Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete.

Signature

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Notice to Employers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
If you are an employer in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, you must contact the Division of Revenue and Taxation, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, to get Form W-2CM and the instructions for completing and filing that form.

Employers in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa
Please return this entire page along with Copy A of Forms W-2GU, W-2CM, W-2VI, or W-2AS to the Social Security Administration, Data Operations Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18769.

Note: Employers in American Samoa, send Copy 1 of Forms W-2AS to the American Samoa Tax Office, Government of American Samoa,Pago Pago, AS 96799.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice
We ask for the information on these forms to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

The time needed to complete and file these forms will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average times are:
- Form W-2AS — 22 minutes
- Form W-2GU — 22 minutes
- Form W-2VI — 20 minutes
- Form W-3SS — 22 minutes

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making these forms more simple, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to both the Internal Revenue Service, Attention: Reports Clearance Officer, PC:FP, Washington, DC 20224; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1545-0008), Washington, DC 20503. DO NOT send the tax forms to either of these offices. Instead, see Where and When To File on page 3.
Reporting Sick Pay

Sick pay paid to an employee by a third party, such as an insurance company or trust, requires special treatment at year-end because the IRS reconciles an entity's Forms 941-SS with the Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI and Form W-3SS filed at the end of the year. See Pub. 952, Sick Pay Reporting, for information.

Reporting on Magnetic Media

We encourage employers and other payers with computer capabilities to use magnetic media for filing the information on the wage and tax statements. Many filers find that reporting on magnetic media saves money and is efficient and flexible. You can get specifications for furnishing this information on magnetic media by contacting the Magnetic Media Coordinator at (809) 766-5574 for Virgin Islands or (415) 744-4559 for Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

If you file on magnetic media, do not file the same returns on paper.

General Information

Items To Note

Wage Bases.—The 1994 wage base for social security (old age, survivors, and disability insurance) is $60,600. There is no limit on the amount of Medicare wages and tips that are subject to Medicare taxes in 1994.

Change to Form W-3SS.—The size of boxes c, d, and e changed.

Changes To Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, and W-2VI.—The forms increased in size. There are two forms to a page.

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Instructions for Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, and W-2VI

General Instructions

Who Must File.—Employers and other payers in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands must report wages and withheld income, U.S. social security, and U.S. Medicare taxes to their local tax department and to the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA). Form W-2AS is used to report American Samoa wages, Form W-2GU is used to report Guam wages, Form W-2CM is used to report the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands wages, and Form W-2VI is used to report Virgin Islands wages. Do not use these forms to report wages subject to U.S. Federal income tax withholding. Instead, use Form W-2 to show U.S. income tax withheld.

Form W-3SS is used as a transmittal document to send the Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI to the proper authority.

Where and When To File.—File Copy A of Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI, and Copy A of Form W-3SS, with the Social Security Administration, Data Operations Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18769, by February 28, 1995.

File Copy 1 of Forms W-2GU with Copy 1 of Form W-3SS with the local tax department. (For more information concerning Copy 1, contact your local tax department.)


Shipping and Mailing.—If you send more than one kind of form, please group forms of the same kind, and send them in separate groups. For example, send Forms W-2GU with one Form W-3SS and Forms W-2AS with a second Form W-3SS. Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI are printed two forms to a page. Send the whole page of Copies A and 1 even if one of the forms is blank or void. Do not staple or tape the forms together.
If you have a large number of forms with one Form W-3SS, you may send them in separate packages. Show your name and employer identification number (EIN) on each package. Number them in order (1 of 4, 2 of 4, etc.), and place Form W-3SS in package 1. Show the number of packages at the bottom of Form W-3SS. If you mail them, you must send them First-Class.

Calendar Year Basis.—You must base all entries on Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, W-2VI, and W-3SS on a calendar year. Use the current year form.

Taxpayer Identifying Numbers.—These numbers are used to post earnings to employees’ earnings records for social security benefits. Please be sure to show the correct social security number in box d on the Form W-2AS, W-2GU, or W-2VI.

Persons in a trade or business use an EIN (00-0000000). Individuals use a social security number (000-00-0000). When you list a number, please separate the nine digits properly to show the kind of number.

Statements to Employees.—Generally, you should furnish statements to employees by January 31, 1995. If employment ends before December 31, 1994, you may give the statement any time after employment ends. If the employee asks for the form, furnish him or her the complete copies within 30 days of the request or the last wage payment, whichever is later. If an employee loses a statement, write “REISSUED STATEMENT” on the new copy, but do not send Copy A of the reissued statement to the SSA.

Undeliverable Forms.—Keep for 4 years any employee copies of Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI that you tried to deliver but could not.

Corrects.—Use Form W-2c, Statement of Corrected Income and Tax Amounts, to correct errors in previously filed Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, and W-2VI. Use Form W-3c, Transmittal of Corrected Income and Tax Statements, to transmit the W-2c forms to the SSA. Instructions are on the forms.

Specific Instructions for Completing Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, and W-2VI

Make all dollar entries without the dollar sign and comma but with the decimal point (0000.00). If an entry does not apply to you, leave it blank.

Box a—Control number.—For the employer to identify individual forms. You do not have to use this box.

Void.—Mark this box when an error has been made. If possible, the forms should have erasures, whiteouts, or strikeouts on Copy A. Be sure the amounts shown on void forms are NOT included in your subtotals. See Subtotal under Box 15 instructions.

Box b—Employer’s identification number.—Show the number assigned to you by the IRS. Do not use a prior owner’s number.

Box c—Employer’s name, address, and ZIP code.—Enter the employer’s name, address, and ZIP code. This entry should be the same as shown on your Form 941-SS, 942, or 943.

Box d—Employee’s social security number.—Give the number shown on the employee’s social security card. If the employee does not have a card, he or she should apply for one by filing Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card.

Box e—Employee’s name.—Enter the name as shown on the employee’s social security card. Do not show titles or academic degrees with the name. If the name has changed, have the employee get a corrected card from any SSA office. Use the name on the original card until you see the corrected one.

Box f—Employee’s address and ZIP code.—Enter the employee’s address and ZIP code.

Box 1—Wages, tips, and other compensation.—Show, before any payroll deductions, the total of (1) wages paid, (2) noncash payments, including fringe benefits, (3) tips reported, and (4) all other compensation. Other compensation is amounts that you pay the employee from which income tax is not withheld. If you prefer not to include it in the total, you may show it on separate Form W-2AS, W-2GU, or W-2VI.

Note: Show payments to statutory employees that are subject to social security and Medicare taxes but not subject to income tax withholding in box 1 as other compensation. (See Circular SS for the definition of a statutory employee.)

Box 2—Income tax withheld.—Show the total amount of American Samoa, Guam, or Virgin Islands income tax withheld.

Box 3—Social security wages.—Show the total wages paid (before payroll deductions) subject to employee social security tax. The total of boxes 3 and 7 should not be more than $60,600 (the maximum social security wage base for 1994). Generally, noncash payments are considered wages. (See Circular SS for more information.)

Box 4—Social security tax withheld.—Show the total employee social security tax (not your share) withheld or paid by you for the employee. Include only taxes withheld for 1994 wages and social security tips. If you are making an adjustment in 1994 to correct social security tax for a prior year, you must file Form 941c, Supporting Statement To Correct Information, with your Form 941-SS, Employer’s Quarterly Federal Tax Return, in the quarter you find the error. File Copy A of Form W-2c with the SSA and give the employee a copy of Form W-2c for the prior year.

Box 5—Medicare wages and tips.—Show the total wages paid and tips reported subject to employee Medicare tax. There is no wage base limit for Medicare tax.

Box 6—Medicare tax withheld.—Enter the total employee Medicare tax (not your share) withheld or paid by you for the employee. Include only taxes withheld for 1994 wages and tips.

Box 7—Social security tips.—Show the amount the employee reported even if you did not have enough employee funds to collect the social security tax for the tips. When tips and wages subject to social security taxes amount to $60,600 (for 1994), do not show any additional tips in this box. Show all tips reported in box 1 along with wages and other compensation.

Box 8—Benefits included in box 1.—Show the total value of the taxable noncash fringe benefits included in box 1 as other compensation. If you provided a vehicle and you included 100% of the value in the employee’s income, you must separately report this value to the employee in box 8 on a separate statement so that the employee can compute the value of any business use of the vehicle.

Box 9—Advance EIC payment.—Forms W-2GU and W-2VI only. Show the amount of the advance earned income credit paid to the employee.

Box 13.—Complete and label this box for all codes below that apply.

Code A. You did not collect employee social security tax on all of the employee’s tips. Show the amount of the tax that you could not collect because the employee did not have enough funds from which to deduct it. This amount is not included in box 4. Use code A to label the amount of uncollected social security tax on tips.

Code B. You did not collect employee Medicare tax on all of the employee’s tips because the employee did not have enough funds from which to deduct it. Enter the uncollected Medicare tax on tips and label it code B. This amount is not included in box 6.
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**Code C.** Filers of Forms W-2GU and W-2VI only. If you provided your employee more than $50,000 of group-term life insurance, show the cost of the coverage over $50,000. Label the amount with **Code C.** Include it in boxes 1, 3, and 5.

**Codes D-H.** Elective deferrals were made to a section 401(k) cash or deferred arrangement, to a section 403(b) salary reduction agreement, to amounts deferred under a section 408(k)(6) salary reduction SEP, or to a section 501(c)(18)(D) tax-exempt organization plan. Elective and nonelective contributions were made to a section 457(b) deferred compensation plan for employees of state or local government or tax-exempt organizations.

The amount to be reported as an elective deferral in box 13 of Form W-2AS, W-2GU, or W-2VI for all plans except section 457(b), is only that portion of the employee's salary (or other compensation) that he or she did not receive because of the deferral. Elective and nonelective contributions should be reported for section 457(b) plans. Do not report section 457(f) amounts or amounts deferred under section 457(b) which are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture.

Nonelective contributions made by an employer on behalf of employees are not elective deferrals. Nor are voluntary aftertax contributions (such as voluntary contributions to a pension plan that are deducted from an employee's pay after all other deductions have been computed).

Aftertax contributions should not be reported in box 13.

Use the following codes for elective deferrals made to the plans listed below. For section 457(b) plans include elective and nonelective deferrals.

- **D** - section 401(k)
- **E** - section 403(b)
- **F** - section 408(k)(6)
- **G** - section 457(b)
- **H** - section 501(c)(18)(D)

The following example shows the amounts to report for a section 401(k) plan.

For calendar year 1994, Employee A electively deferred $9,000 to a section 401(k) arrangement and made a voluntary aftertax contribution of $500. In addition, the employer, on Employee A's behalf, made a qualified nonelective contribution of $1,000 to the plan and nonelective profit-sharing employer contribution of $2,000.

The total elective deferral of $9,000 is reported in box 13 preceded with code D (D 9000.00). Even though the 1993 limit for elective deferrals is $8,994 (subject to change for 1994), the employer would report the total amount of $9,000 as the elective deferral. The $600 voluntary aftertax contribution may be reported in **Box 14, Other.** This reporting is optional. The $1,000 nonelective contribution and the $2,000 nonelective profit-sharing employer contribution are not reported on Form W-2.

Mark the “Deferred compensation” checkbox in box 15, enter the elective deferral in box 13, and label it with the correct code. Also, mark the Pension plan box in box 15 if the employee is an “active participant.”

**Code J.** You are reporting sick pay. Show the amount of any sick pay NOT includible in income because the employee contributed to the sick pay plan. Label it as **code J.** If you issue a separate Form W-2 for sick pay, use box 13 to label the Form W-2 as Sick pay.

**Code M.** You provided your former employees (including retirees) more than $50,000 of group-term life insurance coverage. Enter the amount of uncollected social security tax on the coverage in box 13. Use **code M** for uncollected social security tax.

**Code N.** You provided your former employees (including retirees) more than $50,000 of group-term life insurance coverage. Enter the amount of uncollected Medicare tax on the coverage in box 13. Use **code N** for uncollected Medicare tax.

**Box 14—Other.**—You may show any information you want to give your employee here such as medical insurance premiums deducted, union dues deducted, voluntary aftertax contributions, or certain employee business expense reimbursements. You should clearly label the entries.

**Box 15—Statutory employee.**—Mark this box for statutory employees whose earnings are subject to social security tax and Medicare tax but not subject to income tax withholding. See Circular SS for more information on statutory employees.
Instructions for Form W-3SS—

Who Must File, Where and When To File.—See page 3 under General Instructions for this information.

How To Complete Form W-3SS.—

Please type or print entries. Make all entries without the dollar sign and comma but with the decimal point (00000.00).

The instructions below are for the boxes on Form W-3SS. If an entry does not apply, leave it blank.

Box a—Control number.—This box is for numbering the whole transmittal. You do not have to use this box.

Box b—Kind of payer.—Mark only one box.

941-SS.—Mark this box if you file Form 941-SS and none of the other categories apply.

Military.—Mark this box if you are a military employer sending Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI for members of the uniformed services.

943.—Mark this box if you file Form 943 and are sending forms for agricultural employees. If you also have employees who are not agricultural employees, send each group’s Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI with a separate Form W-3SS. Send the nonagricultural employees’ forms with a Form W-3SS that generally has a mark in the 941-SS box.

942.—Mark this box if you are a household employer sending Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI for household employees. If you also have employees who are not household employees, send each group’s forms with a separate Form W-3SS.

Medicare government employer.—Mark this box if you are a U.S. or Virgin Islands government employer with employees subject only to the 1.45% Medicare tax.

Box c—Total number of statements.—Show the number of individual Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI filed with this Form W-3SS.

Box d—Establishment number.—You may use this box to identify separate establishments in your business. Use any four-digit number you choose if you wish to identify them. You may file a separate Form W-3SS, with Forms W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, or W-2VI, for each establishment even if they all have the same EIN.

Box e—Employer’s identification number.—Show the number assigned to you by the IRS. Do not use a prior owner’s number. If available, use the label sent to you with Circular SS that shows your name, address, and EIN.

Box f—Employer’s name.—If available, use the label sent to you with Circular SS. Place the label in the brackets shown.

Box g—Employer’s address and ZIP code.—If available, use the label sent to you with Circular SS. Make any necessary corrections on the label.

Box h—Other EIN used this year.—If you have used an EIN (including a prior owner’s number) on Forms 941-SS (or 941c), 942, or 943 submitted for 1994 that is different from the EIN reported in box e on this form, enter the other EIN used.

Box 1—Wages, tips, and other compensation.—Show the total social security wages and tips, and other compensation reported.

Box 2—Income tax withheld.—Show the total withheld income tax reported.

Box 3—Social security wages.—Show the total social security wages reported.

Box 4—Social security tax withheld.—Show the total withheld social security tax reported.

Box 5—Medicare wages and tips.—Show the total Medicare wages and tips reported.

Box 6—Medicare tax withheld.—Show the total withheld Medicare tax reported.

Box 7—Social security tips.—Show the total social security tips reported.

Box 8—Advance EIC payments.—To be shown only for Forms W-2GU and W-2VI. Enter the total amount of payments shown.

Box 13—Adjusted total social security wages and tips.—The amount reported in this box in most cases should agree with the total social security wages and tips reported to the IRS on your Forms 941-SS (or 941c), 942, and 943 for 1994. To get the adjusted total of social security wages and tips, you must take into account any current year adjustments in social security wages and tips shown on Forms 941-SS (or 941c), 942, or 943. Do not include prior year adjustments in the adjusted total for the current year. If these totals do not match, the IRS or the SSA may require you to explain any difference and make any corrections.

Box 14—Adjusted total Medicare wages and tips.—Generally, the amounts reported in this box should agree with the total Medicare wages and tips reported to the IRS on Forms 941-SS (or 941c), 942, and 943 for 1994. See Box 13 above for more information.