Pay" paid directly to you by your employer and this amount is included in the total wages shown on your Form W-2,
- (6) you claim deductions for travel, transportation, or "outside salesmen" expense (however, see "reimbursed expenses," page 2 of instructions),
- (7) you claim credit for payments on estimated tax or an overpayment from 1962,
- (8) you are a nonresident alien (file Form 1040B, Form 1040NB, or Form 1040NB-a).

WHEN TO FILE.—Please file as early as possible on or after January 1, 1964, but not later than April 15, 1964. WHERE TO FILE.—With the District Director of Internal Revenue for your district.

WHERE TO GET FORMS.—If you need a Form 1040, you can get one from any Internal Revenue office, and from most banks and some post offices. Your employer will furnish you with a Withholding Statement (Form W-2).

HOW TO PAY.—Checks or money orders should be made payable to "Internal Revenue Service." You need not pay a balance of tax due of less than \$1, and a refund of less than \$1 will not be made unless you apply for it.

**SIGNATURE.**—Your return is not valid unless you sign it. Both husband and wife must sign a joint return.

### **COMPUTATION OF TAX ON FORM 1040A:**

(1) If your income was less than \$5,000.—You may figure your own tax from the Tax Table on page 4, or you may have the Internal Revenue Service do it for you.

The Tax Table allows about 10% of your income as deductions which include charitable contributions, interest, taxes, losses, medical expenses, child care expenses, and certain miscellaneous deductions. If your deductions exceed 10% of your income, it will be to your advantage to use Form 1040 and itemize them.

(2) If your income was \$5,000 or more and less than \$10,000.—You must use the standard deduction and compute your own tax. A Tax Computation Schedule is provided on page 3 to make this computation.

#### MARRIED COUPLE:

- (1) How to prepare a joint return.—To assure any benefits of the split income provisions, a husband and wife must file a joint return. If a joint return is filed you must include the income of both; however, a joint return may be filed even though one had no income. If your income was under \$5,000 and you choose to have the Internal Revenue Service figure your tax, it will be computed on the combined income or on the separate incomes, whichever results in the smaller tax or larger refund. If you figure your own tax, be sure to make both computations and enter the smaller tax or larger refund on your return. A joint return may not be filed if either husband or wife was a nonresident alien at any time during the taxable year.
- (2) How to prepare a separate return.—In a separate return each must report his or her separate income and fill in a separate form.

po you owe a TAX BALANCE?—Under the pay-as-you-go system, your withholding tax and your final income tax should come out about even. This benefits both you and your Government. If you owe a balance on your 1963 return, you should consider changing your Withholding Exemption Certificate (Form W-4).

Instructions—Form 1040A (1963)

1 2 3 If you are married and are filing a joint return as husband and wife, be sure to enter the first names and middle initials of yourself and your wife. For example: John F. and Mary L. Doe. Enter both your social security number and your wife's social security number.

Fill in the information from each of your 1963 Withholding Statements, Forms W-2. If both husband and wife had wages, write "W" before name of each of wife's employers. If you lose a Withholding Statement, ask your employer for a new one. If you cannot

furnish a statement, attach an explanation.

TWO OR MORE EMPLOYERS.—If a total of more than \$174 of social security (F. I. C. A.) tax was withheld from the wages of either you or your wife because one or both of you worked for more than one employer, you may claim the excess over \$174 as a credit against your income tax.

a. Add up the social security (F. I. C. A.) tax withheld by all your employers from your wages in 1963. If joint return, separate computations must be made for you and your wife.

b. Subtract \$174.

c. Enter the balance in the "Federal Income Tax Withheld" column, item 5 (a), and write "F. I. C. A. tax" under "Employer's Name."

(6) INTEREST, DIVIDENDS, AND OTHER WAGES. Enter all other taxable income from interest, dividends, and wages not subject to withholding. Read the following instructions before completing this line-

a. INTEREST.—Include all interest actually received or credited to your account by a bank, savings and loan

association, etc.

b. DIVIDENDS.—Include all dividends received except the first \$50 received from domestic corporations. So-called dividends received from mutual savings banks or savings (building) and loan associations on deposits or withdrawable accounts are treated as interest, not dividends. If a joint return is filed and both husband and wife had dividend income, each is entitled at most to a \$50 exclusion and one may not use any portion of

the \$50 exclusion not used by the other. For example, if the husband had \$100 in dividends, and the wife had \$20, only \$70 may be excluded.

c. WAGES NOT SUBJECT TO WITHHOLDING.-Enter all wages not included in item 5 (b) whether or not you have received a Form W-2. An example of these wages are those paid to part-time workers on which the employer is not required to withhold income tax.

7b) 8 9 (f) COMPUTATION OF TAX

a. If your income was less than \$5,000.—You may figure your own tax from the Tax Table on page 4, or you

may have the Internal Revenue Service do it for you. If you figure your own tax, complete items 8, and 9 or 10. If you have the Service figure your tax, you will be sent a bill for the balance due or a check for the refund.

Include interest on savings and other interest and dividends, whether received in cash or credited to your account.

 $oldsymbol{b}$ . If your income was \$5,000 or more and less than \$10,000.—You must compute your own tax and use the standard deduction of 10%. (If your itemized deductions are in excess of 10% of your total income, it will be to your advantage to use Form 1040.) See page 3 for computation schedule. Keep it for your records.

PURCHASE OF U.S. SAVINGS BONDS.—If you are entitled to a refund, you may apply it to the purchase of Series E United States Savings Bonds. If you check the first box following line 10, you will be issued as many bonds as your refund will buy in multiples of \$18.75 for each \$25 face value bond, providing it does not leave a balance of less than \$1 to be paid by check. For example, if your refund is \$40 you will receive a \$50 face value bond and a check for \$2.50. Bonds will be issued in the name used in filing your return. If you file a joint return the bonds will be issued only to husband and wife as co-owners.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING BACK OF FORM 1040A -

(1) Fill in this item to receive credit for your and your wife's exemptions. A taxpayer cannot claim his wife (husband) as an exemption if the wife (husband) filed a separate return for any purpose (for example, to obtain a refund of income tax withheld). Age and blindness are determined as of December 31, 1963.

MARITAL STATUS.—If married at the end of 1963, you are considered married for the entire year. If divorced or legally separated on or before the end of 1963, you are considered single for the entire year. If your wife or husband died during the year, you are considered married for the year, and may file a joint return.

[D] Fill in this schedule to receive credit for exemptions for your children, stepchildren, and other dependents. Each dependent must meet all of the following tests:

a. Received more than one-half of his or her support from you (or from wife or husband if a joint return is filed). Support includes all amounts used for the dependent's support whether contributed by the dependent or by others and whether such amounts are taxable or nontaxable income such as social security, gifts, savings, etc.

b. Received less than \$600 income. (This test does not apply to your children or stepchildren who are under 19 or who are full-time students for 5 calendar months of the year; however, you must have provided over one-half of the child's support.)

c. Did not file a joint return with her husband (or his wife). d. Was either a citizen or resident of the United States or a resident of Canada, Mexico, the Republic of Panama, or the Canal Zone. (An alien child legally adopted by and living with a United States citizen abroad also qualifies as a citizen of the United States for this purpose.)

e. EITHER (1) for the entire year 1963 had your home as his principal place of abode and was a member of your household; OR (2) was related to you (or to husband or wife if a joint return is filed) in one of the following ways: Child\* The following if Sister Mother-in-law

Stepchild Mother Father Grandparent Brother

Grandchild Stepbrother Stepsister Stepmother Stepfather

Father-in-law related by blood: Brother-in-law Uncle Sister-in-law Aunt Son-in-law Nephew Niece Daughter-in-law

\*Includes a child who is a member of your household if placed with you by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption.

BIRTH OR DEATH OF DEPENDENT.—You can claim a full \$600 exemption for a dependent who was born or died during the year if the tests for claiming an exemption for such dependent are met for the part of the year during which he was alive.

REIMBURSED EXPENSES.—If you account to your employer for business expenses when you travel on business, or he pays for them (either by advances or reimbursements or by allowing you to use a charge account), or he gives you a flat allowance for subsistence and mileage of not more than \$25.00 per day and 15 cents per mile you may file Form 1040A without showing these amounts by simply checking V the box under item 13 and the back of Form 1040A. However, if your employer's payments are more than your expenses, you may not use Form 1040A; you must use Form 1040 and report the excess. c57--16--78154-1

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### TAX TABLE FOR INCOMES UNDER \$5,000

If your total income (item 7(b) on your return) is \$5,000 or more use Tax Computation Schedule on page 3 instead of this Tax Table

To find your tax read down income columns until you find the line covering the total income shown as item 7(b). Then read across to appropriate column headed by number corresponding to number of exemptions claimed on item 13. Enter tax as item 8.

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