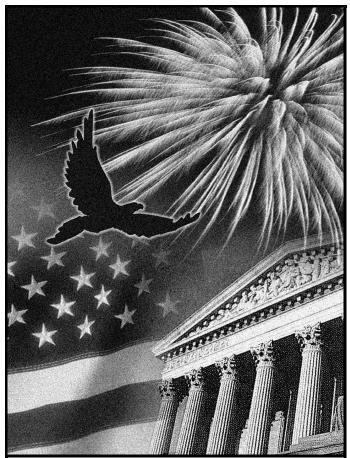


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What's New

2011 withholding tables. This publication includes the 2011 Percentage Method Tables and Wage Bracket Tables for Income Tax Withholding that were developed as a result of the recently passed Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010. Employers should implement the 2011 withholding tables as soon as possible, but not later than January 31, 2011.

Use the 2010 withholding tables until you implement the 2011 withholding tables.

Social security and Medicare tax for 2011. For 2011, the employee tax rate for social security is 4.2%.

The employer tax rate for social security remains unchanged at 6.2%. The 2011 social security wage base limit is \$106,800. In 2011, the Medicare tax rate is 1.45% each for employers and employees, unchanged from 2010. 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, 2011. After implementing the new 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, 2011.

Social security and Medicare taxes apply to the wages of household workers you pay \$1,700 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.

Making Work Pay credit. The Making Work Pay credit expires on December 31, 2010. As a result:

- The income tax withholding tables for 2011 are not adjusted for the Making Work Pay credit.
- There is no longer an optional additional withholding adjustment for pensions.
- The procedure for withholding on wages of nonresident aliens has been modified and is included in section 9.

COBRA premium assistance credit extended. The credit for COBRA premium assistance payments has been extended. It now 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 COBRA premium assistance credit on page 8.

Advance payment of earned income credit (EIC). The option of receiving advance payroll payments of EIC expires on December 31, 2010. Individuals who received advance payments of EIC in 2010 must file a 2010 federal income tax return. Individuals eligible for EIC in 2011 can still claim the credit when they file their 2011 federal income tax return. In addition, if any of your employees expect to be eligible for the EIC and will have income tax withheld from wages in 2011, they may reduce their withholding in order to receive the benefit of a portion of the credit throughout the year.

Federal tax deposits must be made by electronic funds transfer. Beginning January 1, 2011, you must use electronic funds transfer to make all federal tax deposits (such as deposits of employment tax, excise tax, and corporate income tax). Forms 8109 and 8109-B, Federal Tax Deposit Coupon, cannot be used after December 31, 2010. 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 tax 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 on page 23. 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.

FUTA tax rate. The FUTA tax rate will remain at 6.2% through June 30, 2011. The FUTA tax rate is scheduled to decrease to 6.0% beginning July 1, 2011. Visit IRS.gov for updated information.

Withholding allowance. The 2011 amount for one withholding allowance on an annual basis is \$3,700.

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. 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, Employer/Payer Appointment of Agent, 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, Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return, 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.

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 federal 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 on page 6 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 Payment with return on page 20. 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 2010. If you deposited all taxes when due, you have 10 additional calendar days to file. See Nonpayroll Income Tax Withholding on page 5 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 March 31 below.

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 By March 31 below.

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

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-BTC, 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.

Reminders

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 www.socialsecurity.gov/employer.

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.

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 further 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 www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/newhire for more information.

W-4 request. Ask each new employee to complete the 2011 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 Withholding income taxes on the wages of nonresident alien employees on page 17.

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.

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	4	File Form 941 (pay tax with return if not	
Record employees' names and SSNs from		required to deposit)	24
social security cards	4	Annually (see Calendar for due dates):	
Ask employees for Form W-4		Remind employees to submit a new Form W-4	
Each Payday:		if they need to change their withholding	16
Withhold federal income tax based on each		Ask for a new Form W-4 from employees	
employee's Form W-4	16	claiming exemption from income tax	
Withhold employee's share of social security		withholding	. 17
and Medicare taxes	19	Reconcile Forms 941 (or Form 944) with Forms	
Deposit:		W-2 and W-3	26
Withheld income tax		Furnish each employee a Form W-2	. 2
 Withheld and employer social security taxes 		File Copy A of Forms W-2 and the transmittal	
• Withheld and employer Medicare taxes	20	Form W-3 with the SSA	. 3
Note: Due date of deposit generally depends or	1	Furnish each other payee a Form 1099 (for	
your deposit schedule (monthly or semiweekly)		example, Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income	. 2
Annually (By January 31 of the current year, for the prior year):	•	File Forms 1099 and the transmittal Form	
File Form 944 if required (pay tax with return if		1096	. 3
not required to deposit)	25	File Form 940	29
Quarterly (By April 30, July 31, October 31, and January 31):		File Form 945 for any nonpayroll income tax	
Deposit FUTA tax if undeposited amount		withholding	. 3
is over \$500	29		

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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 2011 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns (Forms 1097, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, 5498, and W-2G) for general information and the separate, specific instructions for each information return you file (for example, 2011 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 must be reported on Form 945, Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax. Form 945 is an annual tax return and the return for 2010 is due by January 31, 2011. Separate deposits are required for payroll (Form 941 or Form 944) and nonpayroll (Form 945) withholding. Nonpayroll items include:

- Pensions (including distributions from governmental section 457(b) plans), annuities, and IRAs.
- 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 Forms 1099 or Form W-2G must also be reported on 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:

- 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, and

 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 Form 8822, Change of Address. Do not mail Form 8822 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)

Teletax Topics

Topic No.	Subject (These topics are available in Spanish)
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" (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 2010 and 2011 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 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059 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/business.

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. (The asterisk must be included in the address.) Please put "Publications Comment" on the subject line.

You can write to us at the following address:

Internal Revenue Service Tax Products Coordinating Committee SE:W:CAR:MP:T:T:SP 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526 Washington, DC 20224

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.

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 2011. 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.

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 of this guide 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 line 12a of Form 941 or line 11a of Form 944 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 9-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 <u>section 9</u>), do not use that employer's <u>EIN. 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.</u>

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 on page 8, 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 may be 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 items for resale or use as supplies 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.

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 of 6.2% (4.2% for 2011), for a total rate of 7.44% (7.04% for 2011) of wages.
- 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 of 6.2% (4.2% for 2011), for a total rate of 8.68% (7.88% for 2011) of wages.
- 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.

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 on page C-3, line G of the instructions for Schedule C) 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-

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 QJV election in the search

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.

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 FUTĂ 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 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 daugh-
- 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 valild 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

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

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.

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 9-digit number, beginning with the number "9" with 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.

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
- 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 <u>www.social-</u> security.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 section 6 for a discussion of tips and section 7 for a discussion of supplemental wages. Also, see section 15 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,
- Group-term life insurance coverage,

for more information.

- · 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.
- They must substantiate these expenses to you within a reasonable period of time.
- 3. 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.

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, or
- 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.
- 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 2010 standard mileage rate for auto expenses was 50 cents per mile. The rate for 2011 is 51 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 specified, 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 specified 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 on Form W-2 in box 1. 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. Examples include:

- Services provided to your employees at no additional cost to you,
- 2. 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,
- 4. Certain minimal value fringes (including an occasional cab ride when an employee must work overtime, local transportation benefits provided because of unsafe conditions and unusual circumstances, and meals you provide at eating places you run for your employees if the meals are not furnished at below cost).
- 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>, on page 12 for details,
- The use of on-premises athletic facilities, if substantially all of the use is by employees, their spouses, and their dependent children, and
- Qualified tuition reduction an educational organization provides to its employees for education. For more information, see Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education.

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 (item 1 above).
- Qualified employee discounts (item 2 above).

- Meals provided at an employer operated eating facility (included in item 4 on page 13).
- Reduced tuition for education (item 8 on page 13).

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 \$1,000,000 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 (discussed above), 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. 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.



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 2011 reach \$106,800; 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.
- 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 lines 5b and 5c of Form 941 (lines 4b and 4c of Form 944). Report an adjustment on line 7c of Form 941 (line 6 of the 2010 Form 944) 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 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. Additionally, the IRS is offering an expanded tip reporting and education program for food and beverage industry employers called the Attributed Tip Income Program (ATIP). ATIP has simple enrollment requirements and procedures. To find out more about the program, or to identify the IRS Tip Coordinator for your state, call the IRS at 1-800-829-4933. To get more information about TRDA and TRAC agreements See Pub 3144, Tips on Tips. For more information on ATIP agreements see Publication 1461, ATIP Attributed Tip Income Brochure. Additionally you can access IRS.gov and enter the keywords MSU tips to get more information about ATIP, 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 \$1,000,000 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 \$1,000,000. If a supplemental wage payment, together with other supplemental wage payments made to the employee during the calendar year, exceeds \$1,000,000, 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 \$1,000,000 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 \$1,000,000, 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.
 - a. 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 \$54 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 \$345.

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 \$195. On May 14 she receives a bonus of \$1,000. Electing to use supplemental wage withholding method 1-b, you:

- 1. 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).
- 2. Determine the amount of withholding on the combined \$3,000 amount to be \$345 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 (\$345 - \$195 = \$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 \$811 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 (\$811 - \$195 - \$150 = \$466).
- 4. Withhold \$466 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 on page 15.

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, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, on file for each employee. Encourage your employees to file an updated Form W-4 for 2011, especially if they owed taxes or received a large refund when filing their 2010 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.



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 Successor employer on page 19), 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 With-

holding, 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 on page 19.

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.

Withholding Adjustment for Nonresident Aliens. For 2011, 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 following chart 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	\$ 40.40
Biweekly	80.80
Semimonthly	87.50
Monthly	175.00
Quarterly	525.00
Semiannually	1,050.00
Annually	2,100.00
Daily or Miscellaneous (each day of the payroll period)	8.10

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—2011 Amount for One Withholding Allowance shown on pages 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 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 line 6 of Form W-4 (see Nonresident alien employee's Form W-4 later). The employer determines the wages to be used in the withholding tables by adding to the \$500 amount of wages paid the amount of \$80.80 from the chart above (\$580.80 total). The employer then applies the applicable tables to determine the income tax withholding for nonresident aliens (see Step 2 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 \$80.80 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 \$80.80 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 Korea, 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 on page 19). 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 (2010), 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 sections 5 and 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 2011 employee tax rate for social security is 4.2% (amount withheld). The 2011 employer tax rate for social security is 6.2% (10.4% total). The 2011 wage base limit is \$106,800, unchanged from 2010.

The 2011 employee tax rate for Medicare is 1.45% (amount withheld). The 2011 employer tax rate for Medicare tax is also 1.45% (2.9% total). There is no wage base limit for Medicare tax; all covered wages are subject to Medicare tax.

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 2011, 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 \$104,800 (\$106,800 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.

- 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 2010 were less than \$43,352 (\$48,362 if married filing jointly) that they may be eligible to claim the credit for 2010. 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, 2011.

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 on page 23 for information on electronic deposit requirements.



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

deposit of taxes on the first day of your return period. See COBRA premium assistance credit on page 8 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 on page 23.
 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 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 on page 21. 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. See Application of Monthly and Semiweekly Schedules on page 22.



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 line 8 of your Forms 941 in a 4-quarter lookback period. The lookback period begins July 1 and ends June 30 as shown in Table 1 on page 21. 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 2011

	Lookbac	k Period			
2009	-		2010		2011
July 1	Oct. 1	Jan. 1	Apr.1		Calendar Year
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Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Mar. 31	June 30		JanDec.
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The lookback period for a 2011 Form 941 filer who filed Form 944 in either 2009 or 2010 is calendar year 2009.

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 line 8 of your Form 941 for all 4 quarters of that year or line 7 of your Form 944 for that year). The lookback period for 2011 for a Form 944 filer is calendar year 2009. 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 4 of your Form 945 for the second preceding calendar year. The lookback period for 2011 for a Form 945 filer is calendar year 2009.

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 2011, 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 2011 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 line 8 of Form 941 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 on page 22 and the \$100,000 Next-Day Deposit Rule on page 22.

Monthly schedule depositors should not file Form 941 or Form 944 on a monthly basis. Also, do not file Form 941-M, Employer's Monthly Federal Tax Return, unless you are instructed to do so by an IRS representative.

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 on page 22.

Semiweekly Deposit Schedule

You are a semiweekly schedule depositor for a calendar year if the total taxes on line 8 of Form 941 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 Deposits on Business Days Only on page 22.

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 Wednesday, March 30, 2011 (first quarter), and another pay date on Friday, April 1, 2011 (second quarter), two separate deposits would be required even though the pay dates fall within the same semiweekly period. Both deposits would be due Wednesday, April 6, 2011 (3 business days from the end of the semiweekly deposit period).

Summary of Steps to Determine Your Deposit Schedule

- Identify your lookback period (see Lookback period earlier).
 Add the total taxes from line 8, Form 941 you reported 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:

2010 Lookbad	k Period	2011 Lookback Period		
3rd Quarter 2008	\$12,000	3rd Quarter 2009	\$12,000	
4th Quarter 2008	12,000	4th Quarter 2009	12,000	
1st Quarter 2009	12,000	1st Quarter 2010	12,000	
2nd Quarter 2009	<u>12,000</u>	2nd Quarter 2010	<u>15,000</u>	
	\$48,000		\$51,000	

Rose Co. is a monthly schedule depositor for 2010 because its tax liability for the 4 quarters in its lookback period (third quarter 2008 through second quarter 2009) was not more than \$50,000. However, for 2011, Rose Co. is a semiweekly schedule depositor because the total taxes exceeded \$50,000 for the 4 quarters in its lookback period (third quarter 2009 through second quarter 2010).

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 2011 are listed below.

- January 17— Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- February 21— Washington's Birthday
- April 15— District of Columbia Emancipation Day
- May 30— Memorial Day
- July 4— Independence Day
- September 5— Labor Day
- October 10— Columbus Day
- November 11— Veterans' Day
- November 24— Thanksgiving Day
- December 26— Christmas Day (observed)

Special rule for 2011. Notice 2010-87 provides that the IRS will not assert penalties for deposits due during calendar year 2011 that are untimely solely because the depositor relied on a statewide legal holiday rather than a legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

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 March but did not pay any wages during April. Under the monthly deposit schedule, Spruce Co. must deposit the combined tax liabilities for the four March paydays by April 15. Spruce Co. does not have a deposit requirement for April (due by May 15) because no wages were paid and, therefore, it did not have a tax liability for April.

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 29, 2011 (Friday), payday must be deposited by May 4, 2011 (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 Deposit period on page 21), you must deposit the tax by the next business day, whether you are a monthly or semi-

weekly 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 April 4, 2011. On April 8, it paid wages for the first time and accumulated a tax liability of \$40,000. On Friday, April 15, 2011, 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 April 15, it became a semiweekly schedule depositor on April 16. It will be a semiweekly schedule depositor for the remainder of 2011 and for 2012. Elm, Inc., is required to deposit the \$100,000 by Monday, April 18, 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 2011, the shortfall makeup date is August 17, 2011 (Wednesday). However, if the shortfall occurred on the required April 1 (Friday) deposit due date for a March 28 (Monday) pay date, the return due date for the March 28 pay date (May 2) would come before the May 18 (Wednesday) shortfall makeup date. In this case, the shortfall must be deposited by May 2, 2011.

How To Deposit

You must deposit employment taxes, including Form 945 taxes, by electronic funds transfer. See Payment with return on page 20 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.

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 in your Employer Identification Number (EIN) Package about Express Enrollment 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 on page 20).

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 on page 20 for an exception.
- Amounts still unpaid more than 10 days after the 15% 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 penalty 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 on page 23.

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 would also have to file monthly tax returns on Form 941-M, Employer's Monthly Federal Tax Return.



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 line 17 of Form 941 when your tax liability (line 10) shown on Form 941 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 (line 10) shown on Form 941 equaled or exceeded \$2,500 and you:

- Completed line 17 of Form 941 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 line 10 of Form 941 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 line 17 of Form 941.
- 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 line 17 of Form 941 or the bottom of Schedule B (Form 941) equals your tax liability shown on line 10 of Form 941.
- Do not show negative amounts on line 17 of Form 941 or Schedule B (Form 941).
- For prior period errors do not adjust your tax liabilities reported on line 17 of Form 941 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, Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return, 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 on page 2.

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Form 944. If you receive written notification you qualify for the Form 944 program, you must file Form 944, Employer's ANNUAL Federal Tax Return, 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 line 19 of Form 941. 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 can 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.
- Use the preaddressed form mailed to you. If you do not have the form, get one from the IRS in time to file the return when due.
- If you use a form that is not preaddressed, show your name and EIN on it. 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 on page 59 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
2009 and 2010-Social Security	\$106,800	12.4%
2009 and 2010-Medicare	All Wages	2.9%
2008-Social Security	\$102,000	12.4%
2008-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.

To help reduce discrepancies:

- Report bonuses as wages and as social security and Medicare wages on Forms W-2 and on Form 941 or Form 944,
- Report both social security and Medicare wages and taxes separately on Forms W-2, W-3, 941, and 944,
- 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,
- Report employee share of Medicare taxes on Form W-2 in the box for Medicare tax withheld (box 6), not as Medicare wages,
- Make sure the social security wage amount for each employee does not exceed the annual social security wage base limit (for example, \$106,800 for 2011),
- 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, and
- Reconcile Form W-3 with your four quarterly Forms 941 or annual Form 944 by comparing amounts reported for:
 - a. Income tax withholding;
 - 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);
 - c. 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, Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax. 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 Corrections to Form 941 or Form 944

Current Period Adjustments

In certain cases, amounts reported as social security and Medicare taxes in column 2 of lines 5a, 5b, and 5c of Form 941 (column 2 of lines 4a, 4b, and 4c for Form 944) 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). In 2011, current period adjustments are reported on lines 7–9 of Form 941 and line 6 of Form 944 and include the following types of adjustments.

Fractions-of-cents adjustment. If there is a small difference between total taxes after adjustments (line 10) (line 7 of Form 944) and total deposits (line 13) (line 10 of Form 944), 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 2011, multiply the total wages and tips for the quarter subject to:

- Social security tax (reported on lines 5a, column 1, and 5b, column 1) (or lines 4a and 4b of column 1 on Form 944) by 4.2% (.042) and
- Medicare tax (reported on line 5c, column 1) (line 4c of column 1 on 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 line 7 of Form 941 or line 6 of Form 944. 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 lines 5a, column 2, 5b, column 2, and 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 line 7 of Form 941.
- Third-party sick pay. Cedar, Inc. included taxes of \$2,000 for sick pay on lines 5a, column 2 and 5c, column 2 for social security and Medicare taxes. 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 line 8 of Form 941.
- 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 so-cial 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 lines 5a, column 2 and 5c, column 2 of Form 941. Therefore, Cedar, Inc. is entitled to a negative \$200 adjustment on line 9 of Form 941.

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 lines 5a and 5c of Form 941 (lines 4a and 4c of Form 944). Show as a negative adjustment on line 8 of Form 941 or line 6 of Form 944 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 lines 5b (social security tips) and 5c (Medicare wages and tips) (lines 4b and 4c of Form 944). Include as a negative adjustment on line 9 of Form 941 or line 6 of Form 944 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 lines 5a and 5c (social security and Medicare taxes) (lines 4a and 4c of Form 944), and back out the amount of the employee share of these taxes as a negative

adjustment on line 9 of Form 941 or line 6 of Form 944. 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 line 17 of Form 941 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 lines 5a, column 2, 5b, column 2, and 5c, column 2 of Form 941 (lines 4a, 4b, and 4c of column 2 for Form 944) 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 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 6).

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, Corrected Wage and Tax Statement, and Form W-3c, Transmittal of Corrected Wage and Tax Statements, 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 2011 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 2010 or 2011, or
- b. You had one or more employees for at least some part of a day in any 20 or more different weeks in 2010 or 20 or more different weeks in 2011.

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 2010 or 2011. 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 2010 or 2011, 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 2009 or 20 or more different weeks in 2010.

Computing FUTA tax. Before July 1, 2011, the FUTA tax rate is 6.2%. After June 30, 2011, the FUTA tax rate is scheduled to decrease to 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 0.8% (0.6% after June 30, 2011). 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 0.8% (0.6% after June 30, 2011) FUTA tax on those wages. See the Instructions for Form 940, for further guidance.

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 0.8% (0.6% after June 30, 2011). 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 section 11 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, Household Employer's Tax Guide, 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 2010 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. AprMay-June July-AugSept.	Mar. 31 June 30 Sept. 30	Apr. 30 July 31 Oct. 31
OctNovDec.	Dec. 31	Jan. 31

Reporting FUTA tax. Use Form 940, Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return, to report FUTA tax. File your 2010 Form 940 by January 31, 2011. However, if you deposited all FUTA tax when due, you may file on or before February 10, 2011. 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), Household Employment Taxes. 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.

9	Special Classes of Employment and Special Types of Payments	Treat	ment Under Employment Ta	xes	
-		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.			
Alie	ns, resident:				
1. Se	ervice 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.	
Cafe	teria plan benefits under section 125.	If employee chooses cash, sub benefit, the treatment is the sar Publication 15-B for more inform	ne as if the benefit was provid	f employee chooses another ed outside the plan. See	
Dece	eased worker:				
1.	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	
Dep	endent care assistance programs.	Exempt to the extent it is reaso income under section 129.	nable to believe amounts are	excludable from gross	
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	
	loyee business expense bursement:				
1. Ac	countable plan. a. 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. No	onaccountable plan. See <u>section 5</u> for details.	Withhold	Taxable	Taxable	
Fam	ily employees:				
1.	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	
3.	Spouse employed by spouse. See section 3 for more information.	Withhold	Taxable if in course of spouse's business.	Exempt	
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Fishing and related activities. See Publication 334, Tax Guide for Small Business. Foreign governments and international organizations. Exempt Exempt Exempt				Exempt	

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	Income Tax Withholding	Social Security and Medicare	Federal Unemployment
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 quali	er, special valuation rules ify for exclusion from wages
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. 2. 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.	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. Taxable if paid \$1,500 or more in 2011 (lesser amount if specified by a section 218 social security agreement). See Revenue Ruling 2000-6.	Exempt
Note. File Form W-2 for payments of \$600 or more even if no social security, or Medicare taxes were withheld. 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

,	Special Classes of Employment and Special Types of Payments	Treatment Under Employment Taxes					
		Income Tax Withholding	Social Security and Medicare	Federal Unemployment			
	neworkers (industrial, cottage ustry):						
1. 2.	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	pital 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 \$1,700 or more in cash in 2011. 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.			
Insu 1.	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	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.			
inte	rest on loans with below-market rest rates (foregone interest and deemed inal issue discount).	See Publication 15-A.					
	ve-sharing plans: Amounts paid to an bloyee 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 omers. 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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S	Special Classes of Employment and Special Types of Payments	Treat	ment Under Employment Ta	ixes	
		Income Tax Withholding	Social Security and Medicare	Federal Unemployment	
None 1.	cash payments: For household work, agricultural labor, and service not in the course of the employer's trade or business.	Exempt (withhold if both employer and employee voluntarily agree).	Exempt	Exempt	
2.	To certain retail commission salespersons ordinarily paid solely on a cash commission basis.	Optional with employer, except to the extent employee's supplemental wages during the year exceed \$1,000,000.	Taxable	Taxable	
Non	orofit organizations.	See Publication 15-A.			
Corp paym office wage reaso corpo	pers or shareholders of an Soloration. Distributions and other nents by an S corporation to a corporate per or shareholder must be treated as set of the extent the amounts are conable compensation for services to the pration by an employee. See the auctions for Form 1120S.	Withhold	Taxable	Taxable	
partn	ners: Payments to general or limited ers of a partnership. See Publication Partnerships, for partner reporting rules.	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	
Railroads: Payments subject to the Railroad Retirement Act. See Publication 915, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits, for more details.		Withhold	Exempt	Exempt	
Religious exemptions.		See Publication 15-A and Publication 517, Social Security and Other Information for Members of the Clergy and Religious Workers.			
	rement and pension plans:				
1.	Employer contributions to a qualified plan.	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	
2.	Elective employee contributions and deferrals to a plan containing a qualified cash or deferred compensation arrangement (for example, 401(k)).	Generally exempt, but see section 402(g) for limitation.	Taxable	Taxable	
3.	Employer contributions to individual retirement accounts under simplified employee pension plan (SEP).	Generally exempt, but seesection 402(g) for salary reduction SEP limitation.	Exempt, except for amounts contributed under a sa reduction SEP agreement.		
4.	Employer contributions to section 403(b) annuities.	Generally exempt, but see section 402(g) for limitation.	Taxable if paid through a sal (written or otherwise).	ary reduction agreement	
5.	Employee salary reduction contributions to a SIMPLE retirement account.	Exempt	Taxable	Taxable	
6.	Distributions from qualified retirement and pension plans and section 403(b) annuities. See Publication 15-A for information on pensions, annuities, and employer contributions to nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements.	Withhold, but recipient may elect exemption on Form W-4P in certain cases; mandatory 20% withholding applies to an eligible rollover distribution that is not a direct rollover; exempt for direct rollover. See Publication 15-A.	Exempt	Exempt	
Sale	spersons:				
1. 2.	Common law employees. Statutory employees.	Withhold Exempt	Taxable Taxable	Taxable Taxable, except for full-time life insurance sales agents.	
3.	Statutory nonemployees (qualified real estate agents, direct sellers, and certain companion sitters). See Publication 15-A for details.	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	
Scho (incl 117(plarships and fellowship grants udible in income under section c)):	Withhold	Taxability depends on the nathe status of the organization trainees, teachers, etc. on ne	n. See <i>Students, scholars,</i>	
Severance or dismissal pay.		Withhold	Taxable	Taxable	

•	Special Classes of Employment and Special Types of Payments	Treat	ment Under Employment Ta	xes	
		Income Tax Withholding	Social Security and Medicare	Federal Unemployment	
trad	rice not in the course of the employer's e or business (other than on a farm rated for profit or for household loyment 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.	nore in cash in a receives \$100 or more in cash in a calendar year. earns \$50 in a quarte days in that		
	pay. Publication 15-A for more information.	Withhold	Exempt after end of 6 calend month employee last worked	ar months after the calendar for employer.	
Stuc etc.:	lents, 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	
	c. 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), (M) Nationality Act. However, the employee becomes a resider residency tests for exempt in Publication 519.	I), or (Q) of Immigration and ese taxes may apply if the nt alien. See the special	
Sup	plemental unemployment pensation plan benefits.	Withhold	Exempt under certain conditi	ons. See Publication 15-A.	
Tips	:				
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	
Wor	ker'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

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 on this page 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—2011 Amount for One Withholding Allowance, on this page.
- 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 on this page 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—2011 Amount for One Withholding Allowance

Payroll Period	One Withholding Allowance
Weekly	\$ 71.15
Biweekly	142.31
Semimonthly	154.17
Monthly	308.33
Quarterly	
Semiannually	
Annually	3,700.00
Daily or miscellaneous (each day of the payroll period)	14.23

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. 2.	Total wage payment	\$600.00
1. 2. 3. 4.	Multiply line 2 by line 3	<u>\$142.30</u>
6.	(subtract line 4 from line 1)	\$457.70
	Table 1—single person, page 36	\$ 54.46

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 \$14,800 (the value of four withholding allowances for 2011) for a balance of \$37,200. Using the table for the annual payroll period on page 37, \$3,545 is withheld. Divide the annual tax by 52. The weekly income tax to withhold is \$68.17.

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 2011)

TABLE 1—WEEKLY Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE person (including head of household)— If the amount of wages (after subtracting withholding allowances) The amount of income tax to withhold is:				person— of wages (after thholding allowances)	The amount of income to withhold is:	ne tax
Not over \$40	\$0		Not over \$152	!	. \$0	
Over—	But not over—	of excess over —	Over—	But not over—		of excess over-
\$40 \$204 \$704	—\$204 \$0.00 p —\$704 \$16.40 —\$1,648 \$91.40	plus 15% — \$204 plus 25% — \$704	\$479 \$1,479	—\$1,479 —\$2,832	. \$0.00 plus 10% . \$32.70 plus 15% . \$182.70 plus 25%	—\$152 —\$479 —\$1,479
\$1,648 \$3,394 \$7,332	—\$3,394 \$327.40 —\$7,332 \$816.20 \$2,115.	3 plus 33% — \$3,394	\$4,235		. \$520.95 plus 28% . \$913.79 plus 33% . \$1,972.43 plus 35%	—\$2,832 —\$4,235 —\$7,443

TABLE 2—BIWEEKLY Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE person (including head of household)—				(b) MARRIED pe	erson—		
If the amount of wages (after subtracting withholding allowances) The amount of income tax to withhold is:		If the amount of wages (after subtracting withholding allowances) The amount of income tax is: The amount of income tax to withhold is:		ne tax			
Not over \$81		. \$0		Not over \$304 .		. \$0	
Over—	But not over—	of exc	ess over-	Over—	But not over—		of excess over-
\$81	— \$408	. \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$81	\$304	— \$958	. \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$304
\$408	— \$1,408	. \$32.70 plus 15%	— \$408	\$958	— \$2,958	. \$65.40 plus 15%	—\$958
\$1,408	— \$3,296	. \$182.70 plus 25%	—\$1,408	\$2,958	— \$5,663	. \$365.40 plus 25%	—\$2,958
\$3,296	— \$6,788	. \$654.70 plus 28%	— \$3,296	\$5,663		. \$1,041.65 plus 28%	—\$5,663
\$6,788	—\$14,663	. \$1,632.46 plus 33%	—\$6,788	\$8,469	—\$14,887 . .	. \$1,827.33 plus 33%	—\$8,469
\$14,663		. \$4,231.21 plus 35%	—\$14,663	\$14,887		. \$3,945.27 plus 35%	—\$14,887

TABLE 3—SEMIMONTHLY Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE person (including head of household)—			(b) MARRIED po	erson—			
			is:	nolding allowances)	The amount of income to withhold is:	ne tax	
Not over \$88 \$0			Not over \$329 .		. \$0		
Over—	But not over—	of e	excess over-	Over—	But not over—		of excess over—
\$88	— \$442	. \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$88	\$329	— \$1,038	. \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$329
\$442	— \$1,525	. \$35.40 plus 15%	—\$442	\$1,038	— \$3,204	. \$70.90 plus 15%	—\$1,038
\$1,525	— \$3,571	. \$197.85 plus 25%	—\$1,525	\$3,204	— \$6,135	. \$395.80 plus 25%	—\$3,204
\$3,571	— \$7,354	. \$709.35 plus 28%	—\$3,571	\$6,135		. \$1,128.55 plus 28%	—\$6,135
\$7,354		. \$1,768.59 plus 33%	—\$7,354	\$9,175	—\$16,127 . .	. \$1,979.75 plus 33%	—\$9,175
\$15,885		. \$4,583.82 plus 35%	—\$15,885	\$16,127		. \$4,273.91 plus 35%	—\$16,127

TABLE 4—MONTHLY Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE person (including head of household)— If the amount of wages (after subtracting withholding allowances) is: The amount of income tax to withhold is:			(b) MARRIED pe If the amount of w subtracting withho is:		The amount of income to withhold is:	ne tax	
Not over \$175		. \$0		Not over \$658 .		. \$0	
Over—	But not over—	•	of excess over —	Over—	But not over—		of excess over-
\$175		. \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$175	\$658		. \$0.00 plus 10%	— \$658
\$883		. \$70.80 plus 15%	—\$883	\$2,075		. \$141.70 plus 15%	—\$2,075
\$3,050		. \$395.85 plus 25%	— \$3,050	\$6,408		. \$791.65 plus 25%	— \$6,408
\$7,142	—\$14,708	. \$1,418.85 plus 28%	—\$7,142	\$12,271	—\$18,350 . .	. \$2,257.40 plus 28%	—\$12,271
\$14,708	— \$31,771	. \$3,537.33 plus 33%	— \$14,708	\$18,350	— \$32,254	. \$3,959.52 plus 33%	— \$18,350
\$31,771		. \$9,168.12 plus 35%	—\$31,̈771	\$32,254		. \$8,547.84 plus 35%	—\$32,254

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Percentage Method Tables for Income Tax Withholding (continued) (For Wages Paid in 2011)

TABLE 5—QUARTERLY Payroll Period

If the amount of subtracting withlis:	nolding allowances) Th	he amount of income tax withhold is:		(b) MARRIED pers If the amount of wa subtracting withhold is: Not over \$1,975	ges (after ling allowances)	The amount of incom to withhold is:	e tax
Over—	But not over—		cess over—	Over—	But not over—	·	of excess over—
\$525 \$2,650 \$9,150 \$21,425	—\$2,650 \$0 —\$9,150 \$2 —\$21,425 \$1 —\$44,125 \$4	212.50 plus 15% 1,187.50 plus 25% 4,256.25 plus 28%	—\$525 —\$2,650 —\$9,150 —\$21,425	\$1,975 \$6,225 \$19,225 \$36,813	—\$19,225 —\$36,813 —\$55,050	. \$0.00 plus 10% . \$425.00 plus 15% . \$2,375.00 plus 25% . \$6,772.00 plus 28%	—\$1,975 —\$6,225 —\$19,225 —\$36,813
\$44,125 \$95,313	—\$95,313 \$1 \$2	10,612.25 plus 33% 27,504.29 plus 35%	—\$44,125 —\$95,313	\$55,050 \$96,763		. \$11,878.36 plus 33% . \$25,643.65 plus 35%	

TABLE 6—SEMIANNUAL Payroll Period

(a) SINGLE po	erson (including head	of household)—		(b) MARRIE	D person—		
	of wages (after hholding allowances)	The amount of income to withhold is:	e tax		t of wages (after vithholding allowances)	The amount of incom to withhold is:	e tax
Not over \$1,05	50	\$0		Not over \$3,	950	. \$0	
Over—	But not over —		of excess over—	Over—	But not over—		of excess over—
\$1,050	— \$5,300	\$0.00 plus 10%	—\$1,050	\$3,950	—\$12,450 . .	. \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$3,950
\$5,300	—\$18,300 · · ·	\$425.00 plus 15%	— \$5,300	\$12,450	— \$38,450	. \$850.00 plus 15%	—\$12,450
\$18,300	—\$42,850 · · ·	\$2,375.00 plus 25%	—\$18,300	\$38,450	— \$73,625	. \$4,750.00 plus 25%	—\$38,450
\$42,850	—\$88,250 · · ·	\$8,512.50 plus 28%	— \$42,850	\$73,625	— \$110,100	. \$13,543.75 plus 28%	—\$73,625
\$88,250	—\$190,625	\$21,224.50 plus 33%	—\$88,250	\$110,100	—\$193,525	. \$23,756.75 plus 33%	—\$110,100
\$190,625 .		\$55,008.25 plus 35%	—\$190,625	\$193,525		. \$51,287.00 plus 35%	—\$193,525

TABLE 7—ANNUAL Payroll Period

If the amount of	rson (including head of household)— If wages (after holding allowances) The amount of including to withhold is:	ome tax		• of wages (after :hholding allowances) T	The amount of income or withhold is:	e tax
Not over \$2,10	0 \$0		Not over \$7,90	00	0	
Over—	But not over—	of excess over—	Over—	But not over—	(of excess over—
\$2,100	—\$10,600 \$0.00 plus 10%	—\$2,100	\$7,900	— \$24,900 \$	0.00 plus 10%	\$7,900
\$10,600	—\$36,600 \$850.00 plus 15%	—\$10,600	\$24,900	— \$76,900 \$	1,700.00 plus 15%	-\$24,900
\$36,600	—\$85,700 \$4,750.00 plus 25	% —\$36,600	\$76,900	—\$147,250 . . \$	9,500.00 plus 25%	—\$76,900
\$85,700	—\$176,500 \$17,025.00 plus 2	8% —\$85,700	\$147,250	— \$220,200 \$	27,087.50 plus 28%	— \$147,250
\$176,500	—\$381,250 \$42,449.00 plus 3	3% —\$176,500	\$220,200	—\$387,050 . . \$	47,513.50 plus 33%	— \$220,200
\$381,250	\$110,016.50 plus	35% —\$381,250	\$387,050 .		102,574.00 plus 35%	6 —\$387,050

TABLE 8—DAILY or MISCELLANEOUS Payroll Period

				•	
(a) SINGLE pe	erson (including head of house	hold) —	(b) MARRIED	person—	
	hholding allowances) number of days in the The am	nount of income tax nold per day is:	subtracting wi		nount of income tax hold per day is:
Not over \$8.10	\$0		Not over \$30.4	40 \$0	
Over—	But not over—	of excess over-	Over—	But not over—	of excess over—
\$8.10	—\$40.80 \$0.00 p	lus 10% —\$8.10	\$30.40	— \$95.80 \$0.00	plus 10% —\$30.40
\$40.80	—\$140.80 \$3.27 p	lus 15% —\$40.80	\$95.80	— \$295.80 \$6.54	plus 15% —\$95.80
\$140.80	—\$329.60 · · · \$18.27	plus 25% —\$140.80	\$295.80	—\$566.30 \$36.54	plus 25% —\$295.80
\$329.60	—\$678.80 · · · \$65.47	plus 28% —\$329.60	\$566.30	—\$846.90 \$104.1	7 plus 28% —\$566.30
\$678.80	—\$1,466.30 · · · \$163.2	5 plus 33% —\$678.80	\$846.90	—\$1,488.70 · · · \$182.7	'4 plus 33% —\$846.90
\$1,466.30	\$423.13	3 plus 35% —\$1,466.30	\$1,488.70 .	\$394.5	3 plus 35% —\$1,488.70

SINGLE Persons—WEEKLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2011)

And the ware-	wages -						holding all	owances c	laimed is—	-		
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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930 940	940 950	149 152	131 134	114 116	96 98	83 85	73 74	62 63	51 53	41 42	30 31	19 21
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1,200 1,210 1,220	1,210 1,220 1,230	217 219	199 201	181 184	163 166	145 148	128 130	110 112 115	92 95	81 83	70 72	60 61
1,220	1,230	222	204	184 186	168	150	133	115	97	84	73	63
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\$1,250 and over

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980	990	109	98	87	77	66	55	45	34	26	19	12
990	1,000	110	99	89	78	67	57	46	35	27	20	13
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1,020	1,030	115	104	93	83	72	61	51	40	30	23	16
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1,040	1,050	118	107	96	86	75	64	54	43	32	25	18
1,050	1,060	119	108	98	87	76	66	55	44	34	26	19
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1,120	1,130	130	119	108	98	87	76	66	55	44	34	26
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1,140	1,150	133	122	111	101	90	79	69	58	47	37	28
1,150	1,160	134	123	113	102	91	81	70	59	49	38	29
1,160	1,170	136	125	114	104	93	82	72	61	50	40	30
1,170	1,180	137	126	116	105	94	84	73	62	52	41	31
1,180	1,190	139	128	117	107	96	85	75	64	53	43	32
1,190	1,200	140	129	119	108	97	87	76	65	55	44	33
1,200	1,210	142	131	120	110	99	88	78	67	56	46	35
1,210	1,220	143	132	122	111	100	90	79	68	58	47	36
1,220	1,230	145	134	123	113	102	91	81	70	59	49	38
1,230	1,240	146	135	125	114	103	93	82	71	61	50	39
1,240	1,250	148	137	126	116	105	94	84	73	62	52	41
1,250	1,260	149	138	128	117	106	96	85	74	64	53	42
1,260	1,270	151	140	129	119	108	97	87	76	65	55	44
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1,290	1,300	155	144	134	123	112	102	91	80	70	59	48
1,300	1,310	157	146	135	125	114	103	93	82	71	61	50
1,310	1,320	158	147	137	126	115	105	94	83	73	62	51
1,320	1,330	160	149	138	128	117	106	96	85	74	64	53
1,330	1,340	161	150	140	129	118	108	97	86	76	65	54
1,340	1,350	163	152	141	131	120	109	99	88	77	67	56
1,350	1,360	164	153	143	132	121	111	100	89	79	68	57
1,360	1,370	166	155	144	134	123	112	102	91	80	70	59
1,370	1,380	167	156	146	135	124	114	103	92	82	71	60
1,380	1,390	169	158	147	137	126	115	105	94	83	73	62
1,390	1,400	170	159	149	138	127	117	106	95	85	74	63

\$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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1,720 1,740 1,760 1,780 1,800 1,820 1,840 1,860 1,880	1,740 1,760 1,780 1,800 1,820 1,840 1,860	268 273 278 283 288	228 233 238 243 248 253 258	192 197 202 207 212 217	170 173 176 179 182 187	146 149 152 155 158 161 164	124 127 130 133 136 139	106 109 112 115 118	82 85 88 91 94 97 100	60 63 66 69 72 75 78	42 45 48 51 54 57	23 25 27 29 31 33 36 39 42
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\$2,100 and over

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980 1,000 1,020 1,040 1,060 1,080 1,120 1,140 1,160 1,220 1,240 1,260 1,320 1,340 1,360 1,380 1,400 1,420 1,440 1,460 1,480	1,000 1,020 1,040 1,060 1,080 1,100 1,120 1,140 1,160 1,180 1,220 1,240 1,260 1,280 1,300 1,320 1,340 1,360 1,380 1,400 1,420 1,440 1,460 1,480 1,500	70 73 76 79 82 85 88 91 94 97 100 103 106 109 112 115 118 121 124 127 130 133 136 139 142	54 56 58 60 62 64 67 70 73 76 79 82 85 88 91 94 97 100 103 106 109 112 115 118 121	40 42 44 46 48 50 52 54 56 60 62 64 67 70 73 76 79 82 85 88 91 94 97 100 103	26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 48 50 52 54 56 60 62 64 66 69 72 75 78 81	12 14 16 18 22 24 26 28 33 34 42 44 48 55 55 55 66 66	0 01357 9113517 19123227 2913357 39143547	0 00000 00013 579113 57922 22313	0 00000 0000 0000 13579 1135179	0 00000 00000 00000 00000 00135	0 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000	0 00000 00000 00000 00000

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MARRIED Persons—BIWEEKLY Payroll Period

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And the				•	-		ecember 2 holding allo	wances cla	aimed is—			
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					The am	ount of inco		be withheld	l is—			
\$1,500 1,520	\$1,520 1,540	\$148 151	\$127 130	\$106 109 112	\$84 87	\$64 66	\$49 51 53	\$35 37	\$21 23	\$7 9	\$0 0	\$0
1,540	1,560	154	133	112	90	69	53	39	25	11	Ō	ő
1,560 1,580	1,580 1,600	157 160	136 139	115 118	93 96	72 75	55 57	41 43	27 29	13 15	0	\$0 0 0 0
1,600	1,620	163	142 145	121 124	99 102	78 81	59	45 47	31	17	3	
1,620 1,640	1,640 1,660	166 169	148	127	105	84	61 63	49	33 35 37	19 21	5 7	0
1,660 1,680	1,680 1,700	172 175	151 154	130 133	108 111	87 90	66 69	51 53	37 39	21 23 25	9 11	0 0 0 0
1,700 1,720	1,720 1,740	178 181	157 160	136 139	114 117	93 96	72 75	55 57	41 43		13 15	
1.740	1,760	184	163	142 145	120	99	78	59	45 45 47	27 29 31 33 35	17	2
1,760 1,780	1,780 1,800	187 190	166 169	145 148	123 126	102 105	81 84	61 63	47 49	33 35	19 21	0 0 2 4 6
1,800 1,820	1,820 1,840	193 196	172	151	129 132	108 111	87 90	65 68	51	37	23	8
1,840	1,860	199	175 178	154 157	135	114	93	71	53 55	39 41	25 27 29	8 10 12 14 16
1,860 1,880	1,880 1,900	202 205	181 184	160 163	138 141	117 120	96 99	74 77	57 59	43 45	31	14 16
1,900 1,920	1,920 1,940	208 211	187 190	166 169	144 147	123 126	102 105	80	61 63	47 49	33 35 37	18 20
1,940	1,960	214	193	172	150	129	108	83 86	65	51	37	18 20 22 24 26
1,960 1,980	1,980 2,000	217 220	196 199	175 178	153 156	132 135	111 114	89 92	68 71	51 53 55	39 41	24 26
2,000 2,020	2,020 2,040	223 226 229	202 205 208	181 184	159 162	138 141	117 120	95 98	74 77	57 59	43	28 30
2,040	2.060	229	208	184 187	165	144	123	101	80	61 63	45 47	28 30 32 34 36
2,060 2,080	2,080 2,100	232 235	211 214	190 193	168 171	147 150	126 129	104 107	83 86	65	49 51	
2,100 2 120	2,120 2,140	238 241	217	196 199	174 177	153 156	132 135	110 113	89 92	67 70	53 55	38 40 42
2,120 2,140	2,160	241 244 247	220 223 226	199 202 205	180 183	159	138 141	116 119	92 95 98	70 73 76	55 57 59	42
2,160 2,180	2,180 2,200	250	229	208	186	162 165	144	122	101	79	61	44 46
2,200 2,220	2,220 2,240	253 256	232 235 238	211 214	189 192	168 171	147 150	125 128	104 107	82 85	63 65	48 50 52 54 56
2,240 2,260	2,260 2,280	259 262	238	214 217	195 198	174 177	153 156	131 134	110 113	88 91	67	52 54
2,280	2,300	265	241 244	220 223	201	180	159	137	116	94	70 73	
2,300 2,320	2,320 2,340	268 271	247 250	226 229	204 207	183 186	162 165	140 143	119 122	97 100	76 79	58 60
2,340 2,360	2,360 2,380	274 277	250 253 256	229 232 235	210 213	189 192	168 171	146 149	125 128	103 106	79 82 85	58 60 62 64 67
2,380	2,400	280	259	238	216	195	174	152	131	109	88	
2,400 2,420 2,440	2,420 2,440	283 286	262 265	241 244	219 222	198 201 204	177 180	155 158	134 137	112 115	91 94	70 73
2,440 2,460	2,460 2,480	289 292	265 268 271	244 247 250	225 228	204 207	180 183 186	161 164	140 143	115 118 121	94 97 100	73 76 79
2,480	2,500	295	274	253	231	210	189	167	146	124	103	79 82
2,500 2,520	2,520 2,540	298 301	277 280	256 259	234 237	213 216	192 195	170 173	149 152	127 130	106 109	85 88
2,540 2,560 2,580	2,560 2,580	304 307	283	262	240 243	219 222	198	176 179	155 158	133 136 139	112 115	91 94 97
2,580	2,600	310	286 289	265 268	246	225	201 204	182	161		118	
2,600 2,620	2,620 2,640	313 316	292 295	271 274	249 252	228 231	207 210	185 188	164 167	142 145	121 124	100 103
2,640 2,660	2,660 2,680	319 322	298 301	277	255 258	234 237	213 216	191	170 173	148 151	127	106
2,680	2,700	325	304	280 283	261	240	219	194 197	176	154	130 133	109 112

\$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 2011)

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
					The an	nount of inc	come tax to	be withhe	ld is—			
\$ 0 115 120	\$115 120 125	\$0 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
125 130 135 140	130 135 140 145	4 5 5 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 0	0 0 0 0
145 150	150 155	6 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
155 160 165	160 165 170 175	7 8 8 9	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
170 175 180	180 185	9 10	0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	0 0 0	0	0 0 0	0
185 190 195	190 195 200	10 11 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
200 205 210	205 210 215	12 12 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 0 0	0 0 0 0
215 220 225	220 225 230	13 14 14	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
230 235 240	235 240 245	15 15 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 0 0 0
245 250 260	250 260 270	16 17 18	1 1 2	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
270 280 290	280 290 300	19 20 21	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 0	0 0 0 0
300 310 320	310 320 330	22 23 24 25	6 7 8 9	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
330 340 350	340 350 360	25 26 27 28	10 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
360 370 380 390	370 380 390 400	28 29 30 31	12 13 14 15	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
400 410 420	410 420 430	32 33 34	16 17 18	1 2 3	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0
430 440 450	440 450 460	35 36 37	19 20 21	4 5	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0 0
460 470 480	470 480 490	39 40 42	22 23 24	6 7 8 9	0	0 0	0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0 0
490 500	500 520 540	43 46	25 27	10 11	0	0 0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0 0	0
520 540 560 580	560 580 600	49 52 55 58	29 31 33 35	13 15 17 19	0 0 2 4	0 0 0	0 0	0	0 0 0	0	0	0 0 0 0
600 620 640	620 640 660	61 64 67	38 41	21 23	6 8	0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0 0 0
660 680	680 700	70 73	44 47 50 53	25 27 29	10 12 14	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	
700 720 740 760	720 740 760 780	76 79 82 85 88	56 59 62	31 33 35 38	16 18 20 22	1 3 5 7	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
780 780	800	88	65	41	24	9	0	0	0	0	0	0

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\$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

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MARRIED Persons—SEMIMONTHLY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2011)

	e wages e-			•	nd the nur				laimed is—			
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
							come tax to	be withhe	ld is—			
\$1,500 1,520 1,540 1,560 1,580	\$1,520 1,540 1,560 1,580 1,600	\$142 145 148 151 154	\$119 122 125 128 131	\$95 98 101 104 107	\$72 75 78 81 84	\$56 58 60 62 64	\$41 43 45 47 49	\$26 28 30 32 34	\$10 12 14 16 18	\$0 0 0 1 3	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0
1,600 1,620 1,640 1,660 1,680	1,620 1,640 1,660 1,680 1,700	157 160 163 166 169	134 137 140 143 146	110 113 116 119 122	87 90 93 96 99	66 68 70 73 76	51 53 55 57 59	36 38 40 42 44	20 22 24 26 28	5 7 9 11 13	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1,700 1,720 1,740 1,760 1,780	1,720 1,740 1,760 1,780 1,800	172 175 178 181 184	149 152 155 158 161	125 128 131 134 137	102 105 108 111 114	79 82 85 88 91	61 63 65 67 69	46 48 50 52 54	30 32 34 36 38	15 17 19 21 23	0 1 3 5 7	0 0 0 0
1,800 1,820 1,840 1,860 1,880	1,820 1,840 1,860 1,880 1,900	187 190 193 196 199	164 167 170 173 176	140 143 146 149 152	117 120 123 126 129	94 97 100 103 106	71 74 77 80 83	56 58 60 62 64	40 42 44 46 48	25 27 29 31 33	9 11 13 15 17	0 0 0 2 4 6 8 10 12
1,900	1,920	202	179	155	132	109	86	66	50	35	19	
1,920	1,940	205	182	158	135	112	89	68	52	37	21	
1,940	1,960	208	185	161	138	115	92	70	54	39	23	
1,960	1,980	211	188	164	141	118	95	72	56	41	25	
1,980	2,000	214	191	167	144	121	98	75	58	43	27	
2,000	2,020	217	194	170	147	124	101	78	60	45	29	14
2,020	2,040	220	197	173	150	127	104	81	62	47	31	16
2,040	2,060	223	200	176	153	130	107	84	64	49	33	18
2,060	2,080	226	203	179	156	133	110	87	66	51	35	20
2,080	2,100	229	206	182	159	136	113	90	68	53	37	22
2,100	2,120	232	209	185	162	139	116	93	70	55	39	24
2,120	2,140	235	212	188	165	142	119	96	73	57	41	26
2,140	2,160	238	215	191	168	145	122	99	76	59	43	28
2,160	2,180	241	218	194	171	148	125	102	79	61	45	30
2,180	2,200	244	221	197	174	151	128	105	82	63	47	32
2,200	2,220	247	224	200	177	154	131	108	85	65	49	34
2,220	2,240	250	227	203	180	157	134	111	88	67	51	36
2,240	2,260	253	230	206	183	160	137	114	91	69	53	38
2,260	2,280	256	233	209	186	163	140	117	94	71	55	40
2,280	2,300	259	236	212	189	166	143	120	97	74	57	42
2,300	2,320	262	239	215	192	169	146	123	100	77	59	44
2,320	2,340	265	242	218	195	172	149	126	103	80	61	46
2,340	2,360	268	245	221	198	175	152	129	106	83	63	48
2,360	2,380	271	248	224	201	178	155	132	109	86	65	50
2,380	2,400	274	251	227	204	181	158	135	112	89	67	52
2,400	2,420	277	254	230	207	184	161	138	115	92	69	54
2,420	2,440	280	257	233	210	187	164	141	118	95	72	56
2,440	2,460	283	260	236	213	190	167	144	121	98	75	58
2,460	2,480	286	263	239	216	193	170	147	124	101	78	60
2,480	2,500	289	266	242	219	196	173	150	127	104	81	62
2,500	2,520	292	269	245	222	199	176	153	130	107	84	64
2,520	2,540	295	272	248	225	202	179	156	133	110	87	66
2,540	2,560	298	275	251	228	205	182	159	136	113	90	68
2,560	2,580	301	278	254	231	208	185	162	139	116	93	70
2,580	2,600	304	281	257	234	211	188	165	142	119	96	72
2,600	2,620	307	284	260	237	214	191	168	145	122	99	75
2,620	2,640	310	287	263	240	217	194	171	148	125	102	78
2,640	2,660	313	290	266	243	220	197	174	151	128	105	81
2,660	2,680	316	293	269	246	223	200	177	154	131	108	84
2,680	2,700	319	296	272	249	226	203	180	157	134	111	87
2,700	2,720	322	299	275	252	229	206	183	160	137	114	90
2,720	2,740	325	302	278	255	232	209	186	163	140	117	93

\$2,740 and over

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

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(For Wages Paid through December 2011)

And the	e wages					I through I nber of with			laimed is—			
At least	But less	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	than							be withhel	d is—			
\$2,400 2,440 2,480 2,520 2,560	\$2,440 2,480 2,520 2,560 2,600	\$301 307 313 319 325	\$255 261 267 273 279	\$209 215 221 227 233	\$163 169 175 181 187	\$116 122 128 134 140	\$70 76 82 88 94	\$40 44 48 52 56	\$9 13 17 21 25	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0	\$0 0 0 0
2,600 2,640 2,680 2,720 2,760	2,640 2,680 2,720 2,760 2,800	331 337 343 349 355	285 291 297 303 309	239 245 251 257 263	193 199 205 211 217	146 152 158 164 170	100 106 112 118 124	60 64 68 72 78	29 33 37 41 45	0 2 6 10 14	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
2,800 2,840 2,880 2,920 2,960	2,840 2,880 2,920 2,960 3,000	361 367 373 379 385	315 321 327 333 339	269 275 281 287 293	223 229 235 241 247	176 182 188 194 200	130 136 142 148 154	84 90 96 102 108	49 53 57 61 65	18 22 26 30 34	0 0 0 0 3	0 0 0 0
3,000 3,040 3,080 3,120 3,160	3,040 3,080 3,120 3,160 3,200	391 398 408 418 428	345 351 357 363 369	299 305 311 317 323	253 259 265 271 277	206 212 218 224 230	160 166 172 178 184	114 120 126 132 138	69 74 80 86 92	38 42 46 50 54	7 11 15 19 23	0 0 0 0
3,200 3,240 3,280 3,320 3,360	3,240 3,280 3,320 3,360 3,400	438 448 458 468 478	375 381 387 393 401	329 335 341 347 353	283 289 295 301 307	236 242 248 254 260	190 196 202 208 214	144 150 156 162 168	98 104 110 116 122	58 62 66 70 75 81	27 31 35 39 43	0 0 4 8 12
3,400 3,440 3,480 3,520 3,560	3,440 3,480 3,520 3,560 3,600	488 498 508 518 528	411 421 431 441 451	359 365 371 377 383	313 319 325 331 337	266 272 278 284 290	220 226 232 238 244	174 180 186 192 198	128 134 140 146 152	87 93 99 105	47 51 55 59 63	16 20 24 28 32
3,600 3,640 3,680 3,720 3,760 3,800	3,640 3,680 3,720 3,760 3,800 3,840	538 548 558 568 578	461 471 481 491 501 511	389 395 404 414 424 434	343 349 355 361 367 373	296 302 308 314 320 326	250 256 262 268 274 280	204 210 216 222 228 234	158 164 170 176 182 188	111 117 123 129 135	67 71 77 83 89 95	36 40 44 48 52
3,840 3,880 3,920 3,960 4,000	3,880 3,920 3,960 4,000 4,040	588 598 608 618 628 638	521 531 541 551 561	444 454 464 474 484	379 385 391 397 407	332 338 344 350 356	286 292 298 304 310	240 246 252 258 264	194 200 206 212 218	147 153 159 165 171	101 107 113 119 125	56 60 64 68 73
4,040 4,080 4,120 4,160 4,200	4,080 4,120 4,160 4,200 4,240	648 658 668 678 688	571 581 591 601 611	494 504 514 524 534	417 427 437 447 457	362 368 374 380 386	316 322 328 334 340	270 276 282 288 294	224 230 236 242 248	177 183 189 195	131 137 143 149 155	79 85 91 97 103 109
4,240 4,280 4,320 4,360 4,400	4,280 4,320 4,360 4,400 4,440	698 708 718 728 738	621 631 641 651 661	544 554 564 574 584	467 477 487 497 507	392 400 410 420 430	346 352 358 364 370	300 306 312 318 324	254 260 266 272 278	207 213 219 225 231	161 167 173 179 185	115 121 127 133 139
4,440 4,480 4,520 4,560	4,480 4,520 4,560 4,600 4,640	748 758 768 778 788	671 681 691 701 711	584 594 604 614 624 634	517 527 537 547 557	440 450 460 470 480	376 382 388 394 403	330 336 342 348 354	284 290 296 302 308	237 243 249 255 261	191 197 203 209	139 145 151 157 163 169
4,640 4,680 4,720 4,760 4,800	4,680 4,720 4,760 4,800 4.840	798 808 818 828	721 731 741 751 761	644 654 664 674 684	567 577 587 597 607	490 500 510 520 530	413 423 433 443 453	360 366 372 378 384	314 320 326 332 338	267 273 279 285	221 227 233 239	169 175 181 187 193 199
4,840 4,880 4,920 4,960	4,880 4,920 4,960 5,000	838 848 858 868 878 888	771 781 791 801 811	694 704 714 724 734	617 627 637 647 657	540 550 560 570 580	463 473 483 493 503	390 396 406 416 426	344 350 356 362 368	291 297 303 309 315 321	245 251 257 263 269 275	199 205 211 217 223 229
5,000 5,040	5,040 5,080	898	821	744	667	590	513	436	374	327	281	229 235

\$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 2011)

And the					nd the num				aimed is—			
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					The am	ount of inc	ome tax to	be withhel	d is—			
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1,920 1,960 2,000 2,040 2,120 2,160 2,240 2,280 2,320 2,360 2,440 2,480 2,520 2,560 2,640 2,680 2,760 2,840 2,880 2,720 2,840 2,880 2,960 3,040 3,080 3,120 3,160 3,240 3,280 3,320 3,360	1,960 2,040 2,080 2,120 2,160 2,240 2,280 2,360 2,440 2,560 2,680 2,760 2,680 2,760 2,880 2,960 3,080 3,120 3,240	128 132 136 140 145 151 163 169 175 181 187 193 205 211 217 223 235 241 277 283 295 301 307 319 325 331 337	97 101 105 109 113 117 121 125 129 133 137 141 147 153 159 165 171 177 183 189 195 201 207 213 219 225 231 249 252 261 267 273 279 285 291	67 71 75 79 83 87 91 95 103 107 111 115 123 127 131 135 149 149 155 161 167 173 179 185 191 197 203 209 215 227 233 245	36 40 44 48 556 60 64 68 72 76 80 84 88 92 96 100 104 112 116 120 124 128 132 136 140 145 157 163 169 175 181 187 199	5 9 13 17 21 25 29 33 37 41 45 49 53 57 61 65 69 73 77 81 105 109 113 117 121 125 129 133 137 141 146 152	0 0 0 0 0 0 2 6 114 18 2260 334 42 5548 666 704 78 886 99 99 8 1066 1114 118 118 118 118 118 118 118 118 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 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 2011)

And the wages And the number of withholding allowances claimed is—												
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3,600 3,640 3,680 3,720 3,760	3,600 3,640 3,680 3,720 3,760 3,800	373 379 385 391 397	327 333 339 345 351	281 287 293 299 305	235 241 247 253 259	188 194 200 206 212	142 148 154 160 166	111 115 119 123 127	80 84 88 92 96	50 54 58 62 66	19 23 27 31 35	0 0 0 0 0 4
3,800 3,840 3,880 3,920 3,960	3,840 3,880 3,920 3,960 4,000	403 409 415 421 427	357 363 369 375 381	311 317 323 329 335	265 271 277 283 289	218 224 230 236 242	172 178 184 190 196	131 135 139 144 150	100 104 108 112 116	70 74 78 82 86	39 43 47 51 55	8 12 16 20 24
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5,640 5,680 5,720 5,760 5.800	5,680 5,720 5,760 5,800 5.840	679 685 691 697	633 639 645 651 657	587 593 599 605 611	541 547 553 559 565	494 500 506 512 518	448 454 460 466 472	402 408 414 420 426	356 362 368 374 380	309 315 321 327	263 269 275 281 287	217 223 229 235 241
5,840	5,880	703 709	663	617	571	524	478	426 432	386	333 339	293	247

\$5,880 and over

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SINGLE Persons—**DAILY** Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2011)

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SINGLE Persons—DAILY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2011)

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240 243 246 249 252	243 246 249 252 255	43 44 45 46 46	39 40 41 41 42 43	36 36 37 38 39 39	32 33 34 34 35 36	28 29 30 31 31 32	25 26 26 27 28 29	21 22 23 24 24 25	19 19 20 21 22	16 17 17 18 18	14 15 15 16 16	12 12 12 13 13
255 258 261 264 267 270 273 276 279 282	258 261 264 267 270 273 276 279 282	47 48 49 49 50 51 52 52 53 54	44 44 45 46 47 47 48 49 50	40 41 42 42 43 44 45 45 46 47	37 37 38 39 40 40 41 42 43	33 34 35 36 37 37 38 39 40	39 30 31 32 32 33 34 35 35 36 37	26 27 27 28 29 30 30 31 32 33 33	22 23 24 25 25 26 27 28 28 29 30	19 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 25 25	16 17 17 18 18 19 20 20 21 22 23	14 15 15 16 16 17 17 17 18 18
285 288 291 294 297 300 303 306 309	288 291 294 297 300 303 306 309 312	55 55 56 57 58 58 59 60 61 61	51 52 53 53 54 55 56 56 57 58	48 49 50 51 51 52 53 54	44 45 46 46 47 48 49 49 50	40 41 42 43 43 44 45 46 46 47	38 38 39 40 41 41 42 43	34 35 36 36 37 38 39 39	31 32 33 34 34 35 36	27 28 28 29 30 31 31 32	23 24 25 26 26 27 28 29	20 21 21 22 23 24 24 25
312 315 318 321 324 327 330 333 336 339	318 321 324 327 330 333 336 339 341	62 63 64 64 65 66 67 68 68	58 59 59 60 61 62 63 64 65	54 55 56 57 57 58 59 60 60	51 52 52 53 54 55 55 56 57	48 49 49 50 51 52 52 53 54	44 45 46 47 47 48 49 50 50	41 42 42 43 44 45 45 46 47	37 38 39 40 40 41 42 43 43	33 34 34 35 36 37 37 38 39 40	29 30 31 32 32 33 34 35 35	26 27 27 28 29 30 30 31 32 33
341 343 345 347 349 351 353 355 357 359	343 345 347 349 351 353 355 357 359	69 70 70 71 71 72 72 73 73 74	65 66 66 67 67 68 68 69 69	61 62 62 63 63 64 64 65	58 58 59 59 60 60 61 61 62	54 55 55 56 56 57 57 58 58 59	51 51 52 53 53 54 54 55 55	47 48 48 49 49 50 51 51 51	44 44 45 45 46 46 47 47	40 41 41 42 42 43 43 44 44 45	37 38 38 39 39 40 40	33 34 34 35 35 36 36 37 37 37
359 361 363 365 367 369 371 375 377 379 381 383 385 387	361 363 365 367 369 371 373 375 377 379 381 383 385 387 387 389	74 75 75 76 76 77 77 78 78 79 80 80 81 81 82 82	70 71 71 72 73 73 74 74 75 76 76 77 77 78	66 67 67 68 68 69 70 70 71 72 72 73 73 74	62 63 63 64 64 65 65 66 67 68 68 69 70	59 59 60 61 61 62 63 63 64 64 65 66 66	55 56 56 57 57 58 59 59 60 61 61 62 62 63	52 53 53 54 54 55 56 56 57 57 57 58	48 49 49 50 51 51 52 53 53 54 55 55 56	45 46 46 47 48 48 49 50 51 51 52 52	41 42 42 43 44 44 45 45 46 46 47 47 48 48	38 38 39 39 40 41 41 42 43 43 44 44 45

\$391 and over

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MARRIED Persons—DAILY Payroll Period

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MARRIED Persons—DAILY Payroll Period

(For Wages Paid through December 2011)

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261 264 267 270 273	264 267 270 273 276	32 32 32 33 33	29 30 30 31 31	27 28 28 29 29	25 26 26 26 27	23 23 24 24 25	21 21 22 22 23	19 19 20 20 21	17 17 18 18 18	14 15 15 16 16	12 13 13 14 14	10 11 11 12 12
276 279 282 285 288	279 282 285 288 291	34 34 35 35 36	32 32 33 33 33	30 30 30 31 31	27 28 28 29 29	25 26 26 27 27	23 24 24 24 25	21 21 22 22 23	19 19 20 20 21	17 17 18 18 19	15 15 15 16 16	12 13 13 14 14
291 294 297 300 303 306	294 297 300 303 306 309	36 36 37 38 39 39	34 34 35 35 36	32 32 33 33 34 34	30 30 31 31 31	28 28 28 29 29	25 26 26 27 27	23 24 24 25 25	21 22 22 22 23	19 19 20 20 21	17 17 18 18 19	15 15 16 16 17
309 312 315 318 321	312 315 318 321 324	40 41 42 42 43	36 37 37 38 39 40	34 35 35 36	32 32 33 33 34	30 31 31 32	28 28 29 29 29 30	25 26 26 27 27	23 24 24 25 25 26	21 22 22 23 23	20 20 20 21	17 17 18 18 19
324 327 330 333 336	327 330 333 336 339	44 45 45 46 47	40 41 42 43 43	36 37 38 38 39 40	34 35 35 35 36 36	32 32 33 33 34 34	30 31 31 32 32	28 28 29 29 30 30	26 27 27 27	23 24 24 25 25	21 22 22 23 23 23	19 20 20 21 21
339 341 343 345 347	341 343 345 347 349	48 48 49 49 50	44 45 45 46	40 41 41 42 42	37 37 38 38	35 35 35 36	33 33 33 33 33	30 31 31 31	28 28 29 29 29	26 26 26 27 27	24 24 25 25	21 22 22 22 23
349 351 353 355 357	351 353 355 357 359	50 51 51 52 52	46 47 47 48 48	43 43 44 44 45	39 39 40 40 41 41	36 36 36 37 37	34 34 35 35 35	32 32 32 32 33	29 30 30 30 31 31	27 28 28 28 28 28	25 25 26 26 26 27	23 23 24 24 24 25
359 361 363 365 367	361 363 365 367 369	53 53 54 54 55	49 50 50 51	45 46 46 47 47	42 42 43 43 44	38 39 39 40 40	36 36 36 36 37	33 33 34 34 34 35	31 32 32 32 32 32	29 29 29 30 30	27 27 27 28 28 28	25 25 25 25 26 26
369 371 373 375	371 373 375 377	55 56 56 57	52 52 53 53	48 48 49 49	44 45 45 46	41 41 42 42	37 38 38 39	35 35 35 36	33 33 33 34	31 31 31 31	28 29 29 29	26 27 27 27
377 379 381 383 385 387 389	379 381 383 385 387 389	57 58 58 59 59	54 54 55 55 56 56	50 50 51 51 52 52	46 47 47 48 48	43 44 44 45 45	39 40 40 41 41 42	36 36 37 37 38 38	34 34 35 35 35 35 36	32 32 32 33 33 33	30 30 31 31 31	28 28 28 28 29 29
389 391 393 395 397 399	391 393 395 397 399 401	60 61 61 62 62 63	56 57 57 58 58 59 59	52 53 53 54 54 55 55	49 50 50 51 51 52	46 46 47 47 48 48	42 42 43 43 44 44 45	38 39 39 40 40 41	36 36 37	33 34 34 34 34 35 35	31 32 32 32 32 33	29 29 30 30 30 31 31

\$401 and over

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