



Instructions for Form 2555

Foreign Earned Income

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

Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Form 2555 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to IRS.gov/Form2555.

What's New

New rules for those serving in a combat zone. For tax years beginning after 2017, new rules apply for certain individuals serving in a combat zone in support of the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information, see [Tax home test](#) under *Who Qualifies*, later.

Exclusion amount. For 2018, the maximum exclusion has increased to \$103,900.

General Instructions



Don't include on Form 1040, line 16 (Federal income tax withheld), any taxes an employer withheld from your pay and paid to the foreign country's tax authority instead of to the U.S. Treasury.

Purpose of Form

If you qualify, you can use Form 2555 to figure your foreign earned income exclusion and your housing exclusion or deduction. You cannot exclude or deduct more than your foreign earned income for the year.

You may be able to use Form 2555-EZ if you didn't have any self-employment income for the year, your total foreign earned income did not exceed \$103,900, you don't have any business expenses, and you don't claim the housing exclusion or deduction. For more details, see Form 2555-EZ and its separate instructions.

General Information

If you are a U.S. citizen or a U.S. resident alien living in a foreign country, you are subject to the same U.S. income tax laws that apply to citizens and resident aliens living in the United States.

Note. Specific rules apply to determine if you are a resident or nonresident alien of the United States. See Pub. 519.

Foreign country. A foreign country is any territory under the sovereignty of a government other than that of the United States.

The term "foreign country" includes the country's territorial waters and airspace, but not international waters and the airspace above them. It also includes the seabed and subsoil of those submarine areas adjacent to the country's territorial waters over which it has exclusive rights under international law to explore and exploit the natural resources.

The term "foreign country" doesn't include U.S. possessions or territories. It doesn't include the Antarctic region.

Who Qualifies

You qualify for the tax benefits available to taxpayers who have foreign earned income if both of the following apply.

- You meet the tax home test (discussed later).
- You meet either the bona fide residence test or the physical presence test, discussed later.

Note. Income from working abroad as an employee of the U.S. Government does not qualify for either of the exclusions or the housing deduction. Don't file Form 2555.

Tax home test. To meet this test, your tax home must be in a foreign country, or countries (see [Foreign country](#), earlier), throughout your period of bona fide residence or physical presence, whichever applies. For this purpose, your period of physical presence is the 330 full days during which you were present in a foreign country, not the 12 consecutive months during which those days occurred.

Your tax home is your regular or principal place of business, employment, or post of duty, regardless of where you maintain your family residence. If you don't have a regular or principal place of business because of the nature of your trade or business, your tax home is your regular place of abode (the place where you regularly live).

You aren't considered to have a tax home in a foreign country for any period during which your abode is in the United States, unless you are serving in support of the U.S. Armed Forces in an area designated as a combat zone. See [Service in a combat zone](#), later. Otherwise, if your abode is in the United

States, you will not meet the tax home test and cannot claim the foreign earned income exclusion.

The location of your abode is based on where you maintain your family, economic, and personal ties. Your abode is not necessarily in the United States merely because you maintain a dwelling in the United States, whether or not your spouse and dependents use the dwelling. Your abode is not necessarily in the United States while you are temporarily in the United States. However, these factors can contribute to your having an abode in the United States.

Example. You are employed on an offshore oil rig in the territorial waters of a foreign country and work a 28-day on/28-day off schedule. You return to your family residence in the United States during your off periods. You are considered to have an abode in the United States and don't meet the tax home test. You can't claim either of the exclusions or the housing deduction.

Service in a combat zone. For tax years beginning after 2017, citizens or residents of the United States serving in an area designated by the President of the United States by Executive order as a combat zone for purposes of Section 112 in support of the U.S. Armed Forces can qualify as having a tax home in a foreign country, even if they have an abode within the United States. For a list of IRS recognized combat zones, go to IRS.gov/newsroom/combatazones.

Travel to Cuba

Generally, if you were in Cuba in violation of U.S. travel restrictions, the following rules apply.

- Any time spent in Cuba can't be counted in determining if you qualify under the bona fide residence or physical presence test.
- Any income earned in Cuba isn't considered foreign earned income.
- Any housing expenses in Cuba (or housing expenses for your spouse or dependents in another country while you were in Cuba) aren't considered qualified housing expenses.

Note. If you performed services at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, you were not in violation of U.S. travel restrictions.

Waiver of Time Requirements

If your tax home was in a foreign country and you were a bona fide resident of, or physically present in, a foreign country and had to leave because of war, civil unrest, or similar adverse conditions, the minimum time requirements specified under the bona fide residence and physical presence tests may be waived. You must be able to show that you reasonably could have expected to meet the minimum time requirements if you hadn't been required to leave. Each year the IRS will publish in the Internal Revenue Bulletin a list of the only countries that qualify for the waiver for the previous year and the dates they qualify. If you left one of the countries during the period indicated, you can claim the tax benefits on Form 2555, but only for the number of days you were a bona fide resident of, or physically present in, the foreign country.

If you can claim either of the exclusions or the housing deduction because of the waiver of time requirements, attach a statement to your return explaining that you expected to meet the applicable time requirement, but the conditions in the foreign country prevented you from the normal conduct of business. Also, enter "Claiming Waiver" in the top margin on page 1 of Form 2555.

Additional Information

Pub. 54 has more information about the bona fide residence test, the physical presence test, the foreign earned income exclusion, and the housing exclusion and deduction. You can download this publication (as well as other forms and publications) at IRS.gov. You can also get this publication by writing to: National Distribution Center, 1201 N. Mitsubishi Motorway, Bloomington, IL 61705-6613.

When To File

A 2018 calendar year Form 1040 is generally due April 15, 2019.

However, you are automatically granted a 2-month extension of time to file (to June 17, 2019, for a 2018 calendar year return) if, on the due date of your return, you live outside the United States and Puerto Rico and your tax home (defined earlier) is outside the United States and Puerto Rico. If you take this extension, you must attach a statement to your return explaining that you meet these two conditions.

The automatic 2-month extension also applies to paying the tax. However, you will owe interest on any tax not paid by the regular due date of your return.

When to claim the exclusion(s). The first year you plan to take the foreign earned income exclusion and/or the

housing exclusion or deduction, you may not yet have met either the physical presence test or the bona fide residence test by the due date of your return (including the automatic 2-month extension, discussed earlier). If this occurs, you can either:

1. Apply for a special extension to a date after you expect to qualify, or
2. File your return timely without claiming the exclusion and then file an amended return after you qualify.

Special extension of time. To apply for this extension, complete and file Form 2350 with the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Center, Austin, TX 73301-0045, before the due date of your return. Interest is charged on the tax not paid by the regular due date as explained earlier.

Amended return. File Form 1040X to change a return you already filed. Generally, Form 1040X must be filed within 3 years after the date the original return was filed or within 2 years after the date the tax was paid, whichever is later.

Where To File

Attach Form 2555 to Form 1040 when filed. Mail your Form 1040 to one of the special addresses designated for those filing Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ. Do not mail your Form 1040 to the addresses associated with your state of residence if Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ is attached. See the Instructions for Form 1040. The filing addresses are also available at [IRS.gov/filing/international-where-to-file-form-1040-1040a-and-1040ez-addresses-for-taxpayers-and-tax-professionals](https://www.irs.gov/filing/international-where-to-file-form-1040-1040a-and-1040ez-addresses-for-taxpayers-and-tax-professionals).

Choosing the Exclusion(s)

To choose either of the exclusions, complete the appropriate parts of Form 2555 and file it with your Form 1040 or Form 1040X. Your initial choice to claim the exclusion must usually be made on a timely filed return (including extensions) or on a return amending a timely filed return. However, there are exceptions. See Pub. 54 for details.

Once you choose to claim an exclusion, that choice remains in effect for that year and all future years unless it is revoked. To revoke your choice, you must attach a statement to your return for the first year you don't wish to claim the exclusion(s). If you revoke your choice, you can't claim the exclusion(s) for your next 5 tax years without the approval of the Internal Revenue Service. See Pub. 54 for more information.

Additional child tax credit. You can't take the additional child tax credit if you claim either of the exclusions or the housing deduction.

Earned income credit. You can't take the earned income credit if you claim either of the exclusions or the housing deduction.

Foreign tax credit or deduction. You can't take a credit or deduction for foreign income taxes paid or accrued on income that is excluded under either of the exclusions. If all of your foreign earned income is excluded, you can't claim a credit or deduction for the foreign taxes paid or accrued on that income. If only part of your income is excluded, you can't claim a credit or deduction for the foreign taxes allocable to the excluded income. See Pub. 514 for details on how to figure the amount allocable to the excluded income.

IRA deduction. If you claim either of the exclusions, special rules apply in figuring the amount of your IRA deduction. For details, see Pub. 590-A.

Figuring Tax on Income Not Excluded

If you claim either of the exclusions or the housing deduction, you must figure the tax on your nonexcluded income using the tax rates that would have applied had you not claimed the exclusions. See the Instructions for Form 1040 and complete the Foreign Earned Income Tax Worksheet to figure the amount of tax to enter on Form 1040, line 11. When figuring your alternative minimum tax on Form 6251, you must use the Foreign Earned Income Tax Worksheet in the instructions for Form 6251.

Specific Instructions

Part I

Line 1. Enter entire address including city or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code. If using a military or diplomatic address, include the country in which you are living or stationed.

Line 9. Enter your tax home(s) and date(s) established. See [Tax home test](#) under *Who Qualifies*, earlier.

Part II

Bona Fide Residence Test

To meet this test, you must be one of the following.

- A U.S. citizen who is a bona fide resident of a foreign country, or countries, for an uninterrupted period that includes an entire tax year (January 1–December 31, if you file a calendar year return), or
- A U.S. resident alien who is a citizen or national of a country with which the United States has an income tax treaty in effect

and who is a bona fide resident of a foreign country, or countries, for an uninterrupted period that includes an entire tax year (January 1–December 31, if you file a calendar year return). See Table 3 at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-utl/Tax_Treaty_Table_3.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/Tax_Treaty_Table_3.pdf) for a list of countries with which the United States has an income tax treaty in effect.

Whether you are a bona fide resident of a foreign country depends on your intention about the length and nature of your stay. Evidence of your intention may be your words and acts. If these conflict, your acts carry more weight than your words. Generally, if you go to a foreign country for a definite, temporary purpose and return to the United States after you accomplish it, you aren't a bona fide resident of the foreign country. If accomplishing the purpose requires an extended, indefinite stay, and you make your home in the foreign country, you may be a bona fide resident. See Pub. 54 for more information and examples.

Line 10. Enter the dates your bona fide residence began and ended. If you are still a bona fide resident, enter "Continues" in the space for the date your bona fide residence ended.

Lines 12a and 12b. If you check "Yes" on line 12a, enter the type(s) of family member(s) and the date(s) they lived with you on line 12b. Acceptable entries for family members on line 12b include child, foster child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, son, daughter, spouse, or other. If you check "No" on line 12a, leave line 12b blank or enter "None."

Lines 13a and 13b. If you submitted a statement of nonresidence to the authorities of a foreign country in which you earned income and the authorities hold that you aren't subject to their income tax laws by reason of nonresidency in the foreign country, you aren't considered a bona fide resident of that country.

If you submitted such a statement and the authorities haven't made an adverse determination of your nonresident status, you aren't considered a bona fide resident of that country.

Part III

Physical Presence Test

To meet this test, you must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien who is physically present in a foreign country, or countries, for at least 330 full days during any period of 12 months in a row. A full day means the 24-hour period that starts at midnight.

To figure 330 full days, add all separate periods you were present in a foreign country during the 12-month period shown on line 16. The 330 full days can be

interrupted by periods when you are traveling over international waters or are otherwise not in a foreign country. See Pub. 54 for more information and examples.

Note. A nonresident alien who, with a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien spouse, chooses to be taxed as a resident of the United States can qualify under this test if the time requirements are met. See Pub. 54 for details on how to make this choice.

Line 16. The 12-month period on which the physical presence test is based must include 365 days, part of which must be in 2018. The dates may begin or end in a calendar year other than 2018.



You must enter dates in both spaces provided on line 16. Don't enter "Continues" in the space for the ending date.

Part IV

Foreign Earned Income

Enter in this part the total foreign earned income you earned and received (including income constructively received) during the tax year. If you are a cash basis taxpayer, include in income on Form 1040 the foreign earned income you received during the tax year regardless of when you earned it. (For example, include wages on Form 1040, line 1.)

Income is earned in the tax year you perform the services for which you receive the pay. But if you are a cash basis taxpayer and, because of your employer's payroll periods, you received your last salary payment for 2017 in 2018, that income may be treated as earned in 2018. If you cannot treat that salary payment as income earned in 2018, the rules explained under [Income earned in prior year](#), discussed later, apply. See Pub. 54 for more details.

Foreign earned income for this purpose means wages, salaries, professional fees, and other compensation received for personal services you performed in a foreign country during the period for which you meet the tax home test and either the bona fide residence test or the physical presence test. It also includes noncash income (such as a home or car) and allowances or reimbursements.

Foreign earned income doesn't include amounts that are actually a distribution of corporate earnings or profits rather than a reasonable allowance as compensation for your personal services. It also doesn't include the following types of income.

- Pension and annuity income (including social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits treated as social security).
- Interest, ordinary dividends, capital gains, alimony, etc.

- Portion of 2017 moving expense deduction allocable to 2018 that is included in your 2018 gross income. For details, see *Moving Expense Attributable to Foreign Earnings in 2 Years* under *Moving Expenses* in Pub. 54.

Note. For tax years beginning after 2017, a moving expense deduction is only allowed for a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who moves pursuant to a military order and incident to a permanent change of station.

- Amounts paid to you by the U.S. Government or any of its agencies if you were an employee of the U.S. Government or any of its agencies.
- Amounts received after the end of the tax year following the tax year in which you performed the services.
- Amounts you must include in gross income because of your employer's contributions to a nonexempt employees' trust or to a nonqualified annuity contract.

Income received in prior year. Foreign earned income received in 2017 for services you performed in 2018 can be excluded from your 2017 gross income if, and to the extent, the income would have been excludable if you had received it in 2018. To claim the additional exclusion, you must amend your 2017 tax return. To do this, file Form 1040X.

Income earned in prior year. Foreign earned income received in 2018 for services you performed in 2017 can be excluded from your 2018 gross income if, and to the extent, the income would have been excludable if you had received it in 2017.

If you are excluding income under this rule, do not include this income in Part IV. Instead, attach a statement to Form 2555 showing how you figured the exclusion. Enter the amount that would have been excludable in 2017 on Form 2555 to the left of line 45. Next to the amount enter "Exclusion of Income Earned in 2017." Include it in the total reported on line 45.

Note. If you claimed any deduction, credit, or exclusion on your 2017 return that is definitely related to the 2017 foreign earned income you are excluding under this rule, you may have to amend your 2017 income tax return to adjust the amount you claimed. To do this, file Form 1040X.

Line 20. If you engaged in an unincorporated trade or business in which both personal services and capital were material income-producing factors, a reasonable amount of compensation for your personal services will be considered earned income. The amount treated as earned income, however, can't be more than 30% of your share of the net profits from the trade or business after subtracting the deduction for the

employer-equivalent portion of self-employment tax.

If capital is not an income-producing factor and personal services produced the business income, the 30% rule does not apply. Your entire gross income is earned income.

Line 23. List other foreign earned income not included on lines 19-22. You can write "Various" on the dotted lines to the left of the entry space if you have other foreign earned income from multiple sources.

Line 25. Enter the value of meals and/or lodging provided by, or on behalf of, your employer that is excludable from your income under section 119. To be excludable, the meals and lodging must have been provided for your employer's convenience and on your employer's business premises. In addition, you must have been required to accept the lodging as a condition of your employment. If you lived in a camp provided by, or on behalf of, your employer, the camp may be considered part of your employer's business premises. See *Exclusion of Meals and Lodging* in Pub. 54 for details.

Part VI

Line 28. Enter the total reasonable expenses paid or incurred during the tax year by you, or on your behalf, for your foreign housing and the housing of your spouse and dependents if they lived with you. You can also include the reasonable expenses of a second foreign household (defined later). Housing expenses are considered reasonable to the extent they aren't lavish or extravagant under the circumstances.

Housing expenses include rent, utilities (other than telephone charges), real and personal property insurance, nonrefundable fees paid to obtain a lease, rental of furniture and accessories, residential parking, and household repairs. You can also include the fair rental value of housing provided by, or on behalf of, your employer if you haven't excluded it on line 25.

Don't include deductible interest and taxes, any amount deductible by a tenant-stockholder in connection with cooperative housing, the cost of buying or improving a house, principal payments on a mortgage, or depreciation on the house. Also, don't include the cost of domestic labor, pay television, or the cost of buying furniture or accessories.

Include expenses for housing only during periods for which:

- The value of your housing isn't excluded from gross income under section 119 (unless you maintained a second foreign household as defined later), and

- You meet the tax home test and either the bona fide residence or physical presence test.

Second foreign household. If you maintained a separate foreign household for your spouse and dependents at a place other than your tax home because the living conditions at your tax home were dangerous, unhealthful, or otherwise adverse, you can include the expenses of the second household on line 28.

Married couples. The following rules apply if both you and your spouse qualify for the tax benefits of Form 2555.

Same foreign household. If you and your spouse lived in the same foreign household and file a joint return, you must figure your housing amounts (line 33) jointly. If you file separate returns, only one spouse can claim the housing exclusion or deduction.

In figuring your housing amount jointly, either spouse (but not both) can claim the housing exclusion or housing deduction. However, if you and your spouse have different periods of residence or presence, and the one with the shorter period of residence or presence claims the exclusion or deduction, you can claim as housing expenses only the expenses for that shorter period. The spouse claiming the exclusion or deduction can aggregate the housing expenses of both spouses, subject to the limit on housing expenses (line 29b), and subtract his or her base housing amount.

Separate foreign households. If you and your spouse lived in separate foreign households, you each can claim qualified expenses for your own household only if:

- Your tax homes weren't within a reasonable commuting distance of each other, and
- Each spouse's household wasn't within a reasonable commuting distance of the other spouse's tax home.

Otherwise, only one spouse can claim his or her housing exclusion or deduction. This is true even if you and your spouse file separate returns.

See Pub. 54 for additional information.

Line 29a. Enter the city or other location (if applicable) and the country where you incurred foreign housing expenses during the tax year only if your location is listed in the table at the end of the instructions; otherwise, leave this line blank.

Line 29b. Your housing expenses may not exceed a certain limit. The limit on housing expenses varies depending upon the location in which you incur housing expenses. In 2018, for most locations, this limit is \$31,170 (30% of \$103,900) if your qualifying period includes all of 2018 (or \$85.40 per day if the number of days in

your qualifying period that fall within your 2018 tax year is less than 365).

The table at the end of the instructions lists the housing expense limits based on geographic differences in foreign housing costs relative to housing costs in the United States. If the location in which you incurred housing expenses is listed in the table, or the number of days in your qualifying period that fall within the 2018 tax year is less than 365, use the [Limit on Housing Expenses Worksheet](#), later, to figure the amount to enter on line 29b. If the location in which you incurred housing expenses is not listed in the table, and the number of days in your qualifying period is 365, enter \$31,170 on line 29b.

Example. For 2018, because your location is not listed in the table at the end of the instructions, your limit on housing expenses is \$85.40 per day. If you file a calendar year return and your qualifying period is January 1, 2018, to October 3, 2018 (276 days), you would enter \$23,570 on line 29b (\$85.40 multiplied by 276 days).

Election to apply higher limit on housing expenses. For 2017 you could elect to apply the 2018 limits on housing expenses as discussed in section 4 of Notice 2018-44 available at [IRS.gov/IRB/2018-21_IRB#NOT-2018-44](https://www.irs.gov/IRB/2018-21_IRB#NOT-2018-44).

The IRS and Treasury Department anticipate that you will also be allowed to make an election to apply the 2019 limits to figure your 2018 limit on housing expenses. The authorization to make the election will be provided in a future annual notice published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin.

More than one foreign location. If you moved during the 2018 tax year and incurred housing expenses in more than one foreign location as a result, complete the [Limit on Housing Expenses Worksheet](#), later, for each location in which you incurred housing expenses, entering the number of qualifying days during which you lived in the applicable location on line 1. Add the results shown on line 4 of each worksheet, and enter the total on line 29b.

 **If you moved during the 2018 tax year and are completing more than one Limit on Housing Expenses Worksheet, the total number of days entered on line 1 of your worksheets may not exceed the total number of days in your qualifying period that fall within the 2018 tax year (that is, the number of days entered on Form 2555, line 31).**

Line 31. Enter the number of days in your qualifying period that fall within your 2018 tax year. Your qualifying period is the period during which you meet the tax

Limit on Housing Expenses
Worksheet—Line 29b

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Note. If the location in which you incurred housing expenses isn't listed in the table at the end of the instructions, and the number of days in your qualifying period that fall within the 2018 tax year is 365, DO NOT complete this worksheet. Instead, enter \$31,170 on line 29b.

1. Enter the number of days in your qualifying period that fall within the 2018 tax year (see the instructions for line 31) 1. _____
2. Did you enter 365 on line 1?
 - No.** If the amount on line 1 is less than 365, skip line 2 and go to line 3.
 - Yes.** Locate the amount under the column *Limit on Housing Expenses (full year)* from the table at the end of the instructions for the location in which you incurred housing expenses. This is your **limit on housing expenses**. Enter the amount here and on line 29b. Also, see *Election to apply higher limit on housing expenses*, later.
- Do not complete the rest of this worksheet 2. _____
3. Enter the amount under the column *Limit on Housing Expenses (daily)* from the table at the end of the instructions for the location in which you incurred housing expenses. If the location isn't listed in the table, enter \$85.40. Also, see *Election to apply higher limit on housing expenses*, later. 3. _____
4. Multiply line 1 by line 3. This is your **limit on housing expenses**. Enter the result here and on line 29b 4. _____

- Wages and salaries received from your employer.
- The fair market value of compensation provided in kind (such as the fair rental value of lodging provided by your employer as long as it isn't excluded on line 25).
- Rent paid by your employer directly to your landlord.
- Amounts paid by your employer to reimburse you for housing expenses, educational expenses of your dependents, or as part of a tax equalization plan.

Self-employed individuals. If all of your foreign earned income (Part IV) is self-employment income, skip lines 34 and 35 and enter -0- on line 36. If you qualify for the housing deduction, be sure to complete Part IX.

Part VII

Married couples. If both you and your spouse qualify for, and choose to claim, the foreign earned income exclusion, figure the amount of the exclusion separately for each of you. You each must complete Part VII of your separate Forms 2555.

Community income. The amount of the exclusion is not affected by the income-splitting provisions of community property laws. The sum of the amounts figured separately for each of you is the total amount excluded on a joint return.

Part VIII

If you claim either of the exclusions, you can't claim any deduction, credit, or exclusion that is definitely related to the excluded income. If only part of your foreign earned income is excluded, you must prorate such items based on the ratio that your excludable earned income bears to your total foreign earned income. See Pub. 54 for details on how to figure the amount allocable to the excluded income.

The exclusion under section 119 and the housing deduction are not considered definitely related to the excluded income.

Line 44. Report in full on Schedule 1 (Form 1040) and related forms and schedules all deductions allowed in figuring your adjusted gross income (Form 1040, line 7). Enter on line 44 the total amount of those deductions (such as the deductible part of self-employment tax, and the expenses claimed on Schedule C or C-EZ (Form 1040)) that aren't allowed because they are allocable to the excluded income. This applies only to deductions definitely related to the excluded earned income. See Pub. 54 for details on how to report your itemized deductions that are allocable to the excluded income.

Housing Deduction Carryover
Worksheet—Line 49

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1. Enter the amount from your 2017 Form 2555, line 46 1. _____
2. Enter the amount from your 2017 Form 2555, line 48 2. _____
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1. If the result is zero, **stop**; enter -0- on line 49 of your 2018 Form 2555. You do not have any housing deduction carryover from 2017 3. _____
4. Enter the amount from your 2018 Form 2555, line 47 4. _____
5. Enter the amount from your 2018 Form 2555, line 48 5. _____
6. Subtract line 5 from line 4 6. _____
7. Enter the **smaller** of line 3 or line 6 here and on line 49 of your 2018 Form 2555. If line 3 is **more than** line 6, you **cannot** carry the difference over to any future tax year 7. _____

home test and either the bona fide residence or the physical presence test.

Example. You establish a tax home and bona fide residence in a foreign country on August 14, 2018. You maintain the tax home and residence until January 31, 2020. You are a calendar year taxpayer. The number of days in your qualifying period that fall within your 2018 tax year is 140 (August 14 through December 31, 2018).

Nontaxable U.S. Government allowances. If you or your spouse received a

nontaxable housing allowance as a military or civilian employee of the U.S. Government, see Pub. 54 for information on how that allowance may affect your housing exclusion or deduction.

Line 34. Enter any amount your employer paid or incurred on your behalf that is foreign earned income included in your gross income for the tax year (without regard to section 911).

Examples of employer-provided amounts are:

Part IX

If line 33 is more than line 36 and line 27 is more than line 43, complete this part to figure your housing deduction.

Line 49. Use the housing deduction carryover worksheet, earlier, to figure your carryover from 2017.

One-year carryover. If the amount on line 46 is more than the amount on line 47,

you can carry the difference over to your 2019 tax year. If you cannot deduct the excess in 2019 because of the 2019 limit, you cannot carry it over to any future tax year.

2018 LIMITS ON HOUSING EXPENSES			
Country	City or Other Location	Limit on Housing Expenses (daily)	Limit on Housing Expenses (full year)
Angola	Luanda	230.14	84,000
Argentina	Buenos Aires	154.79	56,500
Australia	Melbourne	87.95	32,100
	Perth	93.97	34,300
	Sydney	177.26	64,700
Austria	Vienna	96.99	35,400
Bahamas, The	Nassau	136.16	49,700
Bahrain		132.33	48,300
Barbados		103.29	37,700
Belgium	Antwerp	85.75	31,300
	Brussels	117.53	42,900
	Gosselies	104.66	38,200
	Hoogbuul	85.75	31,300
	Mons	104.66	38,200
	SHAPE/Chievres	104.66	38,200
Bermuda		246.58	90,000
Brazil	Rio de Janeiro	96.16	35,100
	Sao Paulo	155.07	56,600
Canada	Calgary	107.95	39,400
	Montreal	143.84	52,500
	Ottawa	122.19	44,600
	Quebec	97.81	35,700
	Toronto	127.95	46,700
	Vancouver	122.47	44,700
	Victoria	110.96	40,500
Cayman Islands	Grand Cayman	131.51	48,000
Chile	Santiago	112.05	40,900
China	Beijing	195.07	71,200
	Hong Kong	313.15	114,300
	Shanghai	156.17	57,001
Colombia	Bogota	160.82	58,700
	All cities other than Bogota	135.34	49,400
Costa Rica	San Jose	87.67	32,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kinshasa	115.07	42,000
Denmark	Copenhagen	119.74	43,704
Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	124.66	45,500
Ecuador	Quito	104.66	38,200
El Salvador	San Salvador	87.67	32,000
Estonia	Tallinn	127.67	46,600
France	Garches	201.64	73,600
	Lyon	111.51	40,700
	Marseille	108.77	39,700
	Montpellier	89.86	32,800
	Paris	201.64	73,600
	Sevres	201.64	73,600
	Suresnes	201.64	73,600
	Versailles	201.64	73,600
	All cities other than Garches, Le Havre, Lyon, Marseille, Montpellier, Paris, Sevres, Suresnes, and Versailles	87.40	31,900
Germany	Babenhausen	98.90	36,100
	Baumholder	98.36	35,900
	Berlin	120.82	44,100
	Birkenfeld	98.36	35,900
	Boeblingen	120.27	43,900

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Germany (continued)	Bonn	115.07	42,000
	Cologne	153.97	56,200
	Darmstadt	98.90	36,100
	Frankfurt am Main	103.29	37,700
	Garmisch-Partenkirchen	92.88	33,900
	Gelnhausen	124.66	45,500
	Giessen	98.63	36,000
	Grafenwoehr	99.73	36,400
	Hanau	124.66	45,500
	Heidelberg	92.33	33,700
	Idar-Oberstein	98.36	35,900
	Ingolstadt	141.10	51,500
	Kaiserslautern, Landkreis	121.10	44,200
	Karlsruhe	95.34	34,800
	Kitzingen	85.48	31,200
	Koblenz	96.99	35,400
	Leimen	92.33	33,700
	Ludwigsburg	120.27	43,900
	Mainz	131.78	48,100
	Mannheim	92.33	33,700
	Munich	141.10	51,500
	Nellingen	120.27	43,900
	Neubruecke	98.36	35,900
	Ober Ramstadt	98.90	36,100
	Oberammergau	92.88	33,900
	Pirmasens	121.10	44,200
	Rheinau	92.33	33,700
	Schwetzingen	92.33	33,700
	Seckenheim	92.33	33,700
	Sembach	121.10	44,200
	Stuttgart	120.27	43,900
	Vilseck	99.73	36,400
	Wahn	115.07	42,000
	Wertheim	85.48	31,200
	Wiesbaden	131.78	48,100
	Wuerzburg	85.48	31,200
	Zweibruecken	121.10	44,200
	All cities other than Augsburg, Babenhausen, Bad Aibling, Bad Kreuznach, Bad Nauheim, Baumholder, Berchtesgaden, Berlin, Birkenfeld, Boeblingen, Bonn, Bremen, Bremerhaven, Butzbach, Cologne, Darmstadt, Delmenhorst, Duesseldorf, Erlangen, Flensburg, Frankfurt am Main, Friedberg, Fuerth, Garlstedt, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Geilenkirchen, Gelnhausen, Germersheim, Giebelstadt, Giessen, Grafenwoehr, Grefrath, Greven, Gruenstadt, Hamburg, Hanau, Handorf, Hannover, Heidelberg, Heilbronn, Herongen, Idar-Oberstein, Ingolstadt, Kaiserslautern, Landkreis, Kalkar, Karlsruhe, Kerpen, Kitzingen, Koblenz, Leimen, Leipzig, Ludwigsburg, Mainz, Mannheim, Mayen, Moenchen-Gladbach, Muenster, Munich, Nellingen, Neubruecke, Noervenich, Nuernberg, Ober Ramstadt, Oberammergau, Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Pirmasens, Rheinau, Rheinberg, Schwabach, Schwetzingen, Seckenheim, Sembach, Stuttgart, Twisteden, Vilseck, Wahn, Wertheim, Wiesbaden, Worms, Wuerzburg, Zirndorf, and Zweibruecken	96.99	35,400

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Ghana	Accra	98.63	36,000
Greece	Athens	98.90	36,100
	Elefsis	98.90	36,100
	Ellinikon	98.90	36,100
	Mt. Parnis	98.90	36,100
	Mt. Pateras	98.90	36,100
	Nea Makri	98.90	36,100
	Piraeus	98.90	36,100
	Tanagra	98.90	36,100
Guatemala	Guatemala City	114.52	41,800
Guinea	Conakry	140.55	51,300
Guyana	Georgetown	95.89	35,000
Holy See, The		134.25	49,000
Hungary	Budapest	89.04	32,500
India	Mumbai	186.08	67,920
	New Delhi	153.76	56,124
Indonesia	Jakarta	103.50	37,776
Ireland	Dublin	116.71	42,600
	Shannon Area	92.33	33,700
Israel	Beer Sheva	153.97	56,200
	Tel Aviv	139.18	50,800
Italy	Genoa	114.52	41,800
	Gioia Tauro	85.48	31,200
	La Spezia	110.68	40,400
	Milan	200.55	73,200
	Naples	134.52	49,100
	Parma	101.92	37,200
	Pordenone-Aviano	104.38	38,100
	Rome	134.25	49,000
	Turin	100.27	36,600
	Vicenza	109.32	39,900
Jamaica	Kingston	112.88	41,200
Japan	Atsugi	108.77	39,700
	Camp Zama	108.77	39,700
	Chiba-Ken	108.77	39,700
	Fussa	108.77	39,700
	Gifu	203.56	74,300
	Haneda	108.77	39,700
	Iwakuni	86.03	31,400
	Kanagawa-Ken	108.77	39,700
	Komaki	203.56	74,300
	Machida-Shi	108.77	39,700
	Misawa	86.85	31,700
	Nagoya	203.56	74,300
	Okinawa Prefecture	153.42	56,000
	Osaka-Kobe	248.39	90,664
	Sagamihara	108.77	39,700
	Saitama-Ken	108.77	39,700
	Sasebo	88.22	32,200
	Tachikawa	108.77	39,700
	Tokyo	243.84	89,000
	Tokyo-to	108.77	39,700
Yokohama	129.86	47,400	
Yokosuka	126.30	46,100	

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Japan (continued)	Yokota	102.47	37,400
Jerusalem		134.25	49,000
	West Bank	134.25	49,000
Kazakhstan	Almaty	131.51	48,000
Korea	Camp Carroll	86.58	31,600
	Camp Colbern	148.49	54,200
	Camp Market	162.47	59,300
	Camp Mercer	148.49	54,200
	K-16	162.47	59,300
	Kimhae	86.85	31,700
	Kimpo Airfield	162.47	59,300
	Munsan	92.88	33,900
	Osan AB	107.40	39,200
	Pusan	86.85	31,700
	Pyongtaek	115.62	42,200
	Seoul	162.47	59,300
	Suwon	162.47	59,300
	Taegu	98.63	36,000
	Tongduchon	96.44	35,200
	Uijongbu	89.59	32,700
	Waegwan	86.58	31,600
	All cities other than Ammo Depot #9, Camp Carroll, Camp Colbern, Camp Market, Camp Mercer, Changwon, Chinhae, Chunchon, K-16, Kimhae, Kimpo Airfield, Kunsun, Kwangju, Munsan, Osan AB, Pusan, Pyongtaek, Seoul, Suwon, Taegu, Tongduchon, Uijongbu, and Waegwan.	87.40	31,900
Kuwait	Kuwait City	176.44	64,400
	All cities other than Kuwait City	158.08	57,700
Luxembourg		109.86	40,100
Macedonia	Skopje	96.99	35,400
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	126.58	46,200
	All cities other than Kuala Lumpur	92.33	33,700
Malta		150.96	55,100
Mexico	Merida	103.84	37,900
	Mexico City	131.23	47,900
	Monterrey	90.96	33,200
	All cities other than Ciudad Juarez, Cuernavaca, Guadalajara, Hermosillo, Matamoros, Mazatlan, Merida, Metapa, Mexico City, Monterrey, Nogales, Nuevo Laredo, Reynosa, Tapachula, Tijuana, Tuxtla Gutierrez, and Veracruz	107.95	39,400
Mozambique	Maputo	108.22	39,500
Namibia	Windhoek	87.95	32,100
Netherlands	Amsterdam	144.93	52,900
	Aruba	98.63	36,000
	Brunssum	98.36	35,900
	Eygelshoven	98.36	35,900
	Hague, The	160.00	58,400
	Heerlen	98.36	35,900
	Hoensbroek	98.36	35,900
	Hulsberg	98.36	35,900
	Kerkrade	98.36	35,900
	Landgraaf	98.36	35,900
	Maastricht	98.36	35,900
	Papendrecht	96.44	35,200

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Netherlands (continued)	Rotterdam	96.44	35,200
	Schaesburg	98.36	35,900
	Schinnen	98.36	35,900
	Schiphol	144.93	52,900
	Ypenburg	160.00	58,400
	All cities other than Amsterdam, Aruba, Brunssum, Coevorden, Eysgelshoven, The Hague, Heerlen, Hoensbroek, Hulsberg, Kerkrade, Landgraaf, Maastricht, Margraten, Papendrecht, Rotterdam, Schaesburg, Schinnen, Schiphol, and Ypenburg	95.07	34,700
Netherlands Antilles	Curacao	125.48	45,800
New Zealand	Auckland	97.81	35,700
	Christchurch	87.95	32,100
	Wellington	92.60	33,800
Nicaragua	Managua	87.12	31,800
Nigeria	Abuja	98.63	36,000
Norway	Oslo	98.90	36,100
Oman	Muscat	113.15	41,300
Panama	Panama City	108.22	39,500
Peru	Lima	107.12	39,100
Philippines	Cavite	91.78	33,500
	Manila	102.41	37,380
Portugal	Alverca	122.74	44,800
	Lisbon	122.74	44,800
Qatar	Doha	125.72	45,888
	All cities other than Doha	88.77	32,400
Romania	Bucharest	112.88	41,200
Russia	Moscow	295.89	108,000
	Saint Petersburg	164.38	60,000
	Sakhalin Island	212.33	77,500
	Vladivostok	212.33	77,500
	Yekaterinburg	129.86	47,400
Rwanda	Kigali	86.30	31,500
Saudi Arabia	Jeddah	84.02	30,667
	Riyadh	109.59	40,000
Singapore		220.55	80,500
Slovenia	Ljubljana	140.82	51,400
South Africa	Pretoria	107.67	39,300
Spain	Barcelona	111.23	40,600
	Madrid	163.56	59,700
	Rota	100.00	36,500
	Valencia	93.97	34,300
Suriname	Paramaribo	90.41	33,000
Switzerland	Bern	179.73	65,600
	Geneva	255.62	93,300
	Zurich	107.45	39,219
	All cities other than Bern, Geneva, and Zurich	90.14	32,900
Taiwan	Taipei	126.54	46,188
Tanzania	Dar Es Salaam	120.55	44,000
Thailand	Bangkok	161.64	59,000
Trinidad and Tobago	Port of Spain	149.32	54,500
Turkey	Izmir-Cigli	86.58	31,600
	Yamanlar	86.58	31,600
Ukraine	Kiev	197.26	72,000
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi	136.13	49,687

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United Arab Emirates (continued)	Dubai	156.64	57,174
United Kingdom	Basingstoke	112.60	41,099
	Bath	112.33	41,000
	Bracknell	170.14	62,100
	Bristol	90.68	33,100
	Brookwood	101.92	37,200
	Cambridge	98.90	36,100
	Caversham	202.19	73,800
	Cheltenham	120.27	43,900
	Croughton	104.11	38,000
	Fairford	98.36	35,900
	Farnborough	149.86	54,700
	Felixstowe	95.34	34,800
	Gibraltar	122.24	44,616
	Harrogate	107.40	39,200
	High Wycombe	170.14	62,100
	Huntingdon	101.92	37,200
	Kemble	98.36	35,900
	Lakenheath	131.23	47,900
	Liverpool	89.32	32,600
	London	198.90	72,600
	Loudwater	156.71	57,200
	Menwith Hill	107.40	39,200
	Mildenhall	131.23	47,900
	Oxfordshire	99.73	36,400
	Plymouth	99.73	36,400
	Portsmouth	99.73	36,400
	Reading	170.14	62,100
	Rochester	102.47	37,400
	Samlesbury	101.92	37,200
	Southampton	121.10	44,200
Surrey	132.61	48,402	
Waterbeach	102.19	37,300	
Wiltshire	95.07	34,700	
	All cities other than Basingstoke, Bath, Belfast, Birmingham, Bracknell, Bristol, Brookwood, Brough, Cambridge, Caversham, Chelmsford, Cheltenham, Chicksands, Croughton, Dunstable, Edinburgh, Edzell, Fairford, Farnborough, Felixstowe, Ft. Halstead, Gibraltar, Glenrothes, Greenham Common, Harrogate, High Wycombe, Huntingdon, Hythe, Kemble, Lakenheath, Liverpool, London, Loudwater, Menwith Hill, Mildenhall, Nottingham, Oxfordshire, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Reading, Rochester, Samlesbury, Southampton, Surrey, Waterbeach, Welford, West Byfleet, and Wiltshire	101.92	37,200
Venezuela	Caracas	156.16	57,000
Vietnam	Hanoi	128.22	46,800
	Ho Chi Minh City	115.07	42,000