



(4) A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof.

(5) A foreign government or a political subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof.

(6) An international organization or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

(7) A foreign central bank of issue.

(8) A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the U.S. or a possession of the U.S.

(9) A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

(10) A real estate investment trust.

(11) An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(12) A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a).

(13) A financial institution.

(14) A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or listed in the most recent publication of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries, Inc., Nominee List.

(15) A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

Payments of **dividends** and **patronage dividends** generally not subject to backup withholding also include the following:

- Payments to nonresident aliens subject to withholding under section 1441.
- Payments to partnerships not engaged in a trade or business in the U.S. and that have at least one nonresident partner
- Payments of patronage dividends not paid in money
- Payments made by certain foreign organizations.

Payments of **interest** generally not subject to backup withholding include the following:

- Payments of interest on obligations issued by individuals. **Note:** *You may be subject to backup withholding if this interest is \$600 or more and is paid in the course of the payer's trade or business and you have not provided your correct TIN to the payer*
- Payments of tax-exempt interest (including exempt-interest dividends under section 852).
- Payments described in section 6049(b)(5) to nonresident aliens.
- Payments on tax-free covenant bonds under section 1451.
- Payments made by certain foreign organizations.
- Mortgage interest paid by you.

Payments that are not subject to information reporting are also not subject to backup withholding. For details, see sections 6041, 6041A(a), 6042, 6044, 6045, 6049, 6050A, and 6050N, and the regulations under such sections.

**Penalties**

**Failure To Furnish TIN.**—If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Failure To Include Certain Items on Your Tax Return.**—If you fail to properly include on your tax return certain items reported to IRS, such failure will be treated as being due to negligence, and you will be subject to a penalty of 5% on any part of an underpayment of tax attributable to that failure unless there is clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.

**Civil Penalty for False Information With Respect to Withholding.**—If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no imposition of backup withholding, you are subject to a penalty of \$500.

**Criminal Penalty for Falsifying Information.**—Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Specific Instructions**

**Name.**—If you are an individual, generally provide the name shown on your social security card. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage, without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, you may enter your first name and both the last name shown on your social security card and your new last name.

**Signing the Certification.**—

**(1) Interest, Dividend, and Barter Exchange Accounts Opened Before 1984 and Broker Accounts That Were Considered Active During 1983.**—You are not required to sign the certification; however, you may do so. You are required to provide your correct TIN.

**(2) Interest, Dividend, Broker and Barter Exchange Accounts Opened After 1983 and Broker Accounts That Were Considered Inactive During 1983.**—You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item (2) in the certification before signing the form.

**(3) Real Estate Transactions.**—You must sign the certification. You may cross out item (2) of the certification if you wish.

**(4) Other Payments.**—You are required to furnish your correct TIN, but you are not required to sign the certification unless you have been notified of an incorrect TIN. Other payments include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services, payments to a nonemployee for services (including attorney and accounting fees), and payments to certain fishing boat crew members.

**(5) Mortgage Interest Paid by You, Acquisition or Abandonment of Secured Property, or IRA Contributions.**—You are required to furnish your correct TIN, but you are not required to sign the certification.

**(6) Exempt Payees and Payments.**—If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding. Enter your correct TIN in Part I, write "EXEMPT" in the block in Part II, cross out item (2) of the certification, sign and date the form. If you are a nonresident alien or foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester a completed **Form W-8, Certificate of Foreign Status**.

**(7) TIN "Applied For."**—Follow the instructions under *How To Obtain a TIN*, earlier, sign and date this form.

**Signature.**—For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign the form.

**Privacy Act Notice.**—Section 6109 requires you to furnish your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to persons who must file information returns with IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, or contributions you made to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA). IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 20% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not furnish a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

**What Name and Number To Give the Requester**

For this type of account:	Give the name and SOCIAL SECURITY number of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship	The owner <sup>3</sup>

For this type of account:	Give the name and EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION number of:
6. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity (Do not furnish the identification number of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) <sup>4</sup>
7. Corporate	The corporation
8. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
9. Partnership	The partnership
10. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
11. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish.  
<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's social security number.  
<sup>3</sup> Show the name of the owner.  
<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the legal trust, estate, or pension trust.  
**Note:** *If no name is circled when there is more than one name, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.*