Introduction

For tax purposes, an alien is an individual who is not a U.S. citizen. Aliens are classified as nonresident aliens and resident aliens. This publication will help you determine your status and give you information you will need to file your U.S. tax return. Resident aliens generally are taxed on their worldwide income, the same as U.S. citizens. Nonresident aliens are taxed only on their income from sources within the United States and on certain income connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

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Answers to frequently asked questions are included your daytime phone number, including the area code, in your correspondence.

Important Changes for 2001

Reduced tax rates. For tax years beginning in 2001, the 28%, 31%, 36%, and 39.6% graduated income tax rates have been reduced to 27.5%, 30.5%, 35.5%, and 39.1%, respectively. A portion of your income that would be subject to the 15% tax rate is reduced to 10%.

Resident aliens. If you filed a 2000 U.S. tax return (Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ), you may have received the benefits of the 10% rate through an advance payment of income tax in 2001. You do not have to report this payment as income on your 2001 tax return. If you did not receive an advance payment and you are filing as a U.S. resident for 2001, you will receive the benefits of the 10% rate through the rate reduction credit. See the instructions for Form 1040, Form 1040A, or Form 1040EZ.

Nonresident aliens. The 10% tax rate is reflected in the tax table and tax rate schedules. If you filed a 2000 U.S. tax return and received an advance payment of your 2001 U.S. tax, you must use the Tax Computation Worksheet for Nonresident Alien Individuals Who Received an Advance Payment of Their 2001 Tax to figure your 2001 tax. See the instructions for line 39 in the Form 1040NR instructions.

Foreign earned income exclusion. For 2001, the foreign earned income exclusion is $78,000. The exclusion increases to $80,000 for 2002 and later years. For more information, see chapter 3.

Interest on student loans. The maximum deduction for interest paid on a qualified student...
The adoption credit. The maximum credit for qualifying expenses paid to adopt an eligible child will increase to $10,000.

**Important Reminders**

**Individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN).** The IRS will issue an ITIN to a nonresident alien for whom you do not have a social security number. To apply for an ITIN, file Form W-7, Application for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, with the IRS. The ITIN is for tax use only. It does not entitle the holder to social security benefits or change the holder’s employment or immigration status under U.S. law. See Identification Number in chapter 5.

**Disclosure of a treaty-based position that reduces your tax.** If you take the position that any U.S. tax is overruled or otherwise reduced by a U.S. treaty (a treaty-based position), you generally must disclose that position on your affected return. See Effect of Tax Treaties in chapter 1.

**Form 1040NR—EZ.** You may be able to use Form 1040NR—EZ. U.S. Income Tax Return for Certain Nonresident Aliens With No Dependents. This form is shorter and easier to prepare than Form 1040NR. To see if you meet the conditions for filing this form, see Form 1040NR—EZ in chapter 7.

**Earned income credit for nonresident aliens.** If you are a nonresident alien for any part of the year, you cannot claim the earned income credit unless you are married and choose to be treated as a resident alien for the entire year. See Choosing Resident Alien Status and Nonresident Spouse Treated as a Resident in chapter 1.

**Leaving the United States.** Generally, aliens must obtain a sailing permit or departure permit before leaving the United States. See chapter 11 for more information.

**Change of address.** If you change your mailing address, be sure to notify the Internal Revenue Service using Form 8822, Change of Address.

**Nonresident aliens who filed Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR—EZ with the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255, should send the form there. Resident aliens should send the form to the Internal Revenue Service Center for their old address (addresses for the Service Centers are on the back of the form).**

**Expatriation tax.** If you are a former U.S. citizen or former long-term U.S. resident, special tax rules may apply to you. See Expatriation Tax in chapter 4.

**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.

loan has increased to $2,500. See Student loan interest under Deductions in chapter 5.

**Tax relief for victims of terrorist attacks.** At the time this publication was being prepared for print, Congress was considering legislation that would provide tax relief for victims of terrorist attacks in the United States.

For more information, see Publication 3920.

**Third party designee.** Beginning with your tax return for 2001, you can check the "Yes" box in the "Third Party Designee" area of your return to authorize the IRS to discuss your return with a friend, family member, or any other person you choose. This allows the IRS to call the person you identified as your designee to answer any questions that may arise during the processing of your return. It also allows your designee to perform certain actions. See your income tax package for details.

Important Changes for 2002

**Reduced tax rates.** For tax years beginning in 2002, the 27.5%, 30.5%, 35.5%, and 39.1% graduated income tax rates are reduced to 27%, 30%, 35%, and 38.6%, respectively. The 10% rate will be reflected in the tax tables and tax rate schedules for resident and nonresident aliens.

**Interest on student loans.** There will be no longer be a 60-month limit on deducting student loan interest. Also, the income phaseout limit will increase to $65,000 and the maximum deduction will increase to $3,000.

**Individual retirement arrangements (IRAs).** Your maximum contribution (and any allowable deduction) limit is increased. Previously, the limit was $2,000. The new limit depends on your age at the end of the year.

- If you are under age 50, the most you can contribute is the smaller of $3,000, or your taxable compensation.
- If you are age 50 or older, the most you can contribute is the smaller of $3,500, or your taxable compensation.
1. Nonresident Alien or Resident Alien?

Introduction
You should first determine whether, for income tax purposes, you are a nonresident alien or a resident alien. Figure 1–A will help you make this determination.

If you are both a nonresident and resident in the same year, you have a dual status. Dual status is explained later. Also explained later are a choice to treat your nonresident spouse as a resident and some other special situations.

Topics
This chapter discusses:
- How to determine if you are a nonresident, resident, or dual-status alien, and
- How to treat a nonresident spouse as a resident alien.

Useful Items
You may want to see:

Form (and Instructions)
- 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
- 1040A U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
- 1040NR U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return
- 8833 Treaty-Based Return Position Disclosure Under Section 6114 or 7701(b)
- 8840 Closer Connection Exception Statement for Aliens
- 8843 Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals With a Medical Condition

See chapter 12 for information about getting these forms.

Nonresident Aliens
If you are an alien (not a U.S. citizen), you are considered a nonresident alien unless you meet one of the two tests described, next, under Resident Aliens.

Resident Aliens
You are a resident alien of the United States for tax purposes if you meet either the green card test or the substantial presence test for the calendar year (January 1–December 31). Even if you do not meet either of these tests, you may be able to choose to be treated as a U.S. resident for part of the year. See First-Year Choice under Dual-Status Aliens, later.

Green Card Test
You are a resident for tax purposes if you are a lawful permanent resident of the United States at any time during the calendar year. (However, see Dual-Status Aliens, later.) This is known as the "green card" test. You are a lawful permanent resident of the United States at any time if you have been given the privilege, according to the immigration laws, of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. You generally have this status if the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has issued you an alien registration card, also known as a "green card."

You continue to have resident status under this test unless the status is taken away from you or is administratively or judicially determined to have been abandoned.

Resident status taken away. Resident status is considered to have been taken away from you if the U.S. government issues you a final administrative or judicial order of exclusion or deportation. A final judicial order is an order that you may no longer appeal to a higher court of competent jurisdiction.

Resident status abandoned. An administrative or judicial determination of abandonment of resident status may be initiated by you, the INS, or a U.S. consular officer.

If you initiate the determination, your resident status is considered to be abandoned when you file either of the following with the INS or U.S. consular officer:

1) Your application for abandonment.
   2) Your Alien Registration Receipt Card attachment to a letter stating your intent to abandon your resident status.

You must file the letter by certified mail, return receipt requested. You must keep a copy of the letter and proof that it was mailed and received. If the INS or U.S. consular officer initiates this determination, your resident status will be considered to be abandoned when the final administrative order of abandonment is issued. If you are granted an appeal to a federal court of competent jurisdiction, a final judicial order is required.

A long-term resident who ceases to be a lawful permanent resident may be subject to special reporting requirements and tax provisions. See Expatriation Tax in chapter 4.

Substantial Presence Test
You will be considered a U.S. resident for tax purposes if you meet the substantial presence test for the calendar year. To meet this test, you must be physically present in the United States on all three:

1) 31 days during the current year, and
2) 183 days during the 3-year period that includes the current year and the 2 years immediately before that, counting:
   a) All the days you were present in the current year,
   b) 1/3 of the days you were present in the first year before the current year, and
   c) 1/3 of the days you were present in the second year before the current year.

Example. You were physically present in the United States on 120 days in each of the years 1999, 2000, and 2001. To determine if you have been given the privilege, according to the immigration laws, of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant, you must meet the substantial presence test for 2001, count the full 120 days of presence in 2001, 40 days in 2000 (1/3 of 120), and 20 days in 1999 (1/3 of 120). Since the total for the 3-year period is 180 days, you are not considered a resident under the substantial presence test for 2001. The term United States includes the following areas:

1) All 50 states and the District of Columbia.
2) The territorial waters of the United States.
3) The seabed and subsoil of those submerged areas that are adjacent to U.S. territorial waters and over which the United States has exclusive rights under international law to explore and exploit natural resources.

The term does not include U.S. possessions and territories or U.S. airspace.

Days of Presence in the United States
You are treated as present in the United States on any day you are physically present in the country at any time during the day. However, there are exceptions to this rule. Do not count the following as days of presence in the United States for the substantial presence test:

- Days you commute to work in the United States from a residence in Canada or Mexico if you regularly commute from Canada or Mexico.
- Days you are in the United States for less than 24 hours when you are in transit between two places outside the United States.
- Days you are in the United States as a crew member of a foreign vessel.
- Days you are unable to leave the United States because of a medical condition that develops while you are in the United States.
- Days you are an exempt individual.

The specific rules that apply to each of these categories are discussed next.

Regular commuters from Canada or Mexico. Do not count the days on which you commute to work in the United States from your residence in Canada or Mexico if you regularly commute from Canada or Mexico. You are considered to commute regularly if you commute to work in the
Figure 1-A. Nonresident Alien or Resident Alien?

Start here to determine your status for 2001

Were you a lawful permanent resident of the United States (had a “green card”) at any time during 2001?

Yes  No

Were you physically present in the United States on at least 31 days during 2001? 

Yes  No

Were you physically present in the United States on at least 183 days during the 3-year period consisting of 1999, 2000, and 2001, counting all days of presence in 2001, 1/3 the days of presence in 2000, and 1/6 the days of presence in 1999? 

Yes  No

Were you physically present in the United States on at least 183 days during 2001? 

Yes  No

Can you show that for 2001 you have a tax home in a foreign country and have a closer connection to that country than to the United States?

No  Yes

You are a resident alien for U.S. tax purposes.

You are a nonresident alien for U.S. tax purposes.

1 If this is your first or last year of residency, you may have a dual status for the year. See Dual-Status Aliens in chapter 1.
2 In some circumstances you may still be considered a nonresident alien under an income tax treaty between the U.S. and your country. Check the provisions of the treaty carefully.
3 See Days of Presence in the United States in this chapter for days that do not count as days of presence in the United States.
4 If you meet the substantial presence test for 2002, you may be able to choose treatment as a U.S. resident alien for part of 2001. For details, see Substantial Presence Test under Resident Aliens and First-Year Choice under Dual-Status Aliens in chapter 1.
United States on more than 75% of the workdays during your working period. For this purpose, "commute" means to travel to work and return to your residence within a 24-hour period. "Workdays" are the days on which you worked in the United States or Canada or Mexico. "Working period" means the period beginning with the first day in the current year on which you are physically present in the United States to work and ending on the last day in the current year on which you are physically present in the United States to work. If your work requires you to be present in the United States only on a seasonal or cyclical basis, your working period begins on the first day of the season or cycle and ends on the last day of the season or cycle on which you are present in the United States to work. You can have more than one working period in a calendar year, and your working period can begin in one calendar year and end in the following calendar year.

Example. Maria Perez lives in Mexico and works for Compania ABC in its office in Mexico. She was assigned to her firm’s office in the United States from February 1 through June 1. On June 2, she resumed her employment in Mexico. On 63 days, Maria commuted each morning from her home in Mexico to work in Compania ABC’s U.S. office. She returned to her home in Mexico on each of those evenings. On 7 days, she worked in her firm’s Mexico office. For purposes of the substantial presence test, Maria does not count the days she commuted to work in the United States because those days equal more than 75% of the workdays during the working period (69 workdays in the United States divided by 76 workdays in the working period equals 90.8%).

Days in transit. Do not count the days you are in the United States for less than 24 hours and you are in transit between two places outside the United States. You are considered to be in transit if you engage in activities that are substantially related to completing travel to your foreign destination. For example, if you travel between airports in the United States to change planes en route to your foreign destination, you are considered to be in transit. However, you are not considered to be in transit if you attend a business meeting while in the United States. This is true even if the meeting is held at the airport.

Crew members. Do not count the days you are present in the United States as a regular crew member of a foreign vessel engaged in transportation between the United States and a foreign country or a U.S. possession or territory. However, this exception does not apply if you otherwise engage in any trade or business in the United States on those days.

Medical condition. Do not count the days you intended to leave, but could not leave the United States because of a medical condition or problem that developed while you were in the United States. Whether you intended to leave the United States on a particular day is determined based on all the facts and circumstances. For example, you may be able to establish that you intended to leave if your purpose for visiting the United States could be accomplished during a period that is not long enough to qualify you for the substantial presence test. However, if you need an extended period of time to accomplish the purpose of your visit and that period would qualify you for the substantial presence test, you would not be able to establish an intent to leave the United States before the end of that extended period.

In the case of an individual who is judged mentally incompetent, proof of intent to leave the United States can be determined by analyzing the individual’s pattern of behavior before he or she was judged mentally incompetent. If you qualify to exclude days of presence because of a medical condition, you must file a fully completed Form 8843 with the IRS. See Form 8843, later. You cannot exclude any days of presence in the United States following the circumstances:

1) You were initially prevented from leaving, were then able to leave, but remained in the United States beyond a reasonable period for making arrangements to leave.
2) You returned to the United States for treatment of a medical condition that developed during a prior stay.
3) The condition existed before your arrival in the United States and you were aware of the condition. It does not matter whether you needed treatment for the condition when you entered the United States.

Exempt individual. Do not count days for which you are an exempt individual. The term "exempt individual" does not refer to someone entitled to U.S. tax benefits, but to anyone in the following categories:

1) An individual temporarily present in the United States as a foreign government-related individual.
2) A teacher or trainee temporarily present in the United States under an "F," "J," "M," or "Q" visa, who substantially complies with the requirements of the visa.
3) A student temporarily present in the United States under an "F," "J," "M," or "Q" visa, who substantially complies with the requirements of the visa.
4) A professional athlete temporarily in the United States to compete in a charitable sports event.

The specific rules for each of these four categories are discussed next.

Foreign government-related individuals. A foreign government-related individual is an individual who substantially represents full-time diplomatic or consular status. An international organization is any public international organization that the President of the United States has designated by Executive Order as being entitled to the privileges, exemptions, and immunities provided for in the International Organizations Act. An individual is a full-time employee if his or her work schedule meets the organization’s standard full-time work schedule.

An individual is considered to have full-time diplomatic or consular status if he or she:
1) Has been accredited by a foreign government that is recognized by the United States,
2) Intends to engage primarily in official activities for that foreign government while in the United States, and
3) Has been recognized by the President, Secretary of State, or a consular officer as being entitled to that status.

Members of the immediate family include the individual’s spouse and unmarried children (whether by blood or adoption) but only if the spouse’s or unmarried children’s visa statuses are derived from and dependent on the exempt individual’s visa classification. Unmarried children are included only if they:
1) Are under 21 years of age,
2) Reside regularly in the exempt individual’s household, and
3) Are not members of another household.

The immediate family of an exempt individual does not include attendants, servants, or personal employees.

Teachers and trainees. A teacher or trainee is an individual, other than a student, who is temporarily in the United States under a "J" or "Q" visa and substantially complies with the requirements of that visa. You are considered to have substantially complied with the visa requirements if you substantially comply with the activities that are prohibited by U.S. immigration laws and could result in the loss of your visa status.

Also included are immediate family members of exempt teachers and trainees. See the definition of immediate family, earlier, under Foreign government-related individuals.

You will not be an exempt individual as a teacher or trainee if you were exempt as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of 2 of the 6 preceding calendar years. However, you will be an exempt individual if you were exempt as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of 3 of the 6 preceding calendar years.

1) A foreign employer paid all of your compensation during the current year, and
2) A foreign employer paid all of your compensation during each of the preceding 6 years you were present in the United States as a teacher or trainee.

A foreign employer includes an office or place of business of an American entity in a foreign country or a U.S. possession. If you qualify to exclude days of presence as a teacher or trainee, you must file a fully completed Form 8843 with the IRS. See Form 8843, later.
Example. Carla was temporarily in the United States during the year as a teacher on a "J" visa. Her compensation for the year was paid by a foreign employer. Carla was treated as an exempt teacher for the past 2 years but her compensation was not paid by a foreign employer. She will not be considered an exempt individual for the current year because she was exempt as a teacher for at least 2 of the past 6 years. If her compensation for the past 2 years had been paid by a foreign employer, she would be an exempt individual for the current year.

Students. A student is any individual who is temporarily in the United States on an "F," "J," "M," or "Q" visa and who substantially complies with the requirements of that visa. You are considered to have substantially complied with the visa requirements if you have not engaged in activities that are prohibited by U.S. immigration laws and could result in the loss of your visa status. Also included are immediate family members of that student. See the definition of immediate family, earlier, under Foreign government-related individuals.

You will not be an exempt individual as a student if you have been exempt as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of more than 5 calendar years unless you establish to the satisfaction of the IRS Field Assistance Area Director that you do not intend to reside permanently in the United States and you have substantially complied with the requirements of your visa. The facts and circumstances to be considered in determining if you have demonstrated an intent to reside permanently in the United States include, but are not limited to the following:

1) Whether you have maintained a closer connection to a foreign country (discussed later).

2) Whether you have taken affirmative steps to change your status from nonimmigrant to lawful permanent resident as discussed, later, under Closer Connection to a Foreign Country.

If you qualify to exclude days of presence as a student, you must file a fully completed Form 8843 with the IRS. See Form 8843, later.

Professional athletes. A professional athlete who is temporarily in the United States to compete in a charitable sports event is an exempt individual. A charitable sports event is one that meets the following conditions.

1) The main purpose is to benefit a qualified charitable organization.

2) The entire net proceeds go to charity.

3) Volunteers perform substantially all the work.

In figuring the days of presence in the United States, you can exclude only the days on which you actually competed in a sports event. You cannot exclude the days on which you were in the United States to practice for the event, to perform promotional or other activities related to the event, or to travel between events.

If you qualify to exclude days of presence as a professional athlete, you must file a fully completed Form 8843 with the IRS. See Form 8843, next.

Example. Carla was temporarily in the United States during the year as a teacher on a "J" visa. Her compensation for the year was paid by a foreign employer. Carla was treated as an exempt teacher for the past 2 years but her compensation was not paid by a foreign employer. She will not be considered an exempt individual for the current year because she was exempt as a teacher for at least 2 of the past 6 years. If her compensation for the past 2 years had been paid by a foreign employer, she would be an exempt individual for the current year.

Students. A student is any individual who is temporarily in the United States on an "F," "J," "M," or "Q" visa and who substantially complies with the requirements of that visa. You are considered to have substantially complied with the visa requirements if you have not engaged in activities that are prohibited by U.S. immigration laws and could result in the loss of your visa status. Also included are immediate family members of that student. See the definition of immediate family, earlier, under Foreign government-related individuals.

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1) Whether you have maintained a closer connection to a foreign country (discussed later).

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If you qualify to exclude days of presence as a professional athlete, you must file a fully completed Form 8843 with the IRS. See Form 8843, next.

Form 8843. If you exclude days of presence in the United States because you fall into any of the following categories, you must file a fully completed Form 8843.

1) You were unable to leave the United States as planned because of a medical condition.

2) You were temporarily in the United States as a teacher or trainee on a "J" or "G" visa.

3) You were temporarily in the United States as a student on an "F," "J," "M," or "Q" visa.

4) You were a professional athlete competing in a charitable sports event.

Attach Form 8843 to your 2001 income tax return. If you do not have to file a return, send Form 8843 to the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255, by the due date for filing an income tax return. The due date for filing is discussed in chapter 7.

If you do not timely file Form 8843, you cannot exclude the days you were present in the United States as a professional athlete or because of a medical condition that arose while you were in the United States. This does not apply if you can show by clear and convincing evidence that you took reasonable actions to become aware of the filing requirements and significant steps to comply with those requirements.

Closely Connection to a Foreign Country

Even if you meet the substantial presence test, you can be treated as a nonresident alien if you:

1) Are present in the United States for less than 183 days during the year.

2) Maintain a tax home in a foreign country during the year, and

3) Have a closer connection during the year to a foreign country in which you have a tax home than to the United States (unless you have a closer connection to two foreign countries, discussed next).

Closely Connection to two Foreign Countries.

You can demonstrate that you have a closer connection to two foreign countries if you:

1) Are present in the United States for less than 183 days during the year.

2) Maintain a tax home in a foreign country during the year.

3) Have a closer connection during the year to one foreign country in which you have a tax home than to the United States (unless you have a closer connection to two foreign countries, discussed next).

1) You maintained a tax home beginning on the first day of the year in one foreign country.

2) You changed your tax home during the year to a second foreign country.

3) You continued to maintain your tax home in the second foreign country for the rest of the period during which you maintained a tax home in that foreign country.

4) You had a closer connection to each foreign country than to the United States for the period during which you maintained a tax home in that foreign country.

5) You are subject to tax as a resident under the tax laws of either foreign country for the entire year or subject to tax as a resident in both foreign countries for the period during which you maintained a tax home in each foreign country.

Tax home. Your tax home is the general area of your main place of business, employment, or post of duty, regardless of where you maintain your family home. Your tax home is the place where you permanently or indefinitely work as an employee or a self-employed individual. If you do not have a regular or main place of business because of the nature of your work, then your tax home is the place where you regularly live. If you do not fit either of these categories, you are considered an itinerant, and your tax home is wherever you work.

For determining whether you have a closer connection to a foreign country, your tax home must also be in existence for the entire current year, and must be located in the same foreign country for which you are claiming to have a closer connection.

Foreign country. In determining whether you have a closer connection to a foreign country, the term "foreign country" means:

1) Any territory under the sovereignty of the United Nations or a government other than that of the United States,

2) The territorial waters of the foreign country (determined under U.S. law),

3) The seabed and subsoil of those submersible areas which are adjacent to the territorial waters of the foreign country and under which the foreign country has exclusive rights under international law to explore and exploit natural resources, and

4) Possessions and territories of the United States.

Establishing a closer connection. You will be considered to have a closer connection to a foreign country than the United States if you or the IRS establishes that you have maintained more significant contacts with the foreign country than with the United States. In determining whether you have maintained more significant contacts with the foreign country than with the United States, the facts and circumstances to be considered include, but are not limited to the following:

1) The country of residence you designate on forms and documents.

2) The types of official forms and documents you file, such as Form W–9, Form W–8BEN, or Form W–8ECI.

3) The location of:

a) Your permanent home,

b) Your family,

c) Your personal belongings, such as cars, furniture, clothing, and jewelry,

d) Your current social, political, cultural, or religious affiliations,

e) Your business activities (other than those that constitute your tax home),

f) The jurisdiction in which you hold a driver's license, and

g) The jurisdiction in which you vote.
Nonresident Alien or Resident Alien?

For purposes other than figuring your tax, for the period January 6, 2001, to March 1, 2001, Robert turned to Switzerland. Robert came back to the United States as a U.S. resident for the tax year, and returned to Russia on January 10, 2001. His tax home remained in Russia. On September 10, 2001, Ivan Ivanovich is a citizen of Russia or countries. This does not apply if you can show by clear and convincing evidence that you took reasonable actions to become aware of the filing requirements and significant steps to comply with those requirements.

Effect of Tax Treaties

The rules discussed here do not affect your residency time periods as discussed, later, under Dual-Status Aliens. Information to be reported. If you are a dual resident taxpayer and you claim treaty benefits, you must timely file a return (including extensions) using Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR-EZ, and compute your tax as a nonresident alien. You must also attach a fully completed Form 8833. See Reporting Treaty Benefits Claimed in chapter 9 for more information on reporting treaty benefits.

Dual-Status Aliens

You can be both a nonresident alien and a resident alien during the same tax year. This usually occurs in the year you arrive in or depart from the United States. Aliens who have dual status should see chapter 6 for information on filing a return for a dual-status tax year.

First Year of Residency

If you are a U.S. resident for the calendar year, but have not lived in the United States at any time during the preceding calendar year, you are a U.S. resident only for the period of the calendar year that begins on the residency starting date. You are a nonresident alien for the period before that date.

Residency starting date under substantial presence test. If you meet the substantial presence test for a calendar year, your residency starting date is generally the first day you are present in the United States during that calendar year. However, you do not have to count up to 10 days of actual presence in the United States if on those days you establish that:

1. You had a closer connection to a foreign country than to the United States, and
2. Your tax home was in that foreign country.

See Closer Connection to a Foreign Country, earlier, in determining whether you can exclude up to 10 days, the following rules apply:

1. You can exclude days from more than one period of presence as long as the total days in all periods are not more than 10.
2. You cannot exclude any days in a period of consecutive days of presence if all the days in that period cannot be excluded.
3. Although you can exclude up to 10 days of presence in determining your residency starting date, you must include those days when determining whether you meet the substantial presence test.

Example. Ivan Ivanovich is a citizen of Russia. He came to the United States for the first time on January 6, 2001, to attend a business meeting and returned to Russia on January 10, 2001. His tax home remained in Russia. On March 1, 2001, he moved to the United States and resided here for the rest of the year. Ivan is able to establish a closer connection to Russia for the period January 6–10. Thus, his residency starting date is March 1.

Statement required to exclude up to 10 days of presence. You must file a statement with the IRS if you are excluding up to 10 days of presence in the United States for purposes of your residency starting date. You must sign and date this statement and include a declaration that it is made under penalties of perjury. The statement must contain the following information (as applicable):

1. Your name, address, U.S. taxpayer identification number (if any), and U.S. visa number (if any).
2. Your passport number and the name of the country that issued your passport.
3. The tax year for which the statement applies.
4. The first day that you were present in the United States during the year.
5. The dates of the days you are excluding in figuring your first day of residency.
6. Sufficient facts to establish that you have maintained your tax home in and a closer connection to a foreign country during the period you are excluding.

Attach the required statement to your income tax return. If you are not required to file a return, send the statement to the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255, on or before the due date for filing an income tax return. The due date for filing is discussed in chapter 7.

If you do not file the required statement as explained above, you cannot claim that you have a closer connection to a foreign country or countries. Therefore, your first day of residency will be the first day you are present in the United States. This does not apply if you can show by clear and convincing evidence that you took reasonable actions to become aware of the requirements for filing the statement and significant steps to comply with those requirements.

Residency starting date under green card test. If you meet the green card test at any time during a calendar year, but do not meet the substantial presence test for that year, your residency starting date is the first day in the calendar year on which you are present in the United States as a lawful permanent resident. If you meet both the substantial presence test and the green card test, your residency starting date is the earlier of the first day during the year you are present in the United States under the substantial presence test or as a lawful permanent resident.

Residency during the preceding year. If you were a U.S. resident during any part of the preceding calendar year and you are a U.S. resident for any part of the current year, you will be considered a U.S. resident at the beginning of the current year. This applies whether you are a resident under the substantial presence test or green card test.

Example. Robert Bach is a citizen of Switzerland. He came to the United States as a U.S. resident for the first time on May 1, 2000, and remained until November 5, 2000, when he re- turned to Switzerland. Robert came back to the United States on March 5, 2001, as a lawful permanent resident and still resides here. In
calendar year 2001, Robert’s U.S. residency is deemed to begin on January 1, 2001, because he qualified as a resident in calendar year 2000.

First-Year Choice

If you do not meet either the green card test or the substantial presence test for 2000 or 2001 and you did not choose to be treated as a resident for part of 2000, but you meet the substantial presence test for 2002, you can choose to be treated as a U.S. resident for part of 2001. To make this choice, you must:

1) Be present in the United States for at least 31 days in a row in 2001, and
2) Be present in the United States for at least 75% of the number of days beginning with the first day of the 31-day period and ending with the last day of 2001. For purposes of this 75% requirement, you can treat up to 5 days of absence from the United States as days of presence in the United States.

When counting the days of presence in (1) and (2) above, do not count the days you were in the United States under any of the exceptions discussed, earlier, under Days of Presence in the United States.

If you make the first-year choice, your residency starting date for 2001 is the first day of the earliest 31-day period (described in (1) above) that you use to qualify for the choice. You are treated as a U.S. resident for the rest of the year. If you are present for more than one 31-day period and you satisfy condition (2) above for each of those periods, your residency starting date is the first day of the first 31-day period. If you are present for more than one 31-day period but you satisfy condition (2) above only for a later 31-day period, your residency starting date is the first day of the later 31-day period.

Example 1. Juan DaSilva is a citizen of the Philippines. He came to the United States on December 17, 2001. He stayed in the United States under the substantial presence test. Juan can make the first-year choice for 2001 because he was in the United States in 2001 for a period of 31 days in a row (November 1 through December 15, 2001) and for at least 75% of the days following (and including) the first day of his 31-day period (46 total days of presence in the United States divided by 61 days in the period from November 1 through December 31 equals 75.4%). If Juan makes the first-year choice, his residency starting date for 2001 is the first day of the later 31-day period.

Statement required to make the first-year choice. You must attach a statement to Form 1040 to make the first-year choice. The statement must contain your name and address and specify the following.

1) That you are making the first-year choice.
2) That you were not a resident in 2000.
3) That you are a resident under the substantial presence test in 2002.
4) The number of days of presence in the United States during 2002.
5) The date or dates of your 31-day period of presence and the period of continuous presence in the United States during 2001.
6) The date or dates of absence from the United States during 2001 that you are treating as days of presence.

You cannot file Form 1040 or the statement until you meet the substantial presence test for 2002. If you have not met the test for 2002 as of April 15, 2002, you can request an extension of time for filing your 2001 Form 1040 until a reasonable period after you have met that test. To request an extension to file until August 15, 2002, use Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. You can file the paper form or use one of the electronic filing options explained in the Form 4868 instructions. You should pay with this extension the amount of tax you expect to owe for 2001 as if you were a nonresident alien the entire year. You can use Form 4860NR or Form 1040NR–EZ to figure the tax. Enter the tax on Form 4868. If you do not pay the tax due, you will be charged interest on any tax not paid by the regular due date of your return, and you may be charged a penalty on the late payment. If you need more time after filing Form 4868, file Form 2888, Application for Additional Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

Once you make the first-year choice, you may not revoke it without the approval of the Internal Revenue Service.

If you do not follow the procedures discussed here for making the first-year choice, you will be treated as a nonresident alien for all of 2001. However, this does not apply if you can show by clear and convincing evidence that you took reasonable actions to become aware of the filing procedures and significant steps to comply with the procedures.

Choosing Resident Alien Status

If you are a dual-status alien, you can choose to be treated as a U.S. resident for the entire year if:
1) You were a nonresident alien at the beginning of the year.
2) You are a resident alien or U.S. citizen at the end of the year.
3) You are married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien at the end of the year, and
4) Your spouse joins you in making the choice.

This includes situations in which both you and your spouse were nonresident aliens at the beginning of the tax year and both of you are resident aliens at the end of the tax year. If you make this choice, the following rules apply.

• You and your spouse are treated as U.S. residents for the entire year for income tax purposes.
• You and your spouse are taxed on worldwide income.
• You and your spouse must file a joint return for the year of the choice.
• Neither you nor your spouse can make this choice for any later tax year, even if you are separated, divorced, or remarried.
• The special instructions and restrictions for dual-status taxpayers in chapter 6 do not apply to you.

Note. A similar choice is available if, at the end of the tax year, one spouse is a nonresident alien and the other spouse is a U.S. citizen or resident. See Nonresident Alien Spouse Treated as a Resident, later. If you previously made that choice and it is still in effect, you do not need to make the choice explained here.

Making the choice. You should attach a statement signed by both spouses to your joint return for the year of the choice. The statement must contain the following information.

1) A declaration that you both qualify to make the choice and that you choose to be treated as U.S. residents for the entire tax year.
2) The name, address, and taxpayer identification number (SSN or ITIN) of each spouse. (If one spouse died, include the name and address of the person who makes the choice for the deceased spouse.)
3) That you are making the first-year choice.
4) That you were not a resident in 2000.
5) That you are a resident under the substantial presence test in 2002.
6) The number of days of presence in the United States during 2002.
7) The date or dates of your 31-day period of presence and the period of continuous presence in the United States during 2001.
8) The date or dates of absence from the United States during 2001 that you are treating as days of presence.
9) That you did not choose to be treated as a resident under the substantial presence test earlier in the tax year.

You generally make this choice when you file your joint return. However, you can also make the choice by filing Form 1040X. Attach Form 1040, Form 1040A, or Form 1040EZ and print “Amended” across the top of the corrected return. If you make the choice with an amended return, and you and your spouse must also amend any returns that you may have filed after the year for which you made the choice. You generally must file the amended joint return within 3 years from the date you filed your original U.S. income tax return or 2 years from the date you paid your income tax for that year, whichever is later.

Last Year of Residency

If you were a U.S. resident in 2001 but are not a U.S. resident during any part of 2002, you cease to be a U.S. resident on your residency termination date. Your residency termination date is December 31, 2001, unless you qualify for an earlier date as discussed next.

Earlier residency termination date. You may qualify for a residency termination date that is earlier than December 31. This date is:

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1) The last day in 2001 that you are physically present in the United States, if you met the substantial presence test.
2) The first day in 2001 that you are no longer a lawful permanent resident of the United States, if you met the green card test, or
3) The later of (1) or (2), if you met both tests.

You can use this date only if, for the remainder of 2001, your tax home was in a foreign country and you had a closer connection to that foreign country. See Close Connection to a Foreign Country, earlier.

A long-term resident who ceases to be a lawful permanent resident may be subject to special reporting requirements and tax provisions. See Expatriation Tax in chapter 4.

De minimis presence. If you are a U.S. resident because of the substantial presence test and you qualify to use the earlier residency termination date, you can exclude up to 10 days of actual presence in the United States in determining your residency termination date. In determining whether you can exclude up to 10 days, the following rules apply.

1) You can exclude days from more than one period of presence as long as the total days in all periods are not more than 10.
2) You cannot exclude any days in a period of consecutive days of presence if all the days in that period cannot be excluded.
3) Although you can exclude up to 10 days of presence in determining your residency termination date, you must include those days when determining whether you meet the substantial presence test.

Example. Lola Bovary is a citizen of Malta. She came to the United States for the first time on March 1, 2001, and resided here until August 25, 2001. On December 12, 2001, Lola came to the United States for vacation and stayed here until December 16, 2001, when she returned to Malta. She is able to establish a closer connection to Malta for the period December 12–16.

Lola is a U.S. resident for tax purposes during 2002 and can establish a closer connection to Malta for the rest of calendar year 2001. Lola is a U.S. resident under the substantial presence test for 2001 because she was present in the United States for 183 days (178 days for the period March 1 to August 25 plus 5 days in December). Lola’s residency termination date is August 25, 2001.

Residency during the next year. If you are a U.S. resident during any part of 2002 and you are a resident during any part of 2001, you will be taxed as a resident through the end of 2001. This applies whether you have a closer connection to a foreign country than the United States during 2001, and whether you are a resident under the substantial presence test or green card test.

Statement required to establish your residency termination date. You must file a statement with the IRS to establish your residency termination date. You must sign and date this statement and include a declaration that it is made under penalties of perjury. The statement must contain the following information (as applicable):

1) Your name, address, U.S. taxpayer identification number (if any), and U.S. visa number (if any).
2) Your passport number and the name of the country that issued your passport.
3) The tax year for which the statement applies.
4) The last day that you were present in the United States during the year.
5) Sufficient facts to establish that you have maintained your tax home in and that you had a closer connection to a foreign country during the year.
6) The date that your status as a lawful permanent resident has been abandoned or rescinded.
7) Sufficient facts (including copies of relevant documents) to establish that your status as a lawful permanent resident has been abandoned or rescinded.
8) If you can exclude days under the de minimis presence rule, discussed earlier, include the dates of the days you are excluding and sufficient facts to establish that you have maintained your tax home in and that you have a closer connection to a foreign country during the year you are excluding.

Attach the required statement to your income tax return. If you are not required to file a return, send the statement to the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255, on or before the due date for filing an income tax return. The due date for filing is discussed in chapter 7.

If you do not file the required statement as explained above, you cannot claim that you have a closer connection to a foreign country or countries. This does not apply if you can show by clear and convincing evidence that you took reasonable actions to become aware of the requirements for filing the statement and significant steps to comply with those requirements.

Nonresident Spouse Treated as a Resident

If, at the end of your tax year, you are married and one spouse is a U.S. citizen or a resident alien and the other spouse is a nonresident alien, you can choose to treat the nonresident spouse as a U.S. resident alien. This includes situations in which one spouse is a nonresident alien at the beginning of the tax year, but a resident alien at the end of the year, and the other spouse is a nonresident alien at the end of the year.

If you make this choice, you and your spouse are treated for income tax purposes as residents for your entire tax year. Generally, neither you nor your spouse can claim tax treaty benefits as resident aliens for a tax year for which the choice is in effect and you are both taxed on worldwide income. You must file a joint income tax return for the year you make the choice, but you and your spouse can file joint or separate returns in later years.

If you file a joint return under this provision, the special instructions and restrictions for dual-status taxpayers in chapter 6 do not apply to you.

Example. Bob and Sharon Williams are married and both are nonresident aliens at the beginning of the year. In June, Bob became a resident alien and remained a resident for the rest of the year. Bob and Sharon both choose to be treated as resident aliens by attaching a statement to their joint return. Bob and Sharon must file a joint return for the year they make the choice, but they can file either joint or separate returns for later years.

How To Make the Choice

Attach a statement, signed by both spouses, to your joint return for the first tax year for which the choice applies. It should contain the following information.

1) A declaration that one spouse was a nonresident alien at the end of the tax year, and the other spouse is a U.S. citizen or resident alien on the first day of your tax year, and that you choose to be treated as U.S. residents for the entire tax year.
2) The name, address, and identification number of each spouse. (If one spouse died, include the name and address of the person making the choice for the deceased spouse.)

Amended return. You generally make this choice when you file your joint return. However, you can also make this choice by filing a joint amended return on Form 1040X. Attach Form 1040, Form 1040A, or Form 1040EZ and print “Amended” across the top of the corrected return. If you make the choice with an amended return, you and your spouse must also amend any returns that you may have filed after the year for which you made the choice.

You generally must file the amended joint return within 3 years from the date you filed your original U.S. income tax return or 2 years from the date you paid your income tax for that year, whichever is later.

SUSPENDING THE CHOICE

The choice to be treated as a resident alien does not apply to any tax year (after the tax year you made the choice) if neither spouse is a U.S. citizen or resident alien at any time during the tax year.

Example. Dick Brown was a resident alien on December 31, 1998, and married to Judy, a nonresident alien. They choose to treat Judy as a resident alien and filed joint 1998 and 1999 income tax returns. On January 10, 2000, Dick became a nonresident alien. Judy had remained
a nonresident alien throughout the period. Dick and Judy could have filed joint or separate returns for 2000. However, since neither Dick nor Judy is a resident alien at any time during 2001, their choice is suspended for that year. If either has U.S. source income or foreign source income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business in 2001, they must file separate returns as nonresident aliens. If Dick becomes a resident alien again in 2001, their choice is no longer suspended.

Ending the Choice

Once made, the choice to be treated as a resident applies to all later years unless suspended (as explained earlier under, Suspending the Choice) or ended in one of the following ways. If the choice is ended in one of the following ways, neither spouse can make this choice in any later tax year.

1) Revocation. Either spouse can revoke the choice for any tax year, provided he or she makes the revocation by the due date for filing the tax return for that tax year. The spouse who revokes must attach a signed statement declaring that the choice is being revoked. The statement must include the name, address, and identification number of each spouse. (If one spouse dies, include the name and address of the person who is revoking the choice for the deceased spouse.)

2) Death. The death of either spouse ends the choice, beginning with the first tax year following the year the spouse died. However, if the surviving spouse is a U.S. citizen or resident and is entitled to the joint tax rates as a surviving spouse, the choice will not end until the close of the last year for which these joint rates may be used. If both spouses die in the same tax year, the choice ends on the first day after the close of the tax year in which the spouse died.

3) Legal separation. A legal separation under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance ends the choice as of the beginning of the tax year in which the legal separation occurs.

4) Inadequate records. The Internal Revenue Service can end the choice for any tax year that either spouse has failed to keep adequate books, records, and other information necessary to determine the correct income tax liability, or to provide adequate access to those records.

Resident Aliens

A resident alien’s income is generally subject to tax in the same manner as a U.S. citizen. If you are a resident alien, you must report all interest, dividends, wages, or other compensation for services, income from rental property or royalties, and other types of income on your U.S. tax return. You must report these amounts whether from sources within or outside the United States.

Nonresident Aliens

A nonresident alien usually is subject to U.S. income tax only on U.S. source income. Under limited circumstances, certain foreign source income is subject to U.S. tax. See Foreign Income in chapter 4.

The general rules for determining U.S. source income that apply to most nonresident aliens are shown in Table 2–1. The following discussions cover the general rules as well as the exceptions to these rules.

Not all items of U.S. source income are taxable. See chapter 3.

Interest

Generally, U.S. source interest income includes the following items.

• Interest on bonds, notes, or other interest-bearing obligations of U.S. residents or domestic corporations.
• Interest paid by a domestic or foreign partnership or foreign corporation engaged in a U.S. trade or business at any time during the tax year.
• Original issue discount.
• Interest from a state, the District of Columbia, or the U.S. Government.

The place or manner of payment is immaterial in determining the source of the income. A substitute interest payment made to the transferee of a security in a securities lending transaction or a sale-repurchase transaction is sourced in the same manner as the interest on the transferred security.

Exceptions. U.S. source interest income does not include the following items.

1) Interest paid by a resident alien or a domestic corporation if for the 3-year period ending with the close of the payer’s tax year preceding the interest payment at least 80% of the payer’s total gross income:

a) Is from sources outside the United States, and
b) Is attributable to the active conduct of a trade or business by the individual or corporation in a foreign country or a U.S. possession.
2) Interest paid by a foreign branch of a domes-
tic corporation or a domestic partner-
ship on deposits or withdrawable accounts
with mutual savings banks, cooperative
banks, credit unions, domestic building and
loan associations, and other savings
institutions chartered and supervised as
savings and loan or similar associations
under federal or state law if the interest
paid or credited can be deducted by the
association.
3) Interest on deposits with a foreign branch
of a domestic corporation or domestic part-
nership, but only if the branch is in the
commercial banking business.

Dividends
In most cases, dividend income received from
domestic corporations is U.S. source income.
Dividend income from foreign corporations is
usually foreign source income. Exceptions to
both of these rules are discussed below.
A substitute dividend payment made to the
transferor of a security in a securities lending
transaction or a sale-repurchase transaction is
sourced in the same manner as a distribution on
the transferred security.

First exception. Dividends received from a
corporation. Dividends received from foreign
corporations are not U.S. source income. As
exceptions to both of these rules are discussed below.
A substitute dividend payment made to the
transferor of a security in a securities lending
transaction or a sale-repurchase transaction is
sourced in the same manner as a distribution on
the transferred security.

Second exception. Part of the dividends re-
ceived from a foreign corporation is U.S. source
income if the corporation elects the Puerto Rico
economic activity credit or the possession
tax credit.

Personal Services
All wages and any other compensation for ser-
dices performed in the United States are consid-
ered to be from sources in the United States.
The only exception to this rule is discussed in
chapter 3 under Employees of foreign persons,
organizations, or offices.
If your compensation is for personal services
performed both inside and outside the United
States, you must figure the amount of income
that is for services performed in the United
States. You usually do this on a time basis. That
is, you must include in gross income as U.S.
source income the amount that results from mul-
tiplying the total amount of compensation by
the following fraction:

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\text{Fraction} = \frac{\text{Number of days you performed}}{\text{Total number of days of service for which you receive payment}}
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Example. Jean Blanc, a nonresident alien, is a professional hockey player with a U.S.
hockey club. Under Jean’s contract, he received
$98,500 for 242 days of play during the year.
This includes days spent at pre-season training
camp, days during the regular season, and play-
off games days. Of the 242 days, Jean spent 194
days performing services in the United States
and 48 days playing hockey in Canada. Jean’s U.S.
source income is $78,963, figured as fol-

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194 \times \frac{98,500}{242} = 78,963
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Reenlistment bonus. A reenlistment bonus
received by a nonresident alien for reenlistment
in the U.S. Navy while in a foreign country is not
U.S. source income.

Crew members. Compensation for services
performed by a nonresident alien as a crew mem-
ber with the individual’s temporary presence in
the United States as a regular crew member of a
foreign vessel engaged in transportation be-
 tween the United States and a foreign country or
U.S. possession is not U.S. source income.

Transportation Income
Transportation income is income from the use of
a vessel or aircraft or for the performance of
services directly related to the use of any vessel
or aircraft. This is true whether the vessel or
aircraft is owned, hired, or leased. The term
“vessel or aircraft” includes any container used
in connection with a vessel or aircraft.
All income from transportation that begins
and ends in the United States is treated as
derived from sources in the United States. If the
transportation begins or ends in the United
States, 50% of the transportation income is
treated as derived from sources in the United
States.
For transportation income from personal ser-
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\text{Pensions}
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Where services performed
Where services performed
Allocation
Residence of payer
Whether a U.S. or foreign corporation*
Location of property
Location of property
Where property is used
Seller’s tax home (but see Personal
Property, later, for exceptions)
Where services were performed that earned
the pension
Allocation based on fair market value of
property at export terminal. For more
information, see section 1.863-1(b) of
the regulations.

* Exceptions include:
 a) Dividends paid by a U.S. corporation are foreign source if the corporation elects the Puerto Rico
    economic activity credit or possessions tax credit.
 b) Part of a dividend paid by a foreign corporation is U.S. source if at least 25% of the corporation’s gross income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business for the 3 tax years before the year in which the dividends are declared.

Table 2-1. Summary of Source Rules for Income of Nonresident Aliens

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Scholarships, Grants, Prizes, and Awards
Generally, the source of scholarships, fellow-
ship grants, grants, prizes, and awards is the
residence of the payer regardless of who actu-
ally disburses the funds. However, see Activities
to be performed outside the United States, later.

For example, payments for research or study
in the United States made by the United States,
a noncorporate U.S. resident, or a domestic
corporation, are from U.S. sources. Similar pay-
ments from a foreign-government alien or foreigncor-
poration are foreign source payments even
though the funds may be disbursed through a
U.S. agent.

Payments made by an entity designated as a
public international organization under the Inter-
national Organizations Immunities Act are from
foreign sources.

Activities to be performed outside the United
States. Scholarships, fellowship grants, targeted grants, and achievement awards re-
Pensions and Annuities

When you receive a pension from a domestic trust for services performed both in and outside the United States, part of the pension payment is from U.S. sources. That part is the amount attributable to earnings of the trust and the employee's participation in the trust. The pension is treated as income of personal services, post of duty, regardless of where you maintain your family home. Your tax home is the place where you have permanently or indefinitely a tax home.

Tax home. Your tax home is the area around your main place of business, employment, or post of duty, regardless of where you maintain your family home. Your tax home is the place where you have permanently or indefinitely a tax home.

Inventory property. Inventory property is personal property that is stock in trade or that is held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of your trade or business. If the property was inventory property when you began using the property, the gain or loss generally is considered to be from sources outside the United States.

Rent or Royalties

Your U.S. source income includes rents and royalties income received during the tax year from property located in the United States or from any interest in that property. U.S. source income also includes rents or royalties for the use of, or for the privilege of using, in the United States, intangible property such as patents, copyrights, secret processes and formulas, goodwill, trademarks, franchises, and similar property.

Real Property

Real property is land and buildings and generally anything built on, growing on, or attached to land. Gross income from sources in the United States includes gains, profits, and income from the sale or other disposition of real property located in the United States.

Natural resources. The income from the sale of products of any farm, mine, oil or gas well, natural deposit, or timber located in the United States and sold in a foreign country, or located in a foreign country and sold in the United States, is partly from sources in the United States. For information on determining that part, see section 1.863–1(b) of the regulations.

Personal Property

Personal property is property, such as machinery, equipment, or furniture, that is not real property. Gain or loss from the sale or exchange of personal property generally has its source in the United States if you have a tax home in the United States. If you do not have a tax home in the United States, the gain or loss generally is considered to be from sources outside the United States.

Tax home. Your tax home is the area around your main place of business, employment, or post of duty, regardless of where you maintain your family home. Your tax home is the place where you have permanently or indefinitely a tax home. If you do not have a regular or main place of business, your tax home is wherever you work.

Inventory property. Inventory property is personal property that is stock in trade or that is held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of your trade or business. Income from the sale of inventory property that you purchased is generally considered to be from sources outside the United States. If you purchased the property, then your tax home is the place where you regularly live. If you do not fit either of these categories, you are considered an itinerant and your tax home is wherever you work.

Depreciable property. To determine the source of any gain from the sale of depreciable personal property, you must first figure the part of the gain that is more than the total depreciation adjustments to the property. You allocate this part of the gain to sources in the United States based on the rate of U.S. depreciation adjustments to total depreciation adjustments. The remainder of this part of the gain is considered to be from sources outside the United States.

For purposes of this rule, "U.S. depreciation adjustments" are the depreciation adjustments to the basis of the property that are allowable in figuring taxable income from U.S. sources. However, if the property is used predominantly in the United States, the depreciation adjustments deductible for that year are treated as U.S. depreciation adjustments. But there are some exceptions for certain transportation, communications, and other property used internationally.

Gain from the sale of depreciable property that is more than the total depreciation adjustments to the property is sourced as if the property were inventory property, as discussed above.

A recognized loss after January 10, 1999, is sourced in the same way as the depreciation deductions were sourced. However, if the property was used predominantly in the United States, the entire loss reduces U.S. source income. You can choose to apply this rule to losses recognized in tax years beginning after 1986. For details about making this choice, see section 1.865–1(f)(2) of the regulations.

The basis of property usually means the cost (money plus the fair market value of other property or services) of property you acquire.

Depreciation is an amount deducted to recover the cost or other basis of a trade or business asset. The amount you can deduct depends on the property's cost, when you began using the property, how long it will take to recover your cost, and which depreciation method you use. A depreciation deduction is any deduction for depreciation or amortization or any other allowable deduction that treats a capital expenditure as a deductible expense.

Intangible property. Intangible property includes patents, copyrights, secret processes and formulas, goodwill, trademarks, trade names, or other similar property. The gain from the sale of amortizable or depreciable intangible property, up to the previously allowable amortization or depreciation deductions, is sourced in the same way as the original cost of the intangible property. This is the same as the source rule for gain from the sale of depreciable property. See Depreciable property, earlier, for details on how to apply this rule.

Gain in excess of the amortization or depreciation deductions is sourced in the country where the property is used if the income from the sale is contingent on the productivity, use, or disposition of that property. If the income is not contingent on the productivity, use, or disposition of the property, the income is sourced according to your tax home as discussed earlier. If payments for goodwill do not depend on its productivity, use, or disposition, their source is the country in which the goodwill was generated.

Sales through offices or fixed places of business. Despite any of the above rules, if you do not have a tax home in the United States, but maintain an office or other fixed place of business in the United States, treat the income from any sale of personal property (including inventory property) that is attributable to that office or place of business as U.S. source income. However, this rule does not apply to sales of inventory property for use, disposition, or consumption outside the United States. If your office or other fixed place of business is located in the United States materially participated in the sale.

If you have a tax home in the United States but maintain an office or other fixed place of business outside the United States, income from sales of personal property, other than inventory, depreciable property, or intangibles, that is attributable to that foreign office or place of business may be treated as U.S. source income. The income is treated as U.S. source income if an income tax of less than 10% of the income from the sale is paid to a foreign country. This rule also applies to losses recognized after January 10, 1999, if the foreign country would have imposed an income tax of less than 10% had the sale resulted in a gain. You can choose to apply this rule to losses recognized in tax years beginning after 1986. For details about making this choice, see section 1.865–1(f)(2) of the regulations. For stock losses, see section 1.865–2(e) of the regulations.

Community Income

If you are married and you or your spouse are subject to the community property laws of a foreign country, a U.S. state, or a U.S. possession, you generally must follow those laws to...
determine the income of yourself and your spouse for U.S. tax purposes. But you must disregard certain community property laws if:

1) Both you and your spouse are nonresident aliens, or
2) One of you is a nonresident alien and the other is a U.S. citizen or resident and you do not both choose to be treated as U.S. residents as explained in chapter 1.

In these cases, you and your spouse must report community income as explained below.

Earned income. Earned income of a spouse, other than trade or business income and a partner’s distributive share of partnership income, is treated as the income of the spouse whose services produced the income. That spouse must report all of it on his or her separate return.

Trade or business income. Trade or business income, other than a partner’s distributive share of partnership income (or loss) will be subject to limitations under the U.S. tax laws.

Partnership income (or loss). A partner’s distributive share of partnership income (or loss) is treated as the income of the (or loss) of the partner. The partner must report all of it on his or her separate return.

Separate property income. Income derived from the separate property of one spouse (and which is not earned income, trade or business income, or partnership distributive share income) is treated as the income of that spouse. That spouse must report all of it on his or her separate return. Use the appropriate community property law to determine what is separate property.

Other community income. All other community income is treated as provided by the applicable community property laws.

### 3. Exclusions From Gross Income

**Introduction**

Resident and nonresident aliens are allowed exclusions from gross income under certain conditions. An exclusion from gross income is generally income you receive that is not included in your U.S. income and is not subject to U.S. tax. This chapter covers some of the more common exclusions allowed to resident and nonresident aliens.

**Topics**

- Nontaxable interest
- Certain compensation paid by a foreign employer
- Gain from sale of home
- Scholarships and fellowship grants

**Useful Items**

- You may want to see:
  - Publication 54: Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad
  - Publication 523: Selling Your Home

See chapter 12 for information about getting these publications.

**Resident Aliens**

Resident aliens may be able to exclude the following items from their gross income:

- **Foreign Earned Income and Housing Amount**
  
  If you are physically present in a foreign country or countries for at least 330 full days during any period of 12 consecutive months, you may qualify for the foreign earned income exclusion. For tax years beginning in 2001, the exclusion is $78,000. In addition, you may be able to exclude or deduct certain foreign housing amounts. You may also qualify if you are a bona fide resident of a foreign country and you are a citizen or national of a country with which the United States has an income tax treaty. For more information, see Publication 54.

- **Foreign country**
  
  The term “foreign country” means any territory under the sovereignty of a government other than that of the United States. The term also includes territorial waters of the foreign country, the airspace over the foreign country, and the seabed and subsoil of submarine areas adjacent to the territorial waters of the foreign country.

**Nonresident Aliens**

Nonresident aliens can exclude the following items from their gross income:

- **Interest**
  
  U.S. source interest income that is not connected with a U.S. trade or business is excluded from income if it is from:
  
  1) Deposits (including certificates of deposit) with persons in the banking business,
  
  2) Deposits or withdrawable accounts with mutual savings banks, cooperative banks, credit unions, domestic building and loan associations, and other savings institutions chartered and supervised as savings and loan or similar associations under federal or state law (if the interest paid or credited can be deducted by the association), and
  
  3) Amounts held by an insurance company under an agreement to pay interest on them.

**Government obligations.** Interest on obligations of a state or political subdivision, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. possession, generally is not included in income. However, interest on certain private activity bonds, arbitrage bonds, and certain bonds not in registered form is included in income.

- **Portfolio interest.** U.S. source interest income that is not connected with a U.S. trade or business and that is portfolio interest on obligations issued after July 18, 1984, is excluded from income. Portfolio interest is interest (including original issue discount) that is paid on obligations:
  
  1) Not in registered form (bearer obligations) that are sold only to foreign investors, and the interest on which is payable only outside the United States and its possessions, and that has on its face a statement that any U.S. person holding the obligation will be subject to limitations under the U.S. income tax laws.
  
  2) In registered form that are targeted to foreign markets and the interest on which is paid through financial institutions outside the United States, or
  
  3) In registered form that are not targeted to foreign markets, if you furnished the payer of the interest (or the withholding agent) a statement that you are not a U.S. person. You should have made this statement on a Form W–8BEN or on a substitute form.

**Portfolio interest does not include the following types of interest:**

- **Interest**
  
  1) Interest you receive on an obligation issued by a corporation of which you own, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the total voting power of all classes of voting stock.
  
  2) Interest you receive on an obligation issued by a partnership of which you own, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the capital or profits interests.
  
  3) Contingent interest.

**Contingent interest.** Portfolio interest does not include contingent interest. Contingent interest is either of the following:

- **Interest**
  
  1) That is determined by reference to:
    
    a) Any receipts, sales, or other cash flow of the debtor or related person,
    
    b) Income or profits of the debtor or related person,
c) Any change in value of any property of the debtor or a related person, or
d) Any dividend, partnership distributions, or similar payments made by the debtor or a related person.

2) Any other type of contingent interest that is identified by the Secretary of the Treasury in regulations.

For the definition of "related person" in connection with any contingent interest, and for the exceptions that apply to interest described in item (1), see subparagraphs (B) and (C) of Internal Revenue Code section 871(h)(4).

**Exception for existing debt.** Contingent interest does not include interest paid or accruing on any debt with a fixed term that was issued:

1) On or before April 7, 1993, or
2) After April 7, 1993, pursuant to a written binding contract in effect on that date and at all times thereafter before that debt was issued.

### Services Performed for Foreign Employer

If you were paid by a foreign employer, your U.S. source income may be exempt from U.S. tax, but only if you meet one of the situations discussed next.

**Employees of foreign persons, organizations, or offices.** Income for personal services performed in the United States as a nonresident alien is not considered to be from U.S. sources and is tax exempt if you meet all three of the following conditions.

1) You perform personal services as an employee of or under a contract with a nonresident alien individual, foreign partnership, or foreign corporation, not engaged in a trade or business in the United States; or you work for an office or place of business maintained in a foreign country or possession of the United States by a U.S. corporation, a U.S. partnership, or a U.S. citizen or resident.

2) You perform these services while you are a nonresident alien temporarily present in the United States for a period or periods of not more than a total of 90 days during the tax year.

3) Your pay for these services is not more than $3,000.

If you do not meet all three conditions, your income from personal services performed in the United States is U.S. source income and is taxed according to the rules in chapter 4.

If your pay for these services is more than $3,000, the entire amount is income from a trade or business within the United States. To find if your pay is more than $3,000, do not include any amounts you get from your employer for advances or reimbursements of business travel expenses, if you were required to and did account to your employer for those expenses. If the advances or reimbursements are more than your expenses, include the excess in your pay for these services.

By means a calendar day during any part of which you are physically present in the United States.

**Example 1.** During 2001, Henry Smythe, a nonresident alien from a non-treaty country, worked for an overseas office of a U.S. partnership. Henry, who used the calendar year as his tax year, was temporarily present in the United States for 60 days during 2001 performing personal services for the overseas office of the partnership. That office paid him a total gross salary of $2,800 for those services. During 2001, he was not engaged in a trade or business in the United States. The salary is not considered U.S. source income and is exempt from U.S. tax.

**Example 2.** The facts are the same as in Example 1, except that Henry's total gross salary for the services performed in the United States during 2001 was $4,500. He received $2,875 in 2001, and $1,625 in 2002. During 2001, he was engaged in a trade or business in the United States because the compensation for his personal services in the United States was more than $3,000. Henry's salary is U.S. source income and is taxed under the rules in chapter 4.

**Crew members.** Compensation for services performed by a nonresident alien in connection with the individual's temporary presence in the United States as a regular crew member of a foreign vessel engaged in transportation between the United States and a foreign country or possession is not U.S. source income and is exempt from U.S. tax.

**Students and exchange visitors.** Nonresident alien students and exchange visitors present in the United States under "F," "J," or "Q" visas can exclude from gross income pay received from a foreign employer.

This group includes bona fide students, scholars, trainees, teachers, professors, research assistants, specialists, or leaders in a field of specialized knowledge or skill, or persons of similar description. It also includes the alien's spouse and minor children if they come with the alien or come later to join the alien.

A nonresident alien temporarily present in the United States under a "J" visa includes an alien individual entering the United States as an exchange visitor under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

**Foreign employer.** A foreign employer is:

1) A nonresident alien individual, foreign partnership, or foreign corporation, or
2) An office or place of business maintained in a foreign country or in a U.S. possession by a U.S. corporation, a U.S. partnership, or an individual who is a U.S. citizen or resident.

The term "foreign employer" does not include a foreign government. Pay from a foreign government that is exempt from U.S. income tax is discussed in chapter 10.

**Income from certain annuities.** Do not include in income any annuity received under a qualified annuity plan or from a qualified trust exempt from U.S. income tax if you meet both of the following conditions:

1) You receive the annuity only because:
   a) You performed personal services outside the United States while you were a nonresident alien, or
   b) You performed personal services inside the United States while you were a nonresident alien and you met the three conditions described earlier under Employees of foreign persons, organizations, or offices.

2) At the time the first amount is paid as an annuity under the plan (or by the trust), 50% or more of the employees for whom contributions or benefits are provided under the annuity plan (or under the plan of which the trust is a part) are U.S. citizens or residents.

If the annuity qualifies under condition (1) but not condition (2) above, you do not have to include the amount in income if:

1) You are a resident of a country that gives a substantially equal exclusion to U.S. citizens and residents, or
2) You are a resident of a beneficiary developing country under the Trade Act of 1974.

If you are not sure whether the annuity is from a qualified annuity plan or qualified trust, ask the person who made the payment.

### Income affected by treaties.

Income of any kind that is exempt from U.S. tax under a treaty to which the United States is a party is excluded from your gross income. Income on which the tax is only limited by treaty, however, is included in gross income. See chapter 9.

### Gain From the Sale of Your Main Home

If you sold your main home, you may be able to exclude up to $250,000 of the gain on the sale of your home. If you are married and file a joint return, you may be able to exclude up to $500,000. For information on the requirements for this exclusion, see Publication 523.

This exclusion does not apply to nonresident aliens who are subject to the expatriation tax rules discussed in chapter 4.

### Scholarships and Fellowship Grants

If you are a candidate for a degree, you may be able to exclude from your income part or all of the amounts you receive as a qualified scholar. The rules discussed here apply to both resident and nonresident aliens.
If a nonresident alien receives a grant that is not from U.S. sources, it is not subject to U.S. tax. See Scholarships, Grants, Prizes, and Awards in chapter 2 to determine whether your grant is from U.S. sources.

**4. How Income of Aliens Is Taxed**

**Introduction**

Resident and nonresident aliens are taxed in different ways. Resident aliens are generally taxed in the same way as U.S. citizens. Nonresident aliens are taxed based on the source of their income and whether or not their income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. The following discussions will help you determine if income you receive during the tax year is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business and how it is taxed.

**Topics**

This chapter discusses:

- Income that is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business.
- Income that is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business.

**Useful Items**

You may want to see:

- Publication 
  - 544 Sales and Other Dispositions of Assets
  - 1212 List of Original Issue Discount Instruments
- Form (and Instructions)
  - 6251 Alternative Minimum Tax—Individuals
  - Schedule D (Form 1040) Capital Gains and Losses

See chapter 12 for information about getting these publications and forms.

**Resident Aliens**

Resident aliens are generally taxed in the same way as U.S. citizens. This means that their worldwide income is subject to U.S. tax and must be reported on their U.S. tax return. Income of resident aliens is subject to the graduated tax rates that apply to U.S. citizens. Resident aliens use the Tax Table and Tax Rate Schedules located in the Form 1040 instructions, which apply to U.S. citizens.

**Nonresident Aliens**

A nonresident alien’s income that is subject to U.S. income tax must be divided into two categories:

1. Income that is effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States, and
2. Income that is not effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States (discussed under The 30% Tax, later).

The difference between these two categories is that effectively connected income, after allowable deductions, is taxed at graduated rates. These are the same rates that apply to U.S. citizens and residents. Income that is not effectively connected is taxed at a flat 30% (or lower treaty) rate.

If you were formerly a U.S. citizen or resident alien, these rules may not apply. See Expatriation Tax, later, in this chapter.

**Trade or Business in the United States**

Generally, you must be engaged in a trade or business during the tax year to be able to treat income received in that year as effectively connected with that trade or business. Whether you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States depends on the nature of your activities. The discussions that follow will help you determine whether you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States.

**Personal Services**

If you perform personal services in the United States at any time during the tax year, you usually are considered engaged in a trade or business in the United States.

**Certain compensation paid to a non-resident alien by a foreign employer is not included in gross income. For more information, see Services Performed for Foreign Employer in chapter 3.**

**Other Trade or Business Activities**

Other examples of being engaged in a trade or business in the United States follow.

**Students and trainees.** You are considered engaged in a trade or business in the United States if you are temporarily present in the United States as a nonimmigrant under a “F,” “J,” “M,” or “Q” visa. A nonresident alien temporarily present in the United States under a “J” visa includes a nonresident alien individual admitted to the United States as an exchange visitor under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961. The taxable part of any scholarship or fellowship grant that is U.S. source income is treated as effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States.
Business operations. If you own and operate a business in the United States selling services, products, or merchandise, you are, with certain exceptions, engaged in a trade or business in the United States.

Partnerships. If you are a member of a partnership that at any time during the tax year is engaged in a trade or business in the United States, you are considered to be engaged in a trade or business in the United States.

Beneficiary of an estate or trust. If you are the beneficiary of an estate or trust that is engaged in a trade or business in the United States, you are treated as being engaged in the same trade or business.

Trading in stocks, securities, and commodities. If your only U.S. business activity is trading in stocks, securities, or commodities (including hedging transactions) through a U.S. resident broker or other agent, you are not engaged in a trade or business in the United States.

For transactions in stocks or securities, this applies to any nonresident alien, including a dealer or broker in stocks and securities.

For transactions in commodities, this applies to commodities that are usually traded on an organized commodity exchange and to transactions that are usually carried out at such an exchange.

This discussion does not apply if you have a U.S. office or other fixed place of business at any time during the tax year through which, or by the direction of which, you carry out your transactions in stocks, securities, or commodities.

Trading for a nonresident alien’s own account. You are not engaged in a trade or business in the United States if trading for your own account in stocks, securities, or commodities is your only U.S. business activity. This applies even if the trading takes place while you are present in the United States or is done by your employee or agent in the United States.

This does not apply to trading for your own account if you are a dealer in stocks, securities, or commodities. This does not necessarily mean, however, that as a dealer you are considered to be engaged in a trade or business in the United States. Determine that based on the facts and circumstances in each case or under the rules given above in Trading in stocks, securities, and commodities.

Effectively Connected Income

If you are engaged in a U.S. trade or business, all income, gain, or loss for the tax year that you get from sources within the United States (other than certain investment income) is treated as effectively connected income. This applies whether or not there is any connection between the income and the trade or business being carried on in the United States during the tax year.

The tests, described under Investment Income, determine whether certain items of investment income (such as interest, dividends, and royalties) are treated as effectively connected with that business.

In limited circumstances, some kinds of foreign source income may be treated as effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States. For a discussion of these rules, see Foreign Income, later.

Investment Income

Investment income from U.S. sources that may or may not be treated as effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business generally falls into the following three categories:

1) Fixed or determinable income (interest, dividends, rents, royalties, premiums, annuities, etc.).

2) Gains (some of which are considered capital gains) from the sale or exchange of the following types of property.

a) Timber, coal, or domestic iron ore with a retained economic interest.

b) Patents, copyrights, and similar property on which you receive contingent payments after October 4, 1966.

c) Patents transferred before October 5, 1966.

d) Original issue discount obligations.

3) Capital gains (and losses).

Use the two tests, described next, to determine whether an item of U.S. source income falling in one of the three categories above and received during the tax year is effectively connected with your U.S. trade or business. If the tests indicate that the item of income is effectively connected, you must include it with your other effectively connected income. If the item of income is not effectively connected, include it with all other income discussed under The 30% Tax, later, in this chapter.

Asset-use test. This test usually applies to income that is not directly produced by trade or business activities. Under this test, if an item of income is from assets (property) used in, or held for use in, the trade or business in the United States, it is considered effectively connected. An asset is used in, or held for use in, the trade or business in the United States if the asset is:

1) Held for the principal purpose of promoting the conduct of a trade or business in the United States,

2) Acquired and held in the ordinary course of the trade or business conducted in the United States (for example, an account receivable or note receivable arising from that trade or business), or

3) Otherwise held to meet the present needs of the trade or business in the United States and not its anticipated future needs.

Generally, stock of a corporation is not treated as an asset used in, or held for use in, a trade or business in the United States.

Business-activities test. This test usually applies when income, gain, or loss comes directly from the active conduct of the trade or business.

The business-activities test is most important when:

1) Dividends or interest are received by a dealer in stocks or securities,

2) Royalties are received in the trade or business of licensing patents or similar property, or

3) Service fees are earned by a servicing business.

Under this test, if the conduct of the U.S. trade or business was a material factor in producing the income, the income is considered effectively connected.

Personal Service Income

You usually are engaged in a U.S. trade or business when you perform personal services in the United States. Personal service income you receive in a tax year in which you are engaged in a U.S. trade or business is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. Income received in a year other than the year you performed the services is also effectively connected if it would have been effectively connected if received in the year you performed the services. Personal service income includes wages, salaries, commissions, fees, per diem allowances, and employee bonuses and bonuses. The income may be paid to you in the form of cash, services, or property.

If you are engaged in a U.S. trade or business only because you perform personal services in the United States during the tax year, income and gains from assets, and gains and losses from the sale or exchange of capital assets are generally not effectively connected with your trade or business. However, if there is a direct economic relationship between your holding of the asset and your trade or business of performing personal services, the income, gain, or loss is effectively connected.

Pensions. If you were engaged in a U.S. trade or business in a tax year because you performed personal services in the United States, and you later receive a pension or retirement pay as a result of these services, the retirement pay is effectively connected income in each year you receive it. This is true whether or not you are engaged in a U.S. trade or business in the year you receive the retirement pay.

Transportation Income

Transportation income is effectively connected if you meet the following two conditions.

1) You had a fixed place of business in the United States involved in earning the income.

2) At least 90% of your U.S. source transportation income is attributable to regularly scheduled transportation.

“Fixed place of business” generally means a place, site, structure, or other similar facility through which you engage in a trade or business. “Regularly scheduled transportation” means that a ship or aircraft follows a published schedule with repeated sailings or flights at regular intervals between the same points for voyages or flights that begin or end in the United States.
States. This definition applies to both scheduled and chartered air transportation.

If you do not meet the two conditions above, the income is not effectively connected and is taxed at a 4% rate. See Transportation Tax, later, in this chapter.

Business Profits and Losses and Sales Transactions

All profits or losses from U.S. sources that are from the operation of a business in the United States are effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States. For example, profit from the sale in the United States of inven-
tory property purchased either in this country or in a foreign country is effectively connected trade or business income. A share of U.S. source profits or losses of a partnership that is engaged in a trade or business in the United States is also effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States.

Real Property Gain or Loss

Gains and losses from the sale or exchange of U.S. real property interests (whether or not they are capital assets) are taxed as if you are en-
gaged in a trade or business in the United States. You must treat the gain or loss as effec-
tively connected with that trade or business. U.S. real property interest. This is any inter-
est in real property located in the United States or the Virgin Islands or any interest in a domestic corporation that is a U.S. real property holding corporation. Real property includes the follow-
ing:

1) Land and unsevered natural products of the land, such as growing crops and tim-
ber, and mines, wells, and other natural deposits.

2) Improvements on land, including buildings, and other permanent structures, and their structural components.

3) Personal property associated with the use of real property, such as equipment used in farming, mining, forestry, or construction, or property used in lodging facilities or rented office space, unless the personal property is:

a) Disposed of more than one year before or after the disposition of the real prop-
erty, or

b) Separately sold to persons unrelated either to the seller or to the buyer of the real property.

U.S. real property holding corporation. A corporation is a U.S. real property holding cor-
poration if the fair market value of the corporation’s U.S. real property interests are at least 50% of the total fair market value of:

1) The corporation’s U.S. real property inter-
est, plus

2) The corporation’s interests in real property located outside the United States, plus

3) The corporation’s other assets that are used in, or held for use in, a trade or busi-
ness. You generally are subject to tax on the sale of the stock in any domestic corporation unless you establish that the corporation is not a U.S. real property holding corporation.

A U.S. real property interest does not include a class of stock of a corporation that is regularly traded on an established securities market, un-
less you hold more than 5% of the fair market value of that class of stock. An interest in a foreign corporation owning U.S. real property generally is not a U.S. real property interest unless the corporation chooses to be treated as a domestic corporation.

Alternative minimum tax. There may be a minimum tax on your net gain from the disposi-
tion of U.S. real property interests. Figure the amount of this tax, if any, on Form 6251.

Withholding of tax. If you dispose of a U.S. real property interest, the buyer may have to withold tax. See the discussion of Tax Withheld on Real Property Sales, in chapter 8.

Foreign Income

Under limited circumstances, you must treat three kinds of foreign source income as effec-
tively connected with a trade or business in the United States. These circumstances are:

1) You have an office or other fixed place of business in the United States to which the income can be attributed,

2) That office or place of business is a mate-
rial factor in producing the income, and

3) The income is produced in the ordinary course of the trade or business carried on through that office or other fixed place of business. An office or other fixed place of business is a material factor if it significantly contributes to, and is an essential economic element in, the earning of the income.

The three kinds of foreign source income are listed below:

1) Rents and royalties for the use of, or for the privilege of using, intangible personal property located outside the United States for any interest in such property. In-
cluded are rents or royalties for the use, or for the privilege of using, outside the United States, patents, copyrights, secret processes and formulas, goodwill, trade-
marks, trade brands, franchises, and simi-
lar properties if the rents or royalties are from the active conduct of a trade or busi-
ness in the United States.

2) Dividends or interest from the active con-
duct of a banking, financing, or similar business in the United States. A substitute dividend or interest payment received under a securities lending transaction or a sale-repurchase transaction is treated the same as the amounts received on the transferred security.

3) Income, gain, or loss from the sale outside the United States, through the U.S. office or other fixed place of business, of stock in trade, property that would be included in inventory if on hand at the end of the tax year, or property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of busi-
ness. This will not apply if you sold the property for use, consumption, or disposi-
tion outside the United States and an of-
lice or other fixed place of business in a foreign country was a material factor in the sale.

Tax on Effectively Connected Income

Income you receive during the tax year that is effectively connected with your trade or busi-
ness in the United States is, after allowable deductions, taxed at the rates that apply to U.S. citizens and residents.

Generally, you can receive effectively con-
ected income only if you are a nonresident alien engaged in trade or business in the United States during the tax year. However, income you receive from the sale or exchange of prop-
erty, the performance of services, or any other transaction in another tax year is treated as effectively connected in that year if it would have been effectively connected in the year the trans-
action took place or you performed the services.

Example. Ted Richards, a nonresident United States alien, entered the United States in August 2000, to perform personal services in the U.S. office of his overseas employer. He worked in the U.S. office until December 25, 2000, but did not leave this country until January 11, 2001. On January 8, 2001, he received his final paycheck for ser-

Real property income. You may be able to choose to treat all income from real property as effectively connected. See Income From Real Property, later, in this chapter.

The 30% Tax

Tax at a 30% (or lower treaty) rate applies to certain items of income or gains from U.S. sources but only if the items are not effectively connected with your U.S. trade or business.

Fixed or Determinable Income

The 30% (or lower treaty) rate applies to the gross amount of U.S. source fixed or determina-
bale annual or periodic gains, profits, or income.
Income is **fixed** when it is paid in amounts known ahead of time. Income is **determinable** whenever there is a basis for figuring the amount to be paid. Income can be **periodic** if it is paid from time to time. It does not have to be paid annually or at regular intervals. Income can be determinable or periodic even if the length of time during which the payments are made is increased or decreased.

Income specifically included as fixed or determinable income are interest (other than original issue discount), dividends, rents, premiums, annuities, salaries, wages, and other compensation. A substitute dividend or interest payment received under a securities lending transaction or a sale-purchase transaction is treated the same as the amounts received on the transferred security. Other items of income, such as royalties, also may be subject to the 30% tax.

Some fixed or determinable income may be exempt from U.S. tax. See **Section 3** if you are not sure whether the income is taxable.

**Original issue discount (OID).** If you sold, exchanged, or received a payment on a bond or other debt instrument that was issued at a discount **after** March 31, 1972, all or part of the original issue discount (OID) (other than portfolio interest) may be subject to the 30% tax. The amount of OID is the difference between the stated redemption price at maturity and the issue price of the debt instrument. The 30% tax applies in the following circumstances.

1) You received a payment on a debt instrument. In this case, the amount of OID subject to tax is the OID that accrued while you held the debt instrument minus the OID previously taken into account. But the tax on the OID cannot be more than the payment minus the tax on the interest payment or the debt instrument.

2) You sold or exchanged the debt instrument. The amount of OID subject to tax is the OID that accrued while you held the debt instrument minus the amount already taxed in (1) above.

Report on your return the amount of OID shown on Form 1042-S, Foreign Person’s U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding. If you bought the instrument at original issue, however, you must compute your proper share of OID shown on Form 1042-S if any of the following apply.

1) You bought the debt instrument at a premium or paid an acquisition premium.

2) The debt instrument is a stripped bond or a stripped coupon (including zero coupon instruments backed by U.S. Treasury securities). A stripped bond or stripped coupon may be bought at a discount. If you bought a bond or other debt instrument that was issued at a discount before April 1, 1972, contact the IRS for further information. See Chapter 12.

3) The debt instrument is a contingent payment or indexed debt instrument.

For the definition of premium and acquisition premium and instructions on how to recompute OID, get Publication 1212. If you held a bond or other debt instrument that was issued at a discount before April 1, 1972, contact the IRS for further information. See Chapter 12.

**Social Security Benefits.** A nonresident alien must include 85% of any U.S. social security benefit (and the social security equivalent part of a tier 1 railroad retirement benefit) in U.S. source fixed or determinable annual or periodic income. This income is exempt under some tax treaties. See Table 1 in Publication 901, U.S. Tax Treaties, for a list of tax treaties that exempt U.S. social security benefits from U.S. tax.

**Sales or Exchanges of Capital Assets.**

These rules apply only to those capital gains and losses from sources in the United States that are not effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States. They apply even if you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States. These rules do not apply to the sale or exchange of a U.S. real property interest or to the sale of any property that is effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States. See **Real Property Gain or Loss, earlier,** under **Effectively Connected Income.**

A **capital asset** is everything you own except:

- Inventory.
- Business accounts or notes receivable.
- Depreciable property used in a trade or business.
- Real property used in a trade or business.
- Supplies regularly used in a trade or business.
- Certain copyrights, literary or musical or artistic compositions, letters or memora- nda, or similar property.
- Certain U.S. government publications.
- Certain commodities derivative financial instruments held by a commodities derivative dealer.
- Hedging transactions.

A **capital gain** is a gain on the sale or exchange of a capital asset. A **capital loss** is a loss on the sale or exchange of a capital asset. You may want to read Publication 544. However, use Publication 544 only to determine what is a sale or exchange of a capital asset; or what is treated as such. Specific tax treatment that applies to U.S. citizens or residents generally does not apply to you.

The following gains are subject to the 30% (or lower treaty) rate without regard to the 183-day rule, discussed later.

1) Gains on the disposal of timber, coal, or domestic iron ore with a retained economic use.

2) Gains on contingent payments received from the sale or exchange of patents, copyrights, and similar property after October 4, 1966.

3) Gains on certain transfers of all substantial rights to, or an undivided interest in, patents if the transfers were made before October 5, 1966.

4) Gains on the sale or exchange of original issue discount obligations.

Gains in (1) are not subject to the 30% (or lower treaty) rate if you choose to treat the gains as effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. See **Income From Real Property, later.**

183-day rule. If you were in the United States for 183 days or more during the tax year, your net gain from sales or exchanges of capital assets is taxed at a 30% (or lower treaty) rate. For purposes of the 30% (or lower treaty) rate, net gain is the excess of your capital gains from U.S. sources over your capital losses from U.S. sources. This rule applies even if any of the transactions occurred while you were not in the United States.

To determine your net gain, consider the amount of your gains and losses that would be recognized and taken into account only if, and to the extent that, they would be recognized and taken into account if you were in a U.S. trade or business during the year and the gains and losses were effectively connected with that trade or business during the tax year.

In arriving at your net gain, do not take the following into consideration.

- The four types of gains listed earlier.
- The deduction for a capital loss carryover.
- Capital losses in excess of capital gains.
- Exclusion for gain from the sale or exchange of qualified small business stock (section 1202 exclusion).
- Losses from the sale or exchange of property held for personal use. However, losses resulting from casualties or thefts may be deductible on Schedule A (Form 1040NR). See **Itemized Deductions** in chapter 5.

If you are not engaged in a trade or business in the United States and have not established a tax year for a prior year, your tax year will be the calendar year for purposes of the 183-day rule. Also, you must file your tax return on a calendar-year basis.

If you were in the United States for less than 183 days during the tax year, capital gains (other than gains listed earlier) are tax exempt unless they are effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States during your tax year.

**Reporting.** Report your gains and losses from the sales or exchanges of capital assets that are not connected with a trade or business in the United States on page 4 of Form 1040NR. Report gains and losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets (including real property) that are connected with a trade or business in the United States on a separate Schedule D (Form 1040) and attach it to Form 1040NR.

**Income From Real Property.** If you have income from real property located in the United States that you own or have an interest in and hold for the production of income, you can choose to treat all income from that property as income effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States. The choice applies to all income from real property located in

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the United States and held for the production of income and to all income from any interest in such property. This includes income from rents, royalties from mines, oil or gas wells, or other natural resources. It also includes gains from the sale or exchange of timber, coal, or domestic iron ore with a retained economic interest.

You can make this choice only for real property income that is not otherwise connected with your U.S. trade or business.

If you make the choice, you can claim deductions attributable to the real property income and only your net income from real property is taxed.

This choice does not treat a nonresident alien, who is not otherwise engaged in a U.S. trade or business, as being engaged in a trade or business in the United States during the year.

Example. You are a nonresident alien and are not engaged in a U.S. trade or business. You own a single family house in the United States that you rent out. Your rental income for the year is $10,000. This is your only U.S. source income. As discussed earlier under The 30% Tax, the rental income is subject to a tax at a 30% (or lower treaty) rate. You received a Form 1042–S showing that your tenants properly withheld this tax from the rental income. You do not have to file a U.S. tax return (Form 1040NR) because your U.S. tax liability is satisfied by the withholding of tax.

If you make the choice discussed above, you can offset the $10,000 income by certain rental expenses. (See Publication 527, Residential Rental Property, for information on rental expenses.) Any resulting net income is taxed at graduated rates. If you make this choice, report the rental income and expenses on Schedule E (Form 1040) and attach the schedule to Form 1040NR. For the first year you make the choice, also attach the statement discussed next.

Making the choice. Make the initial choice by attaching a statement to your return, or amended return, for the year of the choice. Include the following in your statement:

1) That you are making the choice.
2) Whether the choice is under Internal Revenue Code section 871(d) (explained above) or a tax treaty.
3) A complete list of all your real property, or any interest in real property, located in the United States.
4) The extent of your ownership in the property.
5) The location of the property.
6) A description of any major improvements to the property.
7) The dates you owned the property.
8) Your income from the property.
9) Details of any previous choices and relocations of the real property income choice.

This choice stays in effect for all later tax years unless you revoke it.

Revoking the choice. You can revoke the choice without IRS approval by filing Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, for the year you made the choice and for later tax years. You must file Form 1040X within 3 years from the date your return was filed or 2 years from the time the tax was paid, whichever is later. If this time period has expired for the year of choice, you cannot revoke the choice for that year. However, you may revoke the choice for later tax years only if you have IRS approval. For information on how to get IRS approval, see Regulation section 1.871–10(d)(2).

Transportation Tax

A 4% tax rate applies to transportation income that is not effectively connected because it does not meet the two conditions listed earlier under Transportation Income. If you receive transportation income subject to the 4% tax, you should figure the tax and show it on line 52 of Form 1040NR. Attach a statement to your return that includes the following information (if applicable):

1) Name, taxpayer identification number, and tax year.
2) A description of the types of services performed (whether on or off board).
3) Names of vessels or registration numbers of aircraft on which you performed the services.
4) Amount of U.S. source transportation income derived from each type of service for each vessel or aircraft for the calendar year.
5) Total amount of U.S. source transportation income derived from all types of services for the calendar year.

This 4% tax applies to your U.S. source gross transportation income. This only includes transportation income that is treated as derived from sources in the United States if the transportation begins or ends in the United States. For transportation income from personal services, the transportation must be between the United States and a U.S. possession. For personal services of a nonresident alien, this only applies to income derived from, or in connection with, an aircraft.

Expatriation Tax

The expatriation tax provisions apply to U.S. citizens who have renounced their citizenship and long-term residents who have ended their residency, if one of the principal purposes of the action is the avoidance of U.S. taxes. The expatriation tax applies to the 10-year period following the date of the action. If you expatriated in 2001, you are presumed to have tax avoidance as a principal purpose if:

1) Your average annual net income tax for the last five tax years ending before the date of the action is more than $116,000, or
2) Your net worth on the date of the action is $580,000 or more.

Ruling request. If you are presumed to have tax avoidance as a principal purpose because you meet either of the previous tests, you may be eligible to request a ruling from the IRS that you did not expatriate to avoid U.S. taxes. You must request this ruling within one year from the date of expatriation. For information that must be included in your ruling request, see section IV of Notice 97–19 in Cumulative Bulletin 1997–1 and Notice 98–34 in Cumulative Bulletin 1998–2.

Former U.S. citizen. If you are a former U.S. citizen, you are eligible to request a ruling if you are in one of the following categories:

1) You became at birth a U.S. citizen and a citizen of another country and continue to be a citizen of that other country.
2) You become (within a reasonable period after loss of U.S. citizenship) a citizen of the country in which you, your spouse, or your parent or future parent are citizens.
3) You were present in the United States for no more than 30 days during each year of the 10-year period ending on the date of expatriation.
4) You lost your U.S. citizenship before reaching age 18½.

Former long-term resident. If you are a former long-term resident, you are eligible to request a ruling if you are in one of the following categories:

1) You become (within a reasonable period after your expatriation) a resident fully liable to income tax in one of the following countries.
   a) The country in which you were born.
   b) The country where your spouse was born.
   c) The country where either of your parents was born.
2) You were present in the United States for no more than 30 days during each year of the 10-year period prior to expatriation.
3) You ceased to be a long-term resident before reaching age 18½.

You will not qualify under category (1) if you are not domiciled in that country unless your income is taxed in the same manner as a resident domiciled in that country.

Long-term residents. You are a long-term resident if you were a lawful permanent resident of the United States at least 8 of the last 15 tax years ending with the year your residency ends. In determining if you meet the 8-year requirement, do not count any year that you are treated as a resident of a foreign country under a tax treaty and do not waive treaty benefits. Your U.S. residency is considered to have ended when you cease to be a lawful permanent resident or you begin to be treated as a resident of another country under a tax treaty and do not waive treaty benefits.

Tax. If the expatriation tax applies to you, you are generally subject to tax on your U.S. source gross income and gains on a net basis at the graduated rates applicable to individuals (with allowable deductions), unless you would be subject to a higher tax under the 30% tax (discussed earlier) on income not connected with a U.S. trade or business. In making this determination, you may not claim that an income tax treaty in effect on August 21, 1996, reduces your tax
liability under the 30% tax on any items of U.S. source income. For this purpose, U.S. source gross income (defined in chapter 2) includes gains from the sale or exchange of:

- Property (other than stock or debt obligations) located in the United States,
- Stock issued by a U.S. domestic corporation, and
- Debt obligations of U.S. persons or of the United States, a state or political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia. U.S. source income also includes any income or gain derived from stock in certain controlled foreign corporations if you owned, or were considered to own, at any time during the 2-year period ending on the date of expatriation, more than 50% of:

- The total combined voting power of all classes of that corporation’s stock, or
- The total value of the stock.

The income or gain is considered U.S. source income only to the extent of your share of earnings and profits earned or accumulated before the date of expatriation.

Any exchange of property is treated as a sale of the property at its fair market value on the date of the exchange and any gain is treated as U.S. source gross income in the tax year of the exchange unless you enter into a gain recognition agreement under Notice 97–19.

Other information. For more information on the expatriation tax provisions, including exceptions to the tax and special U.S. source rules, see section 877 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Reporting Requirements If you lost your U.S. citizenship, you must file Form 8854, Statement of Expatriation Tax Information for Filing Return for U.S. Nonresident Alien Income, to list your name, U.S. social security number, and any other identification number, along with the name and address of each of your foreign banks and other institutions (such as foreign corporations or foreign partnerships) in which you had an interest in 2016. If you do not attach a complete statement in any year you are liable for any U.S. taxes, you will not be considered to have filed a true and accurate return. You will not be entitled to any tax deductions or credits if your tax liability for that year is later adjusted.

Interrupted Period of Residence You are subject to tax under a special rule if you interrupt your period of U.S. residence with a period of nonresidence. The special rule applies if you meet all of the following conditions.

1. You were a U.S. resident for a period that includes at least 3 consecutive calendar years.
2. You were a U.S. resident for at least 183 days in each of those years.
3. You ceased to be treated as a U.S. resident.
4. You then again became a U.S. resident before the end of the third calendar year after the period described in (1) above.

Under this special rule, you are subject to tax on your U.S. source gross income and gains on a net basis at the graduated rates applicable to individuals (with allowable deductions) for the period you were a nonresident alien, unless you were subject to a higher tax under the 30% tax (discussed earlier) on income not connected with a U.S. trade or business.

Example. John Willow, a citizen of New Zealand, entered the United States on April 1, 1996, as a lawful permanent resident. On August 1, 1998, John ceased to be a lawful permanent resident and returned to New Zealand. During his period of residence, he was present in the United States for at least 183 days in each of three consecutive years (1996, 1997, and 1998). He returned to the United States on October 5, 2001, as a lawful permanent resident. He became a resident before the close of the third calendar year (2001) beginning after the end of his first period of residence (August 1, 1998). Therefore, he is subject to tax under the special rule for the period of nonresidence (August 2, 1998, through October 4, 2001) if it is more than the tax that would normally apply to him as a nonresident alien.

Reporting requirements. If you are subject to this tax for any year in the period you were a nonresident alien, you must file Form 1040NR, U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return, for that year. The return is due in the due date (including extensions) for filing your U.S. income tax return for the year that you again become a U.S. resident. If you already filed returns for that period, you must file amended returns. You must attach a statement to your return that identifies the source of all of your U.S. and foreign gross income and the items of income subject to this special rule.

5. Figuring Your Tax

Introduction After you have determined your alien status, the source of your income, and if and how that income is taxed in the United States, your next step is to figure your tax. The information in this chapter is not as comprehensive for resident aliens as it is for nonresident aliens. Resident aliens should get publications, forms, and instructions for U.S. citizens, because the information for filing returns for resident aliens is generally the same as for U.S. citizens. If you are both a nonresident alien and a resident alien in the same tax year, see chapter 6 for a discussion of dual-status aliens.

Useful Items

You may want to see:

Publication

- 463 Travel, Entertainment, Gift, and Car Expenses
- 501 Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information
- 521 Moving Expenses
- 526 Charitable Contributions
- 535 Business Expenses
- 597 Information on the United States–Canada Income Tax Treaty Form (and Instructions)

- W–7 Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
- 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
- 1040NR U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return
- 1040NR–EZ U.S. Income Tax Return for Certain Nonresident Aliens With No Dependents
- 2106 Employee Business Expenses
- 2106–EZ Unreimbursed Employee Business Expenses

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If you are a nonresident alien filing Form 1040NR, you may be able to use one of the filing statuses discussed below. If you are filing Form 1040NR–EZ, you can only claim “Single–nonresident alien” or “Married nonresident alien” as your filing status.

Married filing jointly. Generally, you cannot file as married filing jointly if either spouse was a nonresident alien at any time during the tax year. However, nonresident aliens married to U.S. citizens or residents can choose to be treated as U.S. residents and file joint returns. For more information on these choices, see chapter 1.

Qualifying widow(er). You may be eligible to file as a qualifying widow(er) and use the joint return tax rates if:

1) You were a resident of Canada, Mexico, Japan, or South Korea, or a U.S. national (defined below),
2) Your spouse died in 1999 or 2000 and you have not remarried, and
3) You have a dependent child living with you.

See the instructions for Form 1040NR for the rules for filing as a qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child.

A U.S. national is an individual who, although not a U.S. citizen, owes his or her allegiance to the United States. U.S. nationals include American Samoans and Northern Marian Islands who chose to become U.S. nationals instead of U.S. citizens.

Head of household. You cannot file as head of household if you are married, but you can file as head of household if you are single, qualifying widow(er), or qualifying widower. You must be unmarried and have a dependent child living with you.

Qualifying widow(er). You may be eligible to file as a head of household if you meet the following conditions:

1) Your spouse is a resident alien or U.S. citizen for the entire tax year,
2) You do not choose to be treated as a resident alien, and
3) Your spouse meets the other requirements for this filing status, as discussed earlier under Resident Aliens.

Note. Even if your spouse is considered unmarried for head of household purposes because you are married to a nonresident alien, you may still be considered married for purposes of the earned income credit. In that case, you will not be entitled to the credit. See Publication 501 for more information.

Resident Aliens

Resident aliens can use the same filing statuses available to U.S. citizens. See your form instructions or Publication 501 for more information on filing status.

Married filing jointly. Generally, you can file as married filing jointly only if both you and your spouse were resident aliens for the entire tax year, or if you make one of the choices discussed in chapter 1 to treat your spouse as a resident alien for the entire tax year.

Qualifying widow(er). If your spouse died in 1999 or 2000, you have not remarried, and you have a dependent child living with you, you may qualify to file as a qualifying widow(er) and use the joint return tax rates. This applies only if you could have filed a joint return with your spouse for the year your spouse died.

Head of household. You can qualify as head of household if you are unmarried or considered unmarried on the last day of the year and you pay more than half the cost of keeping up a home for you and a qualifying person. You must be a resident alien for the entire tax year.

You are considered unmarried for this purpose if your spouse was a nonresident alien at any time during the year and you do not make one of the choices discussed in chapter 1 to treat your spouse as a resident alien for the entire tax year.

Note. Even if you are considered unmarried for head of household purposes because you are married to a nonresident alien, you may still be considered married for purposes of the earned income credit. In that case, you will not be entitled to the credit. See Publication 501 for more information.
resident of Canada, Mexico, Japan, or South Korea, or are a married U.S. national, you may be able to file as single if you lived apart from your spouse during the last 6 months of the year. See the instructions for Form 1040NR to see if you qualify. U.S. national was defined earlier in this section under Qualifying widow(er).

Nonresident aliens who are married to U.S. citizens or residents can choose to be treated as a resident and file a joint return. For information on these choices, see chapter 1. If you do not make the choice to file jointly, use the Tax Table column or the Tax Rate Schedule for married individuals filing separately.

A nonresident alien estate or trust using Form 1040NR must use Tax Rate Schedule W in the Form 1040NR instructions when determining the tax on income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business.

Special rules for aliens from certain U.S. possessions. A nonresident alien who is a bona fide resident of American Samoa or Puerto Rico for the entire tax year and who is temporarily working in the United States should read Bona Fide Residents of American Samoa or Puerto Rico, at the end of this chapter, for information about special rules.

Deductions
You can claim deductions only to the extent they are connected with your effectively connected income.

Ordinary and necessary business expenses. You can deduct all ordinary and necessary expenses in the operation of your U.S. trade or business to the extent they relate to income effectively connected with that trade or business. The deduction for travel expenses while in the United States is discussed under Itemized Deductions, later. For information about other business expenses, see Publication 535.

Losses. You can deduct losses resulting from transactions that you entered into for profit and that were not reimbursed for by insurance, etc., to the extent that they relate to income that is effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States.

Individual retirement arrangement (IRA). You may qualify to establish a traditional IRA whether or not you are covered by a qualified retirement plan at work. You can contribute the smaller of $2,000 or your taxable compensation effectively connected with your U.S. trade or business to an IRA for 2001. If you or your spouse are covered by a plan at work, or you are self-employed and had a SEP, SIMPLE, or qualified retirement plan, you can only deduct these contributions subject to certain limits. For more information, see Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

Moving expenses. If you are a nonresident alien temporarily in the United States earning taxable income for performing personal services, you can deduct moving expenses to the United States if you meet both of the following tests:
1) You are a full-time employee for at least 39 weeks during the 12 months right after you move, or if you are self-employed, you work full time for at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months and 78 weeks during the first 24 months right after you move.
2) Your new job location is at least 50 miles farther (by the shortest commonly traveled route) from your former home than your former job location was. If you had no former job location, the new job location must be at least 50 miles from your former home.

You cannot deduct the moving expense you have when returning to your home abroad or moving to a foreign job site.

Figure your deductible moving expenses to the United States on Form 3903, and deduct them on line 27 of Form 1040NR.

For more information on the moving expense deduction, see Publication 521.

Reimbursements. If you were reimbursed by your employer for allowable moving expenses, your employer should have excluded these reimbursements from your income. You can only deduct allowable moving expenses that were not reimbursed by your employer or that were reimbursed but the reimbursement was included in your income. For more information, see Publication 521.

Moving expense or travel expense. If you deduct moving expenses to the United States, you cannot also deduct travel expenses (discussed, later, under Itemized Deductions) while temporarily away from your tax home in a foreign country. Moving expenses are based on a change in your principal place of business while travel expenses are based on your temporary absence from your principal place of business.

Student loan interest. If you paid interest on a student loan in 2001, you may be able to deduct up to $2,500 of the interest you paid. Generally, you can claim the deduction if all of the following requirements are met.
1) Your filing status is any filing status except married filing separately.
2) Your modified adjusted gross income is less than $55,000.
3) No one else is claiming an exemption for you on their tax return.
4) You paid interest on a loan taken out only to pay tuition and other qualified higher education expenses for yourself, your spouse, or someone who was your dependent when the loan was taken out.
5) The education expenses were paid or incurred within a reasonable period of time before or after the loan was taken out.
6) The person for whom the expenses were paid or incurred was an eligible student.
7) The first 60 months in which interest payments were required on the loan did not end before January 2001.

For more information, see Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Higher Education.

Exemptions
Resident aliens can claim personal exemptions and exemptions for dependents in the same way as U.S. citizens. However, nonresident aliens generally can claim only a personal exemption for themselves on their U.S. tax return.
Resident Aliens

You can claim personal exemptions and exemptions for dependents according to the dependency rules for U.S. citizens. You can claim an exemption for your spouse on a separate return if your spouse had no gross income for U.S. tax purposes and was not the dependent of another taxpayer. You can claim this exemption even if your spouse has not been a resident alien for a full tax year or is an alien who has not come to the United States. You can claim an exemption for each person who qualifies as a dependent according to the rules for U.S. citizens. The dependent must be a citizen or a national (defined earlier) of the United States if an alien, a resident of the United States, Canada, or Mexico for some part of the calendar year in which your tax year begins. Get Publication 501 for more information. Your spouse and each dependent must have either an SSN or an ITIN. See Identification Number, earlier.

Phase-out of exemptions. If the adjusted gross income shown on your tax return is more than the amount shown below for your filing status, your deduction for exemptions may be reduced or eliminated. Use the worksheet in your income tax return instructions to figure the amount, if any, you can deduct.

- $9,725 if married filing separately
- $132,950 if single
- $166,200 if head of household
- $199,450 if married filing jointly or a qualifying widow(er) with dependent child

Nonresident Aliens

Generally, if you are a nonresident alien engaged in a trade or business in the United States, you can claim only one personal exemption ($2,900 for 2001). You may be able to claim an exemption for a spouse and a dependent if you are described in any of the following discussions.

Your spouse and each dependent must have either an SSN or an ITIN. See Identification Number, earlier.

Residents of Mexico or Canada or U.S. nationals. If you are a resident of Mexico or Canada or a national of the United States (defined earlier), you can also claim a personal exemption for your spouse if your spouse had no gross income for U.S. tax purposes and was not the dependent of another taxpayer. In addition, you can claim exemptions for your dependents who meet certain tests. Residents of Mexico, Canada, or nationals of the United States must use the same rules as U.S. citizens to determine who is a dependent and for which dependents exemptions can be claimed. See Publication 501 for these rules. For purposes of these rules, dependents who are U.S. nationals meet the citizenship test discussed in Publication 501.

Residents of Japan or South Korea. Nonresident aliens who are residents of Japan or South Korea may be able to claim exemptions for a spouse and children. The tax treaties with Japan and Korea impose two additional requirements on Japanese or Korean residents:

1) The spouse and all children claimed must live with the alien in the United States at some time during the tax year, and
2) The additional deduction for the exemptions must be prorated based on the ratio of the alien’s U.S. source gross income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business to the alien’s entire gross income from all sources during the tax year.

Example. Mr. Sato, a nonresident alien who is a resident of Japan, lives temporarily in the United States with his wife and two children. During the tax year he receives U.S. compensation of $9,000. He also receives $3,000 of income from sources outside the United States that is not effectively connected with his U.S. trade or business. Thus, his total income for the year is $12,000. Mr. Sato meets all requirements for claiming exemptions for his spouse and two children. The additional deduction is $6,525 figured as follows:

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Students and business apprentices from India. Students and business apprentices who are eligible for the benefits of Article 21(2) of the United States–India Income Tax Treaty may be able to claim exemptions for their spouse and dependents. You can claim an exemption for your spouse or child if he or she had no gross income during the year and is not the dependent of another taxpayer. You can claim exemptions for each of your dependents not admitted to the United States on “F–2,” “J–2,” or “M–2” visas if they meet the requirements that apply to U.S. citizens. See Publication 501 for these rules.

List your spouse and dependents on line 7c of Form 1040NR. Enter the total on the appropriate line to the right of line 7c.

Phase-out of exemptions. If the adjusted gross income shown on line 33 of Form 1040NR is more than the amount shown below for your filing status, your deduction for exemptions may be reduced or eliminated. Use the worksheet in the Form 1040NR instructions to figure the amount, if any, you can deduct.

- $9,725 if married filing separately
- $132,950 if single
- $199,450 if a qualifying widow(er) with dependent child

Itemized Deductions

Nonresident aliens can claim some of the same itemized deductions that resident aliens can claim. However, nonresident aliens can claim itemized deductions only if they have income effectively connected with their U.S. trade or business. Resident and nonresident aliens may not be able to claim all of their itemized deductions. If your adjusted gross income is more than $132,950 ($66,475 if married filing separately), use the worksheet in your income tax return instructions to figure the amount you can deduct.

Resident Aliens

You can claim the same itemized deductions as U.S. citizens, using Schedule A of Form 1040. These deductions include medical, dental, and other miscellaneous deductions. Use Schedule A of Form 1040NR to claim itemized deductions. If you are filing Form 1040NR–EZ, you can only claim a deduction for state or local income taxes. If you are claiming any other deduction, you must file Form 1040NR.

Standard deduction. Nonresident aliens cannot claim the standard deduction. However, see “Students and business apprentices from India.”

Students and business apprentices from India. A special rule applies to students and business apprentices who are eligible for the benefits of Article 21(2) of the United States–India Income Tax Treaty. You can claim the standard deduction provided you do not claim itemized deductions.

Use Table 7, 8, or 9 in Publication 501 to figure your standard deduction. If you are married and your spouse files a return and itemizes deductions, you cannot take the standard deduction.

If you are filing Form 1040NR, enter the standard deduction on line 35 of Form 1040NR. In the space to the left of line 35, print, “Standard Deduction Allowed Under U.S.–India Income Tax Treaty.” If you are filing Form 1040NR–EZ, enter the amount on line 11.

State and local income taxes. If during the tax year, you receive income that is connected with a trade or business in the United States, you can deduct state and local income taxes paid on that income.

Charitable contributions. You can deduct your charitable contributions or gifts to qualified organizations subject to certain limits. Qualified organizations include organizations that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific, or literary in nature, or that work to prevent cruelty to children or animals. Certain organizations that promote national or international amateur sports competition are also qualified organizations.
Foreign organizations. Contributions made directly to a foreign organization are not deductible. However, you can deduct contributions to a U.S. organization that transfers funds to a charitable foreign organization if the U.S. organization controls the use of the funds or if the foreign organization is only an administrative arm of the U.S. organization.  

For more information about organizations that qualify to receive charitable contributions, see Publication 526, Charitable Contributions.  

Contributions from which you benefit. If you receive a benefit as a result of making a contribution to a qualified organization, you can deduct only the amount of your contribution that is more than the value of the benefit you receive.  

If you pay more than the fair market value to a qualified organization for merchandise, goods, or services, the amount you pay that is more than the value of the item can be a charitable contribution. For the excess amount to qualify, you must pay it with the intent to make a charitable contribution.  

Contributions of $250 or more. You may deduct a contribution of $250 or more only if you have a written statement from the charitable organization showing:  

1) The amount of any money contributed and a description (but not value) of any property donated,  

2) Whether the organization gave you any goods or services in return for your contribution, and  

3) A description and estimate of the value of any goods or services described in (2).  

If you received only intangible religious benefits, the organization must state this, but it does not have to describe or value the benefit.  

Contributions of appreciated property. If you contribute property with a fair market value that is more than your basis in it, you may have to reduce the fair market value by the amount of appreciation (increase in value) when you figure your deduction. Your basis in the property is generally what you paid for it. If you need more information about basis, get Publication 551, Basis of Assets.  

Different rules apply to figuring your deduction, depending on whether the property is:  

1) Ordinary income property, or  

2) Capital gain property.  

Limit. The amount you can deduct in a tax year is limited in the same way it is for a citizen or resident of the United States. For a discussion of limits on charitable contributions and other information, get Publication 526.  

Casualty and theft losses. You can deduct your loss from fire, storm, shipwreck, or other casualty, or theft of property even though your property is not connected with a U.S. trade or business. The property can be personal use property or income-producing property not connected with a U.S. trade or business. The property must be located in the United States at the time of the casualty or theft. You can deduct theft losses only in the year in which you discover the loss.  

The fair market value of the property immediately before the casualty or theft less its fair market value immediately after the casualty or theft (but not more than its cost or adjusted basis) less any insurance or other compensation is the amount of the loss. The fair market value of property immediately after a theft is considered zero, since you no longer have the property.  

If your property is covered by insurance, you should file a timely insurance claim for reimbursement. If you do not, you cannot deduct this loss as a casualty or theft loss.  

Figure your deductible casualty and theft losses on Form 4684, Casualties and Thefts.  

Losses from personal use property. You cannot deduct the first $100 of each casualty or theft loss to property held for personal use. You can deduct only the total of these losses for the year that is more than 10% of your adjusted gross income (line 33, Form 1040NR) for the year.  

Losses from income-producing property. These losses are not subject to the limitations that apply to personal use property. Use Section B of Form 4684 to figure your deduction for these losses.  

Job expenses and other miscellaneous deductions. You can deduct job expenses, such as allowable unreimbursed travel expenses (discussed next), and other miscellaneous deductions. Generally, the allowable deductions must be related to effectively connected income. Deductible expenses include:  

- Union dues,  
- Safety equipment and small tools needed for your job,  
- Dues to professional organizations,  
- Subscriptions to professional journals, and  
- Tax return preparation fees.  

Most miscellaneous itemized deductions are deductible only if they are more than 2% of your adjusted gross income (line 33, Form 1040NR). For more information on miscellaneous deductions, see the instructions for Form 1040NR.  

Travel expenses. You may be able to deduct your ordinary and necessary travel expenses while you are temporarily performing personal services in the United States. Generally, a temporary assignment in a single location is one that is realistically expected to last (and does in fact last) for one year or less. You must be able to show you were present in the United States on an activity that required your temporary absence from your regular place of work.  

For example, if you have established a “tax home” through regular employment in a foreign country, and intend to return to similar employment in the same country at the end of your temporary stay in the United States, you can deduct reasonable travel expenses you paid. You cannot deduct travel expenses for other members of your family or party.  

Deductible travel expenses. If you qualify, you can deduct your expenses for:  

1) Transportation—airfare, local transporta-

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For more information, get Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses, and Form 2441, Child and Dependent Care Expenses.

Credit for the elderly or the disabled. You may qualify for this credit if you are 65 or over or if you retired on permanent and total disability. For more information on this credit, get Publication 524, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled, and Schedule R (Form 1040).

Child tax credit. You may be able to take this credit if you have a qualifying child. For this credit, a qualifying child:

- Is a U.S. citizen, national, or resident alien.
- Is claimed as a dependent on your tax return.
- Is your son, daughter, adopted child, grandchild, stepchild, or foster child, and
- Was under age 17 at the end of the year.

Use the Child Tax Credit Worksheet in your form instructions to figure the amount of your credit.

Education credits. You may qualify for these credits if you paid qualified tuition and related expenses for yourself, your spouse, or your dependent. There are two education credits: the Hope credit and the lifetime learning credit.

- The Hope credit is the same for all years. It is calculated using Form 8863, Education Credits (Hope and Lifetime Learning Credits), to figure the credit. For more information, see Publication 970.
- The lifetime learning credit is calculated using Form 886L, Education Credits (Lifetime Learning Credits), to figure the credit. For more information, see Publication 970.

Foreign tax credit. You can claim a credit, subject to certain limits, for income tax you paid or accrued to a foreign country or foreign source income. You cannot claim a credit for taxes paid or accrued on excluded foreign earned income. To claim a credit for income taxes paid or accrued to a foreign country, you generally will file Form 1116, Foreign Tax Credit (Individual, Estate, Trust, or Nonresident Alien Individual), with your Form 1040.

For more information, get Publication 514, Foreign Tax Credit for Individuals.

Earned income credit. You may qualify for an earned income credit of up to $2,428 if your child lived with you in the United States and your earned income and modified adjusted gross income were each less than $28,281. If two or more children lived with you in the United States and your earned income and modified adjusted gross income were each less than $4,008, you may be able to claim two credits. You cannot claim a credit for taxes paid or accrued on excluded foreign earned income. To claim a credit for income taxes paid or accrued to a foreign country, you generally will file Form 1116, Foreign Tax Credit (Individual, Estate, Trust, or Nonresident Alien Individual), with your Form 1040.

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Nonresident Aliens

You can claim some of the same credits that resident aliens claim. You can also report certain taxes you paid, are considered to have paid, or that were withheld from your income.

Credits

Credits are allowed only if you receive effectively connected income. You may be able to claim some of the following credits.

Child and dependent care credit. You may qualify for this credit if you pay someone to care for your dependent who is under age 13, or your disabled dependent or disabled spouse, so that you can work or look for work. Generally, you must be able to claim an exemption for your dependent.

Nonresident aliens can claim the credit only if they file a joint return with a U.S. citizen or resident spouse as discussed in chapter 1, or if they qualify as certain married individuals living apart (see Married Persons Who Live Apart under Filing Status in the Form 1040NR instructions).

The amount of your child and dependent care expense that qualifies for the credit in any tax year cannot be more than your earned income from the United States for that tax year. Earned income generally means wages, salaries, and professional fees for personal services performed.

For more information, get Publication 503.

Child tax credit. You may be able to take this credit if you have a qualifying child. For this credit, a qualifying child:

- Is a U.S. citizen, national, or resident alien.
- Is claimed as a dependent on your tax return.
- Is your son, daughter, adopted child, grandchild, stepchild, or foster child, and
- Was under age 17 at the end of the year.

Use the Child Tax Credit Worksheet in the Form 1040 instructions to figure the amount of your credit.

Education credits. If you are a nonresident alien for any part of the year, you generally cannot claim the education credits. However, if you are married and choose to file a joint return with a U.S. citizen or resident spouse as discussed in chapter 1, you may be eligible for these credits.

Foreign tax credit. If you receive income from sources outside the United States that is effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States, you can claim a credit for any income taxes paid or accrued to any foreign country or U.S. possession on that income.

If you do not have foreign source income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, you generally cannot claim credits against your U.S. for taxes paid or accrued to a foreign country or U.S. possession.

You cannot take any credit for taxes imposed by a foreign country or U.S. possession on your U.S. source income if those taxes were imposed on you when you were a foreign national or resident of the foreign country or possession.

If you claim a foreign tax credit, you generally will have to attach to your return a Form 1116 which contains additional information about the credit and limits. See Publication 514 for more information.

Credit for prior year minimum tax. If you paid alternative minimum tax in a prior year, get Form 8801, Credit for Prior Year Minimum Tax—Individuals, Estates, and Trusts, to see if you qualify for this credit.

Earned income credit. If you are a nonresident alien for any part of the tax year, you generally cannot get the earned income credit. However, if you are married and choose to file a joint return with a U.S. citizen or resident spouse as discussed in chapter 1, you may be eligible for the credit.

You, your spouse, and any qualifying child must have valid SSNs to claim this credit. You cannot claim the credit using an ITIN. If a social security card has a legend that says Not Valid for Employment and the number was issued so that you (or your spouse or your qualifying child) could receive a federally funded benefit, you cannot claim the earned income credit. An example of a federally funded benefit is Medicaid. If a card has this legend and the individual’s immigration status has changed so that the individual is now a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, you should request that the SSA issue a new social security card without the legend.

For more information, see Publication 596 for more information on the credit.
Adoption credit. You may qualify to take a tax credit of up to $5,000 for qualifying expenses paid to adopt an eligible child. The credit can be as much as $6,000 if the expenses are for the adoption of a child with special needs. For expenses paid after 2001, the credit increases to $10,000 per eligible child, including special needs children. To claim the adoption credit, file Form 8839 with your Form 1040NR. For more information, get Publication 968.

Married nonresident aliens can claim the credit only if they choose to file a joint return with a U.S. citizen or resident spouse. (For details, see chapter 1, or if they qualify as certain married individuals living apart (see Married Persons Who Live Apart under Filing Status in the Form 1040NR instructions).

Tax Withheld

You can claim the tax withheld during the year as a payment against your U.S. tax. You claim it in the “Payments” section on page 2 of Form 1040NR. The tax withheld reduces any tax you owe with Form 1040NR.

Withholding from wages. Any federal income tax withheld from your wages during the tax year while you were a nonresident alien is allowed as a payment against your U.S. income tax liability for the same year. You can claim the income tax withheld whether or not you were engaged in a trade or business in the United States during the year, and whether or not the wages (or any other income) were connected with a trade or business in the United States.

Excess social security tax withheld. If you have two or more employers, you may be able to claim a credit against your U.S. income tax liability for social security tax withheld in excess of the maximum required. See Social Security and Medicare Taxes in chapter 8 for more information.

Regulated investment company credit. If you are a shareholder in a regulated investment company or mutual fund, you can claim a credit for your share of any taxes paid by the company on its undistributed capital gains. You will receive information on Form 2439, Notice to Shareholder of Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains, which you must attach to your return.

Tax withheld at the source. You can claim as a payment any tax withheld at the source on investment and other fixed or determinable annuity or periodic income paid to you. Fixed or determinable income includes interest, dividend, rental, and royalty income that you do not claim to be effectively connected income. Wage or salary payments can be fixed or determinable income to you, but usually are subject to withholding as discussed above. Taxes on fixed or determinable income are withheld at a 30% rate or at a lower treaty rate.

Tax withheld on partnership income. If you are a foreign partner in a partnership, the partnership will withhold tax on your share of effectively connected taxable income from the partnership. The partnership will give you a statement on Form 8805, Foreign Partner’s Information Statement of Section 1446 Withholding Tax, showing the tax withheld. A partnership that is publicly traded may withhold on your actual distributions of effectively connected income. In this case, the partnership will give you a statement on Form 1040-D–S. In either case, claim the tax withheld as a payment on line 62b of Form 1040NR.

Claiming tax withheld on your return. When you fill out your tax return, take extra care to enter the correct amount of any tax withheld shown on your information documents. The following table lists some of the more common information documents and shows where to find the amount of tax withheld.

### Bona Fide Residents of American Samoa or Puerto Rico

If you are a nonresident alien who is a bona fide resident of American Samoa or Puerto Rico for the entire tax year, you generally are taxed the same as resident aliens. You should file Form 1040 and report all income from sources both in and outside the United States.

Residents of Puerto Rico. If you are a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico for the entire year, you can exclude from gross income all income from sources in Puerto Rico (other than amounts for services performed as an employee of the United States or any of its agencies). If you report income on a calendar year basis and you do not have wages subject to withholding, file your return and pay your tax by June 15. You must also make your first payment of estimated tax by June 15. You **cannot** file a joint income tax return or make joint payments of estimated tax. However, if you are married to a U.S. citizen or resident, see Nonresident Spouse Treated as a Resident in chapter 1.

If you earn wages subject to withholding, your U.S. income tax return is due on April 15. Your first payment of estimated tax is also due by April 15. For information on withholding and estimated tax, see chapter 8.

You **cannot** claim exemptions for dependents who are residents of Puerto Rico unless the dependents are citizens of the United States.

Residents of American Samoa. If you are a bona fide resident of American Samoa for the entire year, you can exclude from gross income all income from sources in American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (other than amounts for services performed as an employee of the U.S. government or any of its agencies). For more information about this exclusion, get Publication 570, Tax Guide for Individuals With Income From U.S. Possessions.

### 6. Dual-Status Tax Year

**Introduction**

You have a dual-status tax year when you have been both a resident alien and a nonresident alien in the same year. Dual status does not refer to your citizenship, only to your resident status in the United States. In determining your U.S. income tax liability for a dual-status tax year, different rules apply for the part of the year you are a resident of the United States and the part of the year you are a nonresident. The most common dual-status tax years are the years of arrival and departure. See Dual-Status Aliens in chapter 1.

If you are married and choose to be treated as a U.S. resident for the entire year, as explained in chapter 1, the rules of this chapter do not apply to you for that year.

**Topics**

This chapter discusses:
- Income subject to tax,
- Restrictions for dual-status taxpayers,
- Exemptions,
- How to figure the tax,
- Forms to file,
- When and where to file, and
- How to fill out a dual-status return.

**Useful Items**

You may want to see:
- Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses
- Publication 514, Foreign Tax Credit for Individuals
- Publication 524, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled
- Publication 575, Pension and Annuity Income

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Tax Year
You must file your tax return on the basis of an annual accounting period called a tax year. If you have not previously established a fiscal tax year, your tax year is the calendar year. A calendar year is 12 consecutive months ending on December 31. If you have previously established a regular fiscal year (12 consecutive months ending on the last day of a month other than December, or a 52–53 week year) and are considered to be a U.S. resident for any calendar year, you will be treated as a U.S. resident for any part of your fiscal year that falls within that calendar year.

Income Subject to Tax
For the part of the year you are a resident alien, you are taxed on income from all sources. Income from sources outside the United States is taxable if you receive it while you are a resident alien. The income is taxable even if you earned it while you were a nonresident alien or if you became a nonresident alien after receiving it and before the end of the year.

For the part of the year you are a nonresident alien, you are taxed on income from U.S. sources and on certain foreign source income treated as effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. The rules for treating foreign source income as effectively connected are discussed in chapter 4 under Foreign Income.

Income from sources outside the United States that is not effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States is nontaxable if you receive it while you are a nonresident alien. The income is not taxable even if you earned it while you were a resident alien or if you became a resident alien after receiving it and before the end of the year.

Income from U.S. sources is taxable whether you receive it while a nonresident alien or a resident alien unless specifically exempt under the Internal Revenue Code or a tax treaty provision. Generally, tax treaty provisions apply only to the part of the year you were a nonresident alien.

When determining what income is taxed in the United States, you must consider exemptions under U.S. tax law as well as the reduced tax rates and exemptions provided by tax treaties between the United States and certain foreign countries. For a further discussion of tax treaties, see chapter 9.

Restrictions for Dual-Status Taxpayers
The following restrictions apply if you are filing a tax return for a dual-status tax year.

1) Standard deduction. You cannot use the standard deduction allowed on Form 1040. However, you can itemize any allowable deductions.

2) Exemptions. Your total deduction for the exemptions for your spouse and allowable dependents cannot be more than your taxable income (figured without deducting personal exemptions) for the period you are a resident alien.

3) Head of household. You cannot use the head of household Tax Table column or Tax Rate Schedule.

4) Joint return. You cannot file a joint return. However, see Choosing Resident Alien Status under Dual-Status Aliens in chapter 1.

5) Tax rates. If you are married and a nonresident of the United States for all or part of the tax year and you do not choose to file jointly as discussed in chapter 1, you must use the Tax Table column or Tax Rate Schedule for married filing jointly or single. However, if you are a married resident of Canada, Mexico, Japan, or South Korea, or are a married U.S. national, you may be able to file as single if you lived apart from your spouse during the last 6 months of the year. See the instructions for Form 1040NR to see if you qualify.

A U.S. national is an individual who, although not a U.S. citizen, owes his or her allegiance to the United States. U.S. nationals include American Samoans and Northern Mariana Islanders who chose to become U.S. nationals instead of U.S. citizens.

Exemptions
As a dual-status taxpayer, you usually will be able to claim your own personal exemption. Subject to the general rules for qualification, you can claim exemptions for your spouse and dependents when you figure taxable income for the part of the year you are a resident alien. The amount you can claim for these exemptions is limited to your taxable income (figured before subtracting exemptions) for the part of the year you are a resident alien. You cannot use exemptions (other than your own) to reduce taxable income to less than zero for that period.

Special rules apply to exemptions for the part of the tax year you are a nonresident alien if you are a resident of Canada, Mexico, Japan, or South Korea, or a U.S. national, or are a student or business apprentice from India. For more information, see Exemptions in chapter 5.

How To Figure Tax
When you figure your U.S. tax for a dual-status year, you are subject to different rules for the part of the year you are a resident and the part of the year you are a nonresident.

Income
All income for your period of residence and all income that is effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States for your period of nonresidence, after allowable deductions, is added and taxed at the rates that apply to U.S. citizens and residents. Income that is not connected with a trade or business in the United States for your period of nonresidence is subject to the flat 30% rate or lower treaty rate. You cannot take any deductions against this income.

Social security and railroad retirement benefits. During the part of the year you are a nonresident alien, 85% of any U.S. social security benefits you receive is subject to the flat 30% tax, unless exempt, or subject to a lower treaty rate. (See The 30% Tax in chapter 4.)

During the part of the year you are a resident alien, part of the social security and the equivalent portion of tier 1 railroad retirement benefits will be taxed at graduated rates if your modified adjusted gross income plus half these benefits is more than a certain base amount.

Use the Social Security Benefits Worksheet in the Form 1040 instructions to help you figure the taxable part of your social security and railroad retirement benefits. For a more detailed discussion of tax credits using the same rules that apply to nonresident aliens, see chapter 9.

Choosing Resident Alien Status
You are considered a resident alien if you are a U.S. national, a U.S. citizen, or a person treated as a U.S. national under chapter 1.

Choosing a Tax Year
You must choose your tax year on the basis of your billing period. If more than one billing period applies, you must file a separate return for each billing period. The billing periods used most commonly in the United States are the calendar year and the fiscal year. There are other periods of tax years that may be used. See the Internal Revenue Code to determine acceptable tax years.

Choosing a calendar year
The calendar year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. The calendar year is the most common tax year used by U.S. taxpayers.

Choosing a fiscal year
A fiscal year begins and ends on the same day of the same month. Fiscal quarters and months are not used. The fiscal year begins on the day after the last day of the prior fiscal year. For example, if you begin a fiscal year on January 3, the fiscal year ends on January 3 of the following year. Fiscal years that begin on the same day of the same month may be the same or different fiscal years.

Choosing a tax year
You must choose your tax year on the basis of your billing period. If more than one billing period applies, you must file a separate return for each billing period.
must be able to claim an exemption for your dependent.
Married dual-status aliens can claim the credit only if they choose to file a joint return as discussed in chapter 1, or if they qualify as certain married individuals living apart.

The amount of your child and dependent care expense that qualifies for the credit in any tax year cannot be more than your earned income for that tax year.

For more information, get Publication 503 and Form 2441.

Credit for the elderly or the disabled. You must be a U.S. citizen or resident to claim this credit. You cannot claim the credit if you were a nonresident alien at any time during your tax year. However, the credit can be taken by a dual-status alien who is married to a U.S. citizen or resident and chooses to be treated as a U.S. resident for the entire year. For further information about this credit, get Publication 524.

Child tax credit. You may be able to take this credit if you have a qualifying child. For this credit, a qualifying child:

- Is a U.S. citizen, national, or resident alien,
- Is claimed as a dependent on your tax return,
- Is your son, daughter, adopted child, grandchild, stepchild, or foster child, and
- Was under age 17 at the end of the year.

Use the Child Tax Credit Worksheet in the Form 1040 instructions to figure the amount of your credit.

Education credits. If you are a nonresident alien for any part of the year, you generally cannot claim the education credits. However, if you are married and choose to file a joint return with a U.S. citizen or resident spouse as discussed in chapter 1, you may be eligible for these credits.

Foreign tax credit. If you have paid or are liable for the payment of income tax to a foreign country on income from foreign sources, you may be able to claim a credit for the foreign taxes.

If you claim the foreign tax credit, you generally must file Form 1116 with your income tax return. If you need more information, see the instructions for Form 1116 or get Publication 514.

Adoption credit. You may qualify to take a tax credit of up to $5,000 for qualifying expenses paid to adopt an eligible child. The credit can be as much as $6,000 if the expenses are for the adoption of a child with special needs. For expenses paid after 2001, the maximum credit increases to $10,000 per eligible child, including a special needs child. To claim the adoption credit, file Form 8839 with the U.S. income tax return that you file. For more information, get Publication 968.

Married dual-status aliens can claim the credit only if they choose to file a joint return with a U.S. citizen or resident spouse as discussed in chapter 1, or if they qualify as certain married individuals living apart.

Earned income credit. You cannot claim the earned income credit unless:

1) You are married, and
2) You choose to be treated as a resident for all of 2001 by filing a joint return as discussed in chapter 1.

For more information about this credit, get Publication 596.

Payments You can report as payments against your U.S. income tax liability certain taxes you paid, are considered to have paid, or will be withheld from your income. These include:

- Tax withheld from wages earned in the United States,
- Taxes withheld at the source from various items of income from U.S. sources other than wages,
- Tax paid with Form 1040–ES or Form 1040–ES(NR), and
- Tax paid with Form 1040–C, at the time of departure from the United States.

Forms To File The U.S. income tax return you must file as a dual-status alien depends on whether you are a resident alien or a nonresident alien at the end of the tax year.

Resident at end of year. You must file Form 1040 if you are a dual-status taxpayer who becomes a resident during the year and who is a U.S. resident on the last day of the tax year. Write “Dual-Status Return” across the top of the return. Attach a statement to your return to show the income for the part of the year you are a nonresident. You can use Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR–EZ as the statement, but be sure to mark “Dual-Status Statement” across the top.

Nonresident at end of year. You must file Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR–EZ if you are a dual-status taxpayer who gives up residence in the United States during the year and who is not a U.S. resident on the last day of the tax year. Write “Dual-Status Return” across the top of the return. Attach a statement to your return to show the income for the part of the year you are a resident. You can use Form 1040 as the statement, but be sure to mark “Dual-Status Statement” across the top.

Former long-term residents are required to file Form 8854 with their dual-status return for the last year of U.S. residency. To determine if you are a former long-term resident, see Expatriation Tax in chapter 4.

Statement. Any statement must have your name, address, and taxpayer identification number on it. You do not need to sign a separate statement or schedule accompanying your return, since your signature on the return also applies to the supporting statements and schedules.

When and Where To File If you are a resident alien on the last day of your tax year and report your income on a calendar year basis, you must file no later than April 15 of the year following the close of your tax year. If you report your income on other than a calendar year basis, file your return no later than the 15th day of the 4th month following the close of your tax year. In either case, file your return with the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255.

If you are a nonresident alien on the last day of your tax year and report your income on a calendar year basis, you must file no later than April 15 of the year following the close of your tax year if you receive wages subject to withholding. If you report your income on other than a calendar year basis, file your return no later than the 15th day of the 4th month following the close of your tax year. If you did not receive wages subject to withholding and you report your income on a calendar year basis, you must file no later than June 15 of the year following the close of your tax year. If you report your income on other than a calendar year basis, file your return no later than the 15th day of the 6th month following the close of your tax year. In any case, file your return with the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255.

If the regular due date for filing falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.


The Major Product Co. later offered Sam a permanent job, and he returned to the United States with a permanent visa on September 10, 2001. During Sam’s temporary assignment in the United States, the Major Product Co. paid him $6,500. He accounted to his employer for his expenses for travel, meals, and lodging while on temporary assignment, and was reimbursed for his expenses. This amount was not included on his wage statement, Form W–2, given to him when he left the United States.

After Sam became permanently employed, his wages for the rest of the year were $21,800, including reimbursement of his moving expenses. He received a separate Form W–2 for this period. His other income received in 2001 was:

Interest income paid by the U.S. Bank (not effectively connected):

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September 30 ........................ $ 68
December 31 ........................ $ 89

Dividend income paid by Major Product Co. (not effectively connected):
April 3 .................................. $120
July 3 .................................. $120
October 2 ................................ $120

Interest income (in U.S. dollars) paid by the U.K. Bank:
March 31 .................................. $90
June 30 .................................. $110
September 30 .......................... $118
December 31 ................................ $120

Sam paid the following expenses while he was in the United States:
Moving expenses incurred and paid in
September ................................ $8,300

Contributions to U.S. charities ........... $612
Contributions to U.S. charities ........... $310

Before Sam left the United States in May, he filed Form 1040-C (see chapter 11). He owed no tax when he left the United States.

Form 1040NR

Sam completes Form 1040NR as follows.

Pages 1, 2, and 3.

Sam prints his name, address, and social security number on page 1 of Form 1040NR. He prints "Dual-Status Statement" across the top of the form.

On line 8, Sam enters his salary while a nonresident. He enters the state income tax withheld from his salary on line 35 (carried from page 3, line 17, Schedule A) and the federal income tax withheld ($536) from his salary on line 55. He also carries these amounts to Form 1040 (discussed later).

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Sam also reports the not effectively connected U.S. income received while he was a nonresident alien. He reports the April and July dividends from the Major Product Co. in column (c) of line 70a, page 4. He figures the tax on his dividend income on lines 82 and 83 and carries it forward to page 2, line 48 on Form 1040NR. (The rate of tax on this income is limited to 15% by Article 10 of the U.S.—U.K. income tax treaty. Treaty rates vary from country to country, so be sure to check the provisions in the treaty you are claiming.)

Sam also reports $36, the amount of tax withheld as source by the Major Product Co. in column (a) of line 70a, Form 1040NR, and carries it forward to page 2, line 62a. Later he will report the amount on Form 1040.

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Sam is not required to report the interest credited to his account by the U.S. Bank during the period he was a nonresident alien. Interest on deposits with U.S. banks that is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business generally is treated as income from sources in the United States but is not taxable to a nonresident alien. He checks the "Yes" box on page 5, item L, of Form 1040NR, and explains why this income is not included on his return.

Interest income received from the U.K. Bank while Sam was a nonresident alien is foreign source income and not taxable on his U.S. return.

Sam completes all applicable items on page 5 of Form 1040NR. This provides the dates of arrival and departure, types of visas, and information concerning tax treaty benefits that he has claimed.

Form 1040

Sam completes Form 1040 as follows.

Page 1.

Sam prints his name, social security number, and address on page 1 of Form 1040. He checks "Yes" for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund and "Single" under filing status. He also checks the exemption block for himself and prints "Dual-Status Return" across the top of the form.

Sam reports on line 7, Form 1040, all wages received during the period he was a resident of the United States ($21,800) and the wages received during the period he was a nonresident alien ($6,500) that was effectively connected with his U.S. trade or business. This income is taxed at the graduated rates.

Sam reports on Form 1040 the interest income credited to his account by the U.S. Bank and the U.K. Bank in September and December, while he was a U.S. resident. If any of the interest income received while he was a nonresident alien was effectively connected with his U.S. trade or business, he would also report these amounts on Form 1040. If he had paid foreign income tax on the interest income received from the U.K. Bank, he would claim a foreign tax credit.

The dividend income includes only the October dividend, which was received while Sam was a U.S. resident. The dividend income received during his period of nonresidency was not effectively connected with his U.S. trade or business and, therefore, not taxed at the graduated rates.

Sam completes Form 3903 (not illustrated) to figure his moving expense deduction and reports the total on line 26, Form 1040.

Schedule A (Form 1040).

Sam cannot claim the standard deduction because he has a dual-status tax year. He reports his itemized deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040). The only itemized deduction he had while he was a nonresident alien was the state income tax withheld from his pay. For information purposes, he lists this amount on line 1, Schedule A, Form 1040NR, in addition to including it on Schedule A, Form 1040.

Sam totals his itemized deductions on line 26, Schedule A (Form 1040).

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Sam reports the amount from line 28 of Schedule A (Form 1040) on line 36, Form 1040.

Sam enters $2,900 for one personal exemption on line 38, Form 1040. He subtracts the amount on line 38 from the amount on line 37 to figure his taxable income, line 39.

Sam is now ready to figure the tax on his income taxed at the graduated rates. He uses the column in the Tax Table for single individuals. To this tax ($2,501), he must add the tax on the income not effectively connected ($36), the income taxed at the 30% or lower treaty rate. Since there is no line on Form 1040 for this computation, he reports the two amounts in the margin in the Tax and Credits area of Form 1040.

Sam figures his rate reduction credit using the worksheet in the Form 1040 instructions. He enters this credit on line 47.

Sam reports the total amount of tax withheld ($2,700) from his wages on line 59, Form 1040. He includes in this amount the tax withheld at source ($36 from line 62a, Form 1040NR) on dividends paid to him while he was a nonresident alien. He also writes a brief explanation.

Sam compares the total tax on line 58, Form 1040, to the total payments on line 66, to see if he has overpaid his tax or if he owes an additional amount. Since the amount of tax withheld and the amount of tax paid at source are more than his total tax, he has overpaid his tax. He subtracts the amount on line 58 from the amount on line 66 to figure his refund.

Sam checks to be sure that he has completed all parts of Form 1040 that apply to him. He also checks to see if he has completed the necessary parts of the Form 1040NR that he is attaching as a statement. He then signs and dates the return and enters his occupation.

Sam mails the return to the following address:

Internal Revenue Service Center
Philadelphia, PA 19255
### Tax Credits and Allowances

**35a. Tax and Deduction**
- **Check if:**
  - You have been married filing separately and your spouse itemizes deductions, or you were a dual-status alien, see page 31 and check here.

**35b. Standard Deduction**
- **Check if:**
  - You or your spouse if filing a joint return, want $3 to go to this fund?
  - You, or your spouse if filing a joint return, want $3 to go to this fund?

**36. Itemized Deductions**
- Subtract line 36 from line 34. If line 34 is $99,725 or less, multiply $2,900 by the total number of exemptions claimed on line 6d. If line 34 is over $99,725, see the worksheet on page 32.

**37. Alternative Minimum Tax (AML)**
- Add lines 40 and 41.
- Subtract line 47 from line 46. If the result is more than line 42, enter -0- on line 48 and do not attach any Form(s) W-2G here.

**38. Taxable Income**
- Add lines 34 through 50. These are your other credits from Form 6251.

**39. Social Security and Medicare Tax on Tip Income Not Reported to Employer**
- Attach Form 4137.

**40. Advance Earned Income Credit Payments from Form(s) W-2**
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.

**41. Other Gains or (Losses)**
- Attach Form 4797.

**42. Federal Income Tax Withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099**
- Amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.
- Amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.

**43. Other Income**
- Add lines 23 through 31a. If line 21 is more than line 22, enter -0- on line 26 and do not attach any Form(s) W-2G here.
- Add lines 23 through 31a. If line 21 is more than line 22, enter -0- on line 26 and do not attach any Form(s) W-2G here.

**44. Nontaxable Earned Income**
- Subtract line 32 from line 22. If the result is more than line 42, enter -0- on line 48 and do not attach any Form(s) W-2G here.

**45. Education Credits**
- Attach Form 8863.

**46. Earned Income Credit (EIC)**
- Subtract line 32 from line 41. If the result is more than line 42, enter -0- on line 48 and do not attach any Form(s) W-2G here.

**47. Additional Child Tax Credit**
- Attach Form 8912.

**48. Adoption Credit**
- Attach Form 8839.

**49. Rate Reduction Credit**
- See the worksheet on page 36.

**50. Child Tax Credit (see page 37)**
- Subtract line 33 from line 34. If line 33 is more than line 42, enter -0- on line 48 and do not attach any Form(s) W-2G here.

**51. Child Support Payments or Alimony Paid**
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.
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**52. Child Support Payments or Alimony Paid**
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.
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**53. Federal Disability Tax Obligation (DT0)**
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.

**54. Federal Social Security and Medicare Tax (see page 21)**
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.

**55. Federal Income Taxes**
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.
- Add amount of line 67 you want refunded to you.

**56. Federal Unemployment Tax**
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**57. Federal Income Taxes**
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**58. Federal Unemployment Tax**
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**59. Federal Income Taxes**
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**60. Federal Unemployment Tax**
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**64. Federal Unemployment Tax**
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**83. Federal Income Taxes**
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**84. Federal Unemployment Tax**
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**85. Federal Income Taxes**
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**86. Federal Unemployment Tax**
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*Note: Adjusted Gross Income does not include income effectively connected with U.S. trade or business.*
### Schedule A—Itemized Deductions (See pages 14, 15, and 16.)

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### Tax on Income Not Effectively Connected With a U.S. Trade or Business

Attach Forms 1042-S, SSA-1042S, RRB-1042S, or similar form.

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### Capital Gains and Losses From Sales or Exchanges of Property

| Enter only the capital gains and losses from property sales or exchanges that are from sources within the United States and not effectively connected with a U.S. business. Do not include a gain or loss on disposing of a U.S. real property interest; report these gains and losses on Schedule D (Form 1040). |

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<th>(d) Sales price</th>
<th>(e) Cost or other basis</th>
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Form 1040NR (2001)
Other Information (If an item does not apply to you, enter “N/A.”)

A What country issued your passport? United Kingdom

B Were you ever a U.S. citizen? Yes No

C Give the purpose of your visit to the United States

Temporary assignment

D Type of entry visa and visa number

H-1 and type of current visa and date of change

Permanent

E Date you first entered the United States

3-18-01

F Did you give up your permanent residence as an immigrant in the United States this year? Yes No

G Dates you entered and left the United States during the year. Residents of Canada or Mexico entering and leaving the United States at frequent intervals, give name of country only.

Entered -- March 18, 2001

Departed -- May 25, 2001

Entered -- Sept. 10, 2001

H Give number of days (including vacation and nonworkdays) you were present in the United States during:

1999

2000

2001

I If you are a resident of Canada, Mexico, Japan, or the Republic of Korea, at a U.S. national, did your spouse contribute to the support of any child claimed on Form 1040NR, line 7c?

Yes No

If “Yes,” enter amount

J If you were a resident of Japan or the Republic of Korea for any part of the tax year, enter in the space below your total foreign source income not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. This information is needed so that the exemption for your spouse and dependents residing in the United States (if applicable) may be allowed in accordance with Article 4 of the income tax treaties between the United States and Japan or the United States and the Republic of Korea.

Total foreign source income not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business

K To which Internal Revenue office did you pay any amounts claimed on Form 1040NR, lines 56, 59, and 61?

L Have you excluded any gross income other than foreign source income not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business?

Yes No

If “Yes,” show the amount, nature, and source of the excluded income. Also, give the reason it was excluded. (Do not include amounts shown in item M.)

M If you are claiming the benefits of a U.S. income tax treaty with a foreign country, give the following information. See page 17 for additional information.

Country

Type and amount of effectively connected income exempt from tax. Also, identify the applicable tax treaty article. Do not enter exempt income on lines 8-15, 16b, and 17b-21 of Form 1040NR:

For 2001 (also, include this exempt income on line 22 of Form 1040NR)

For 2000

N If you file this return for a trust, does the trust have a U.S. business?

Yes No

O Is this an “expatriation return” (see page 17)?

Yes No

P If “Yes,” you must attach an annual information statement.

Q During 2001, did you apply for, or take other affirmative steps to apply for, lawful permanent resident status in the United States or have an application pending to adjust your status to that of a lawful permanent resident of the United States?

Yes No

If “Yes,” explain

Permanent resident status granted

Form 1040NR (2001)
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What, When, and Where To File

Introduction
What return you must file, as well as when and where you file that return, depends on your status at the end of the tax year as a resident or a nonresident alien.

Topics
This chapter discusses:
- Forms aliens must file,
- When and where to file,
- Amended returns and claims for refund, and
- Transportation of currency or monetary instruments.

Useful Items
You may want to see:
- Forms (and Instructions)
  - 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,
  - 1040A U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
  - 1040EZ Income Tax Return for Single and Joint Filers With No Dependents
  - 1040NR U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return
  - 1040NR-EZ U.S. Income Tax Return for Certain Nonresident Aliens With No Dependents

See chapter 12 for information about getting these forms.

Resident Aliens
Resident aliens should file Form 1040EZ, 1040A, or 1040 at the address shown in the instructions for that form. The due date for filing the return and paying any tax due is April 15 of the year following the year for which you are filing a return (but see the TIP, below). You are allowed an automatic extension to June 15 to file if your main place of business and the home you live in are outside the United States and Puerto Rico on April 15. You can get an extension of time to August 15 to file your return if you get an extension by April 15 (June 15 if you qualify for the June 15 extension). Use Form 4868 to get the extension to August 15.

If the due date for filing falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

Nonresident Aliens
Nonresident aliens who are required to file an income tax return should use Form 1040NR or, if qualified, Form 1040NR-EZ.

If you are any of the following, you must file a return.
1) A nonresident alien individual engaged or considered to be engaged in a trade or business in the United States during 2001. You must file even if:
   a) Your income did not come from a trade or business conducted in the United States,
   b) You have no income from U.S. sources, or
   c) Your income is exempt from income tax.
2) A nonresident alien individual not engaged in a trade or business in the United States with U.S. income on which the tax liability was not satisfied by the withholding of tax at the source.
3) A representative or agent responsible for filing the return of an individual described in (1) or (2).
4) A fiduciary for a nonresident alien estate or trust.

Note. If you were a nonresident alien student or trainee who was temporarily present in the United States under an "F," "J," "M," or "Q" visa, you are considered engaged in a trade or business in the United States. You must file Form 1040NR (or Form 1040NR-EZ) only if you have income that is subject to tax, such as wages, tips, scholarship and fellowship grants, dividends, etc. You must also file if you want to:
1) Claim a refund of overwithheld or overpaid tax, or
2) Claim the benefit of any deductions or credits. For example, if you have no U.S. business activities but have income from real property that you choose to treat as file Form 1040NR, or, if qualified, Form 1040NR-EZ.

Even if you have left the United States and filed a 1040--C, U.S. Departing Alien Income Tax Return, on departure, you still must file an annual U.S. income tax return. If you are married and both you and your spouse are required to file, you must each file a separate return.

Form 1040NR--EZ
You can use Form 1040NR--EZ if all of the following conditions are met.
1) You do not claim any dependents.
2) You cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return.
3) If you were married, you cannot claim an exemption for your spouse.
4) Your taxable income is less than $50,000.
5) You do not claim any itemized deductions (other than for state and local income taxes).
6) You had only wages, salaries, tips, taxable refunds of state and local income taxes, and scholarship or fellowship grants. (If you had taxable interest or dividend income, you cannot use this form.)
7) You are not claiming any adjustments to income other than the student loan interest deduction or scholarship and fellowship grants excluded.
8) You are not claiming any credits.
9) The only taxes you owe are:
   a) The income tax from the Tax Table.
   b) The social security and Medicare tax on tip income not reported to your employer.
   c) The household employment taxes.

If you do not qualify to file Form 1040NR--EZ, you must file Form 1040NR.

When and Where To File
If you are an employee and you receive wages subject to U.S. income tax withholding, you will generally file by the 15th day of the 4th month after your tax year ends. If you file for the 2001 calendar year, your due date is April 15, 2002. If you are not an employee who receives wages subject to U.S. income tax withholding, you must file by the 15th day of the 6th month after your tax year ends. For the 2001 calendar year, file your return by June 17, 2002, because June 15, 2002, falls on a Saturday. If you cannot file your return by the due date, file Form 4868 or use one of the electronic filing options explained in the Form 4868 instructions. This will extend the due date to August 15. You must file the extension by the regular due date of your return.

When to file for deductions and credits. To get the benefit of any allowable deductions or credits, you must timely file a true and accurate return. For this purpose, a return is timely if it is filed within 16 months of the due date just discussed. However, if you did not file a 2000 tax return and 2001 is not the first year for which you are required to file one, your 2001 return is timely for this purpose if it is filed by the earlier of:

You may be able to file your return electronically. See IRS e-file in your form instructions.
Amended Returns

1. The date that is 16 months after the due date for filing your 2001 return, or
2. The date the IRS notifies you that your 2001 return has not been filed and that you cannot claim certain deductions and credits.

The allowance of the following credits is not affected by this time requirement.

1. Credit for withheld taxes.
2. Credit for excise tax on certain uses of gasoline and special fuels.
3. Credit for tax paid by a regulated investment company on undistributed capital gains.

Protective return. If your activities in the United States were limited and you do not believe that you had any gross income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business during the year, you can file a protective return (Form 1040NR/PR) by the deadline explained above. By filing a protective return, you protect your right to receive the benefit of deductions and credits in the event it is later determined that some or all of your income is effectively connected. You are not required to report any effectively connected income or any deductions on the protective return, but you must give the reason the return is being filed.

If you believe some of your activities resulted in effectively connected income, file your return reporting that income and related deductions by the regular due date. To protect your right to claim deductions or credits resulting from other activities, attach a statement to that return explaining that you wish to protect your right to claim deductions and credits if it is later determined that the other activities produced effectively connected income.

You can follow the same procedure if you believe you have no U.S. tax liability because of a U.S. tax treaty. Be sure to also complete items L and M on page 5 of Form 1040NR.

Aliens from the Virgin Islands.

If you are a bona fide resident of the Virgin Islands on the last day of your tax year and work temporarily in the United States, you must pay your income taxes to the Virgin Islands and file your income tax returns at the following address.

Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue
9601 Estate Thomas
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
U.S. Virgin Islands 00802

Report all income from U.S. sources, as well as income from other sources, on your return. For information on filing Virgin Islands returns, contact the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Chapter 8 discusses withholding from U.S. wages of Virgin Islanders.

Aliens from Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

If you are a resident of Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) on the last day of your tax year, you must file your return and pay any tax due to Guam or the CNMI. Report all income, including income from U.S. sources, on your return. It is not necessary to file a separate U.S. income tax return.

Guam residents should file their Guam returns at the following address:

Department of Revenue and Taxation
Government of Guam
P.O. Box 23607
GMF, GU 96921

Residents of the CNMI should file their CNMI income tax returns at the following address:

Division of Revenue and Taxation
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
P.O. Box 5234 CHR
Saipan, MP 96950

If you are a resident of the United States on the last day of your tax year, you should file your return with the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255. Include with your return any balance of your tax due on income derived from all sources.

Penalties. The law imposes penalties for filing your tax return late or for late payment of any tax due. However, a penalty is not charged if you can show that there was reasonable cause for your filing or paying late.

You may be subject to additional penalties for:
1) Not supplying a taxpayer identification number when required,
2) Filing a frivolous income tax return, or
3) Not including a tax shelter identification number on a return when required.

Amended Returns and Claims for Refund

If you find changes in your income, deductions, or credits after you mail your return, file Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. Attach Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR-EZ showing the changes to your original return and print “Amended” across the top. Ordinarily, an amended return claiming a refund must be filed within 3 years from the date your return was filed or within 2 years from the time the tax was paid, whichever is later. A return filed before the final due date is considered to have been filed on the due date.

Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments

Customs Form 4790, Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments, must be filed by each person who physically transports, mails, or ships, or causes or attempts to cause to be physically transported, mailed, or shipped, currency or other monetary instruments in a total amount of more than $10,000 at one time from any place outside the United States, or into the United States from any place outside the United States. The filing requirement also applies to each person who receives in the United States currency or monetary instruments totaling more than $10,000 at one time from any place outside of the United States.

The term “monetary instruments” means the following:

- Coin and currency of the United States or of any other country,
- Travelers’ checks in any form,
- Money orders,
- Investment securities in bearer form or otherwise in such form that title to them passes upon delivery,
- Negotiable instruments in bearer form, endorsed without restriction, made out to a fictitious payee, or otherwise in such form that title to them passes upon delivery, and
- Checks, promissory notes, and money orders which are signed but on which the name of the payee has been omitted.

However, the term does not include:

- Checks or money orders made payable to the order of a named person which have not been endorsed or which contain restrictive endorsements,
- Warehouse receipts, or
- Bills of lading.

A transfer of funds through normal banking procedures (wire transfer) that does not involve the physical transportation of currency or bearer monetary instruments is not required to be reported on Customs Form 4790.

Filing requirements. Customs Form 4790 filing requirements follow.

Recipients. Each person who receives currency or other monetary instruments from a place outside the United States must file Customs Form 4790 within 15 days after receipt, with the Customs officer in charge at any port of entry or departure, or by mail to the following address:

Commissioner of Customs Attention: Currency Transportation Reports
Washington, DC 20229

Shippers or mailers. If the currency or other monetary instrument does not accompany the person entering or departing the United States, Customs Form 4790 can be filed by mail at the above address on or before the date of entry, departure, mailing, or shipping.

Travelers. Travelers must file Customs Form 4790 with the Customs officer in charge at any Customs port of entry or departure, when entering or departing the United States.

Penalties. Civil and criminal penalties are provided for failing to file a report, filing a report containing material omissions or misstatements, or filing a false or fraudulent report. Also, the entire amount of the currency or monetary instrument may be subject to seizure and forfeiture.
8. Paying Tax Through Withholding or Estimated Tax

Introduction
This chapter discusses how to pay your U.S. income tax as you earn or receive income during the year. In general, the federal income tax is a pay-as-you-go tax. There are two ways to pay as you go.

1) Withholding. If you are an employee, your employer probably withholds income tax from your pay. Tax may also be withheld from certain other income—including pensions, bonuses, commissions, and gambling winnings. In each case, the amount withheld is paid to the U.S. Treasury in your name.

2) Estimated tax. If you do not pay your tax through withholding, or do not pay enough tax that way, you might have to pay estimated tax. People who are in business for themselves generally will have to pay their tax this way. You may have to pay estimated tax if you receive income such as dividends, interest, rent, and royalties. Estimated tax is used to pay not only income tax, but self-employment tax and alternative minimum tax as well.

Topics
This chapter discusses:
• How to notify your employer of your alien status,
• Income subject to withholding of income tax,
• Exemptions from withholding,
• Social security and Medicare taxes, and
• Estimated tax rules.

Useful Items
You may want to see:
Publication
- 515 Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities
- 533 Self-Employment Tax

- 901 U.S. Tax Treaties
Form (and Instructions)
- W-4 Employee’s Withholding Allowance Certificate
- W-8BEN Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding
- W-8ECI Certificate of Foreign Person’s Claim for Exemption From Withholding on Income Effectively Connected With the Conduct of a Trade or Business in the United States
- W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification
- 1040-ES(NR) U.S. Estimated Tax for Nonresident Alien Individuals
- 8233 Exemption From Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual
- 8288-B Application for Withholding Certificate for Dispositions by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests

See chapter 12 for information about getting these publications and forms.

Notification of Alien Status
You must let your employer know whether you are a resident or a nonresident alien so your employer can withhold the correct amount of tax from your wages.

If you are a resident alien under the rules discussed in chapter 1, you may file Form W-9 or a similar statement with your employer. If you are a nonresident alien under those rules, you must furnish to your employer Form 8233 or Form W-8BEN, establishing that you are a foreign person, or Form W-4, establishing that your compensation is subject to graduated withholding at the same rates as resident aliens or U.S. citizens.

If you are a resident alien and you receive income other than wages (such as dividends and royalties) from sources within the United States, you may file Form W-9 or similar statement with the withholding agent so that the agent will withhold tax at the 30% (or lower treaty) rate. However, if the income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, file Form W-8ECI instead.

Withholding From Compensation
The following discussion generally applies only to nonresident aliens. Tax is withheld from resident aliens in the same manner as U.S. citizens.

Wages and other compensation paid to a nonresident alien for services performed as an employee are usually subject to graduated withholding at the same rates as resident aliens and U.S. citizens. Therefore, your compensation, unless it is specifically excluded from the term ‘wages’ by law, or is exempt from tax by treaty, is subject to graduated withholding.

Withholding on Wages
If you are an employee and you receive wages subject to graduated withholding, you will be required to fill out a Form W-4. Nonresident aliens should fill out Form W-4 using the following instructions instead of the instructions on the Form W-4. This is because of the restrictions on a nonresident alien’s filing status, the limited number of personal exemptions a nonresident alien is allowed, and because a nonresident alien cannot claim the standard deduction.

1) Check only “Single” marital status on line 3 (regardless of your actual marital status).

2) Claim only one allowance on line 5, unless you are a resident of Canada, Mexico, Japan, or South Korea, or a U.S. national.

3) Request that your employer withhold an additional amount of $7.60 per week on line 6. If your wages are paid based on a 2-week pay period, the additional amount will be $15.30. For other payroll periods, ask your employer for the amount to enter.

4) Do not claim “Exempt” withholding status on line 7.

A U.S. national is an individual who, although not a U.S. citizen, owes his or her allegiance to the United States. U.S. nationals include American Samoans, and Northern Mariana Islanders who chose to become U.S. nationals instead of U.S. citizens.

See Withholding on Scholarships and Fellowship Grants, later, for how to fill out Form W-4 if you receive a U.S. source scholarship or fellowship grant.

Students and business apprentices from India. If you are eligible for the benefits of Article 21(2) of the United States—India Income Tax Treaty, you may claim additional withholding allowances for the standard deduction and your spouse. You may also claim an additional withholding allowance for each of your dependents not admitted to the United States on “F–2,” “J–2,” or “M–2” visas if they meet the same rules that apply to U.S. citizens. You do not have to request additional withholding on line 6.

Wages Exempt From Withholding
Wages that are exempt from U.S. income tax under an income tax treaty are generally exempt from withholding. For information on how to
clam an exemption from withholding, see In-
comc Entitled to Tax Treaty Benefits, later.
When withholding on aliens covered by the agreement, and the Commissioner of the
holding agent, each nonresident alien covered
ever applies, and

Withholding Agreement
An agreement that you reach with the IRS re-
garding withholding from your compensation for independent personal services is effective for payments covered by the agreement after it is agreed to by all parties. You must agree to timely file an income tax return for the current tax year.

Central withholding agreements. If you are a nonresident alien entertainer or athlete per-
forming or participating in athletic events in the United States, you may be able to enter into a withholding agreement with the IRS for reduced withholding provided certain requirements are met. Under no circumstances will such a with-
holding agreement reduce taxes withheld to less than the anticipated amount of income tax liabi-

Nonresident alien entertainers or athletes re-
questing a central withholding agreement must submit the following information.
1) A list of the names and addresses of the nonresident aliens to be covered by the agreement.
2) Copies of all contracts that the aliens or their agents and representatives have en-
tered into regarding the time period and performances or events to be covered by the agreement including, but not limited to, contracts with:
   a) Employers, agents, and promoters,
   b) Exhibition halls,
   c) Persons providing lodging, transportation, and advertising, and
   d) Accompanying personnel, such as band members or trainers.

Withholding on Tip Income
Tips you receive during the year for services performed in the United States are subject to U.S. income tax. Include them in taxable in-
come. In addition, tips received while working for one employer, amounting to $20 or more in a month, are subject to graduated withholding.

Independent Contractors
If there is no employee-employer relationship between you and the person for whom you per-
form services, your compensation is subject to the 30% (or lower treaty) rate of withholding. However, if you are engaged in a trade or busi-
ness in the United States during the tax year, your compensation for personal services as an independent contractor (independent personal services) may be entirely or partly exempt from withholding if you reach an agreement with the Internal Revenue Service on the amount of with-
holding required. Also, the final payment to you during the tax year for independent personal services may be entirely or partly exempt from withholding if you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States during the year and you file the forms and provide the informa-
tion required by the IRS.

Withholding on Pensions
Certain Tips you receive during the year for services ment.residents of Canada or Mexico who enter or performed in the United States after c) Employers, agents, and promoters,
and applies to a maximum of $5,000 of compen-

Withholding on Pensions
If you receive a pension as a result of personal services performed in the United States, the pension income is subject to the 30% (or lower treaty) rate of withholding. You may, however, have tax withheld at graduated rates on the portion of the pension that arises from the per-
formance of services in the United States after December 31, 1986. You must fill out Form W–BECI and give it to the withholding agent before the income is paid or credited to you.

Residents of Canada or Mexico engaged in transportation-related employment. Certain residents of Canada or Mexico who enter or leave the United States at frequent intervals are not subject to withholding on their wages. These persons either:
1) Perform duties in transportation service between the United States and Canada or Mexico, or
2) Perform duties connected to the construc-
tion, maintenance, or operation of a water-
way, viaduct, dam, or bridge crossed by, or
crossing, the boundary between the United States and Canada or the boundary between the United States and Mexico.

This employment is subject to with-
holding of social security and Medicare taxes unless the services are per-
formed for a railroad.

To qualify for the exemption from withholding during a tax year, a Canadian or Mexican resi-
dent must give the employer a statement in duplicate with name, address, and identification number, certifying that the resident:
1) Is not a U.S. citizen or resident,
2) Is a resident of Canada or Mexico, which-
ever applies, and
3) Expects to perform duties previously de-
scribed during the tax year in question.

The statement can be in any form, but it must be dated and signed by the employee and must include a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury.

Residents of Puerto Rico. If you are a non-
resident alien who is a resident of Puerto Rico, wages for services performed in Puerto Rico are generally not subject to with-
holding unless you are an employee of the United States or any of its agencies in Puerto Rico.

Residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Non-
resident aliens who are bona fide residents of the Virgin Islands are not subject to withholding of U.S. tax on income earned while temporarily employed in the United States. This is because those persons pay their income tax to the Virgin Islands. To avoid having tax withheld on income earned in the United States, bona fide residents of the Virgin Islands should write a letter, in
duplicate, to their employers, stating that they are bona fide residents of the Virgin Islands and expect to pay tax on all income to the Virgin Islands.

Withholding on Pensions
If you receive a pension as a result of personal services performed in the United States, the pension income is subject to the 30% (or lower treaty) rate of withholding. You may, however, have tax withheld at graduated rates on the portion of the pension that arises from the per-
agent must give the following statements and information to the Commissioner or his delegate:

1) A statement by each withholding agent from whom you have received gross in-
come effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States during the tax year, showing the amount of the payment and the amount of tax that would be withheld if a final pay-
ment exemption were not granted. This statement must also be signed by the with-
holding agent and verified by a declaration that it is made under penalties of perjury.

2) A statement by the withholding agent from whom you expect to receive the final pay-
ment of compensation, showing the amount of the payment and the amount of tax that would be withheld if a final pay-
ment exemption were not granted. This statement must also be signed by the with-
holding agent and verified by a declaration that it is made under penalties of perjury.

3) A statement by you that you do not intend to receive any other income effectively
connected with a trade or business in the United States during the current tax year.

4) The amount of tax that has been withheld or paid under any other provision of the
Internal Revenue Code or regulations for any income effectively connected with your trade
or business in the United States for the current tax year.

5) The amount of your outstanding tax liabilities, if any, including interest and penal-
ties, from the current tax year or prior tax periods.

6) Any provision of an income tax treaty under which a partial or complete exemp-
tion from withholding may be claimed, the country of your residence, and a statement of sufficient facts to justify an exemption under the treaty.

7) A statement signed by you, and verified by a declaration that it is made under penal-
ties of perjury, that all the information given is true and that to your knowledge no relevant information has been omitted.

If satisfied with the information, the IRS will determine the amount of your tentative income tax for the tax year on gross income effectively connected with your trade or business in the United States. Ordinary and necessary business expenses can be taken into account if proven to the satisfaction of the Commissioner or his delegate.

The Commissioner or his delegate will send you a letter, directed to the withholding agent, showing the amount of the final payment of compensation that is exempt from withholding and the amount that can be paid to you because of the exemption. You must give two copies of the letter to the withholding agent and must also attach a copy of the letter to your income tax return for the tax year for which the exemption is effective.

Allowance for Personal Exemption

Withholding on payments for independent per-
sonal services is generally based on the amount of your compensation payment minus the value of one exemption ($3,000 for 2002).

To determine the income for personal services performed in the United States to which the 30% (or lower treaty) rate will apply, you are allowed one personal exemption if you are not a U.S. national and are not a resident of Canada, Mexico, Japan, or South Korea. For purposes of 30% withholding, the exemption is prorated at $8.22 a day in 2002 for the period that labor or personal services are performed in the United States. To claim an exemption from withholding on the personal ex-
emption amount, fill out the applicable parts of Form 8233 and give it to the withholding agent.

Example. Eric Schmidt, who is a resident of Germany, worked under a contract with a U.S. firm from whom he received gross income of $5,000 for 2002 before returning to his home country. He earned $6,000 for the personal services performed (not considered wages) in the United States. Eric is married and has three dependent children. His wife is not employed and has no income subject to U.S. tax. The amount of the personal exemption to be allowed against the income for his personal services performed within the United States in 2002 is $822 (100 days x $8.22), and withholding at 30% is applied against the balance. Thus, $1,553.40 in tax is witheld from Eric’s earnings (30% of $5,178 ($6,000 – $822)).

U.S. nationals or residents of Canada, Mex-
ico, Japan, or South Korea. If you are a U.S. national or a resident of Canada, Mexico, Japan, or South Korea, or if you are a U.S. national of the United States, you are subject to the same 30% withholding on your compensa-
tion for personal services performed in the United States. However, if you are a U.S. national or a resident of Canada or Mex-
ico, you are allowed the same personal exemp-
tions as U.S. citizens. For the 30% (or lower treaty rate) withholding, you can take $8.22 per day for each allowable exemption in 2002. If you are a resident of Japan or Korea, you are al-
lowed personal exemptions for your spouse and children who live with you in the United States at any time during the tax year. However, the additional exemptions for your spouse and children must be further prorated as explained in chapter 5 under Exemptions.

Students and business apprentices from India. If you are eligible for the benefits of Article 21(2) of the United States–India Income Tax Treaty, you are allowed an exemption for your spouse only if your spouse has no gross income and is not the dependent of another taxpayer. You are also allowed an exemption for each dependent not admitted to the United States on “F–2,” “J–2,” or “M–2” visas if they meet the same rules that apply to U.S. citizens. For the 30% (or lower treaty rate) withholding on compensation for independent personal ser-
ices performed in the United States, you are allowed $8.22 per day for each allowable ex-
emption in 2002.

Withholding From Other Income

Other income subject to 30% withholding gener-
ally includes fixed or determinable income such as interest (other than portfolio interest), divi-
dends, pensions and annuities, and gains and losses from certain sales and exchanges, discussed in chapter 4. It also includes 85% of social security benefits paid to nonresident aliens.

The following income is not subject to with-
holding at the 30% (or lower treaty) rate if you file Form W–8ECI with the payer of the income:

• Income (other than compensation) that is effectively connected with your U.S. trade or business.

• Income from real property that is effectively connected with your U.S. trade or business. See Income From Real Property in chapter 4 for details about this choice.

Special rules for withholding on partnership income, scholarships, and fellowships are ex-
plained next.

Tax Withheld on Partnership Income

If you are a foreign partner in a U.S. or foreign partnership, the partnership will withhold tax on your share of effectively connected taxable in-
come from the partnership. The partnership will give you a statement on Form 8805, Foreign Partner’s Information Statement of Section 1446 Withholding Tax, showing the tax withheld. A partnership that is publicly traded may withhold on your actual distributions of effectively con-
ncerted income. In this case the partnership will give you a statement on Form 1042–S, Foreign Person’s U.S. Source Income Subject to With-
holding. For 2001, the withholding rate was ei-
ther 39.6 or 39.1%. Claim the tax withheld as a credit on line 62b of Form 1040NR.

If you are a foreign partner responsible for withholding, see Partnership Withholding on Ef-
fectively Connected Income in Publication 515.

Withholding on Scholarships and Fellowship Grants

There is no withholding on a qualified scholar-
ship received by a candidate for a degree. See chapter 3.

If you are a nonresident alien student or gra
neced with an “F,” “J,” “M,” or “Q” visa and you receive a U.S. source grant or scholarship that is not fully exempt, the withholding agent (usually the payer of the scholarship) withholds tax at 14% (or lower treaty rate) of the taxable part of the grant or scholarship. However, if you are not a candidate for a degree and the grant does not meet certain requirements, tax will be withheld at the 30% (or lower treaty) rate.

Reduced Withholding

You may be entitled to reduced withholding on the taxable part of your grant or scholarship if the withholding agent chooses to withhold under an
alternative withholding procedure. (This alterna-
tive withholding procedure is not mandatory, and The withholding agent does not have to use it.) Your withholding agent chooses this alterna-
tive procedure by asking you to fill out Form W–4 and the Personal Allowances Worksheet (attached to Form W–4). Use the following in-
structions instead of the Form W–4 instructions to complete the worksheet.

Line A. Enter the total of the following amounts on line A.

Personal exemption. Include the prorated share of the personal exemption for the year. Include either the full exemption or the reduced exemption. Reduced exemption is allowed if you are not claiming additional exemptions and deductions (discussed earlier), enter the stan-
dard deduction under Deductions in chapter 5. They also include busi-
ness expenses, moving expenses, and the IRA deduction discussed under Deductions in chap-
ter 5.

The amount of away-from-home expenses should be the anticipated actual amount, if

known. If you do not know the amount of actual expenses at the time you complete Form W–4, you can claim the current year’s deduction for participants in the Career Education Program under the Federal Travel Regulations.

The current per diem allowance is $18 per day.

Nontaxable grant or scholarship. Include the part of your grant or scholarship that is not taxable under U.S. law or under a tax treaty.

Line B. Enter —0— unless the following para-
graph applies to you.

If you are a student, teacher, or researcher who qualifies under Arti-
icle 21(2) of the United States–India income tax treaty, and you are not claiming deductions for away-from-home expenses or other itemized deduc-
tions (discussed earlier), enter the stan-
dard deduction under Deductions in line B. The standard deduc-
tion amount for 2002 is $4,700 if you are single or $9,250 if you are married.

Lines C and D. Enter —0— on both lines un-
less the following paragraphs apply to you.

If you are a resident of Canada, Mexico, Japan, South Korea, or a U.S. national, an addi-
tional daily exemption amount may be allowed for your spouse and each of your dependents.

If you are a resident of India who is eligible for the benefits of Article 21(2) of the United States–India income tax treaty, you can claim an additional daily exemption amount for your spouse. You can also claim an additional amount for each of your dependents not admis-
ted to the United States on “F–2,” “J–2,” or “M–2” visas if they meet the same rules that apply to U.S. citizens.

Enter the additional amount for your spouse on line C. Enter any additional amount for your dependents on line D.

Lines E, F, and G. No entries should be made on lines E, F, and G.

Line H. Add the amounts on lines A through D and enter the total on line H.

Form W–4. Complete lines 1 through 4 of Form W–4. Sign and date the form and give it with the Personal Allowances Worksheet to your withholding agent. If you file a Form W–4 to reduce or eliminate the withholding on your scholarship or grant, you must file an annual U.S. income tax return to be allowed the exemptions and deductions you claimed on that form. If you are in the United States during more than one tax year for which you received income, you must attach a statement to your yearly Form W–4 indicating that you have filed a U.S. income tax return for each previous year. If you are in the United States long enough to be required to file a return, you must attach a statement to your Form W–4 saying you will file a U.S. in-
come tax return when required. After the withholding agent has accepted your Form W–4, tax will be withheld on your scholarship or grant at the graduated rates that apply to wages. The gross amount of the income is reduced by the amount on line H of the work-
sheet and the withholding tax is figured on the remainder.

You will receive a Form 1042–S from the withholding agent (usually the payer of your grants) showing the gross amount of your taxable scholarship or fellowship grant less the withhold-
ing allowance amount, the tax rate, and the amount of tax withheld. Use this form to file your U.S. annual income tax return.

Income Entitled to Tax Treaty Benefits

If a tax treaty between the United States and your country provides an exemption from, or a reduced rate of, withholding for certain items of income, you should notify the payer of the in-
come (the withholding agent) of your foreign status to claim the benefits of the treaty. Gener-
ally, you do this by filing either Form W–8BEN or Form 8233 with the withholding agent.

File Form W–8BEN for income that is not personal services income. File Form 8233 for personal services income as discussed next.

Employees and independent contractors. If you perform personal services as an employee or as an independent contractor and you can claim an exemption from withholding on that personal service income because of the terms of a treaty, you can give Form 8233 to each withholding agent from whom amounts will be received.

Even if you submit Form 8233, the withhold-
ing agent may have to withhold tax from your income. This is because the factors on which the treaty exemption is based may not be determi-
nable until after the close of the tax year. In this case, you must file Form 1040NR to recover any overwithheld tax and to provide the IRS with enough information for your withholding.

Students, teachers, and researchers. Students, teachers, and researchers must at-
tach the appropriate statement shown in Appen-
dix A (for students) or Appendix B (for teachers and researchers) at the end of this publication to the Form 8233 and give it to the withholding agent. For treaties not listed in the appendices, attach a statement in a format similar to those for other treaties.

If you received a scholarship or fellowship and personal services income from the same withholding agent, use Form 8233 to claim an exemption from withholding based on a tax treaty for both types of income.

Special events and promotions. Withhold-
ing at the full 30% rate is required for payments made to a nonresident alien or foreign corpora-
tion for the rights to use copyright (for books, music, and motion pictures), patents, trademarks, or for radio or television programs and tradi-
tional sports events. (Withholding on motion picture soundtracks is covered in section 5.1 of this manual.)

Withholding is required on payments to a nonresident alien or foreign corporation for any amount in excess of $3,925.

The required letter should be re-
quested from the:

Internal Revenue Service
Compliance Area Director, Area 15
950 L’Enfant Plaza South, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024.

Entertainers and athletes can also apply for reduced withholding on the basis of their net income after expenses. See Central withholding agreements under Withholding From Compensation.

You will be required to pay U.S. tax, at

the time of your departure from the United States, on any income for which you incorrectly claimed a treaty exemption. For more details on treaty provisions that apply to 

compensation, see Publication 901.

Tax Withheld on Real Property Sales

If you are a nonresident alien and you dispose of a U.S. property interest, the transferee (buyer) of the property generally must withhold a tax equal to 10% of the amount realized on the disposition. Withholding is also required on cer-
tain distributions and other payments (by collect-
domestic or foreign corporations, partnerships, trusts, and estates. These rules are covered in Publication 515 under U.S. Real Property Inter-

est.

If you are a partner in a domestic partner-
ship, and the partnership disposes of a U.S. property interest at a gain, the partnership will withhold tax on the amount of gain allocable to its foreign partners. Your share of the income and tax withheld will be reported to you on Form 8805, Foreign Partner’s Information Statement of Section 1446 Withholding Tax, or Form 1042–S, Foreign Person’s U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding (in the case of a publicly traded partnership).

Withholding is not required in the following situations:

1) The property is acquired by the buyer for use as a residence and the amount real-
2) The property disposed of is an interest in a U.S. corporation if any class of stock of the corporation is regularly traded on an established securities market.

3) The property disposed of is an interest in a U.S. corporation that is not regularly traded on an established market and you (the seller) give the buyer a copy of a statement issued by the corporation certifying that the interest is not a U.S. real property interest.

4) You (the seller) give the buyer a certification stating, under penalties of perjury, that you are not a foreign person, and containing your name, U.S. taxpayer identification number, and home address.

5) The buyer receives a withholding certificate from the Internal Revenue Service.

6) You give the buyer written notice that you are not required to recognize any gain or loss on the transfer because of a nonrecognition provision in the Internal Revenue Code or a provision in a U.S. tax treaty. The buyer must file a copy of the notice with the Internal Revenue Service Center, P.O. Box 21086, DP 8731 FIRPTA Unit, Philadelphia, PA 19114–0586. You must verify the notice as true and sign it under penalties of perjury. The notice must contain the following information.

a) A statement that the notice is a notice of nonrecognition under regulation section 1.1445–2(j)(2).

b) Your name, taxpayer identification number, and home address.

c) A statement that you are not required to recognize any gain or loss on the transfer.

d) A brief description of the transfer.

e) A brief summary of the law and facts supporting your claim that recognition of gain or loss is not required.

7) The amount you realize on the transfer of a U.S. real property interest is zero.

8) The property is acquired by the United States, a U.S. state or possession, a political subdivision, or the District of Columbia.

The certifications in (3) and (4) must be disregarded by the buyer if the buyer has actual knowledge, or receives notice from a seller’s or buyer’s agent, that they are false.

Withholding certificates. The tax required to be withheld on a disposition can be reduced or eliminated under a withholding certificate issued by the IRS. Either you or the buyer can request a withholding certificate.

A withholding certificate can be issued due to any of the following.

1) The IRS determines that reduced withholding is appropriate because either:

a) The amount required to be withheld would be more than your maximum tax liability, or

b) Withholding of the reduced amount would not jeopardize collection of the tax.

2) All of your realized gain is exempt from U.S. tax.

3) You or the buyer enter into an agreement for the payment of tax providing security for the tax liability.

Get Publication 515 and Form 8288–B for information on procedures to request a withholding certificate.

Credit for tax withheld. The buyer must report and pay over the withheld tax within 20 days after the transfer using Form 8288, U.S. Withholding Tax Return for Dispositions by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests. This form is filled with the IRS with two copies of Form 8288–A, Statement of Withholding on Dispositions by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests. Copy B of this statement will be stamped received by the IRS and returned to you (the seller). You must file Copy B with your tax return to take credit for the tax withheld.

Social Security and Medicare Taxes

If you work as an employee in the United States, you must pay social security and Medicare taxes in most cases. Your payments of these taxes contribute to your coverage under the U.S. social security system. Social security coverage provides retirement benefits and medical insurance (Medicare) benefits to individuals who meet certain eligibility requirements.

In most cases, the first $80,400 of taxable wages received in 2001 for services performed in the United States is subject to social security tax. All taxable wages are subject to Medicare tax. Your employer deducts these taxes from each wage payment. Your employer must deduct these taxes even if you do not expect to qualify for social security or Medicare benefits. You can claim a credit for excess social security tax on your income tax return if you have more than one employer and the amount deducted from your combined wages for 2001 is more than $4,984.80. Use the worksheet in chapter 3 of Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax, to figure your credit.

If any one employer deducted more than $4,984.80, you cannot claim a credit for that amount. Ask your employer to refund the excess.

In general, U.S. social security and Medicare taxes apply to payments of wages for services performed as an employee in the United States, regardless of the citizenship or residence of either the employee or the employer. In limited situations, these taxes apply to wages for services performed outside the United States. Your employer should be able to tell you if social security and Medicare taxes apply to your wages. You cannot make voluntary payments if no taxes are due.

Students and Exchange Visitors

Generally, services performed by you as a nonresident alien temporarily in the United States as a nonimmigrant under subparagraph (F), (J), (M), or (Q) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act are not covered under the social security program if the services are performed to carry out the purpose for which you were admitted to the United States. This means that there will be no withholding of social security or Medicare taxes from the pay you receive for these services. These types of services are very limited, and generally include only on-campus work, practical training, and economic hardship employment.

However, you are covered under the social security program for these services if you are considered a resident alien as discussed in chapter 1, even though your nonimmigrant classification ("F," "J," "M," or "Q") remains the same. Social security and Medicare taxes will be withheld from your pay.

Nonresident Alien Students

If you are a nonresident alien admitted to the United States as a student, you generally are not permitted to work for a wage or salary or to engage in business while you are in the United States. In some cases, a student admitted to the United States in "F–1," "M–1," or "J–1" status is granted permission to work, and it is so noted on the student’s copy of Immigration Form I–94, Arrival-Departure Record. Social security and Medicare taxes are not withheld from pay for the work unless the student is considered a resident alien.

Any student who is enrolled and regularly attending classes at a school may be exempt from social security and Medicare taxes on pay for services performed for that school.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) permits on-campus work for students in "F–1" status if it does not displace a U.S. resident. On-campus work means work performed on the school’s premises. On-campus work includes work performed at an off-campus location that is educationally affiliated with the school. On-campus work under the terms of a scholarship, fellowship, or assistantship is considered part of the academic program. A nonimmigrant student taking a full course of study and permitted by the INS in this case, the educational institution endorses the Form I–20. Social security and Medicare taxes are not withheld from pay for this work unless the student is considered a resident alien.

Employment due to severe economic necessity and for optional practical training is sometimes permitted for students in "F–1" status. Students granted permission to work due to severe economic necessity or for optional practical training will be issued Form I–868B or Form I–766 by INS. Social security and Medicare taxes are not withheld from pay for this work unless the student is considered a resident alien.

Students in "M–1" status who have completed a course of study can accept employment or practical training for up to six months and...
must have a Form 1–688B or Form 1–766 is-
sued by INS. Social security and Medicare taxes are
withheld on “Mar–1” students who pay
for these services unless the student is considered
a resident alien.
In all other cases, any services performed by
a nonresident alien student are not considered
as performed to carry out the purpose for which
the student was admitted to the United States. Social security and Medicare taxes will be with-
held from pay for the services unless the pay is
exempt under the Internal Revenue Code.

Exchange Visitors
Nonresident aliens are admitted to the United
States as nonimmigrant exchange visitors under
section 101(a)(15)(Q) of the Immigration and Na-
tonality Act through the sponsorship of ap-
proved organizations and institutions that are
responsible for establishing a program for the
exchange visitor and for any later modification of
that program. Generally, an exchange visitor
who has the permission of the sponsor can work
for the same reasons as the students discussed
above. In these cases, permission is granted by
a letter from the exchange visitor’s sponsor or by
endorsement from the program sponsor on
Form IAP–66, Certificate of Eligibility.
Social security and Medicare taxes are not
withheld on pay for services of an exchange
visitor who has been given permission to work
and who possesses or obtains a letter of authori-
zation from the sponsor unless the exchange
visitor is considered a resident alien.
In all other cases, services performed by
an exchange visitor are not considered as per-
formed to carry out the purpose for which
the visitor was admitted to the United States. Social security and Medicare taxes are withheld from
pay for the services unless the pay is exempt
under the Internal Revenue Code.
If you are a “J–1” visa holder, your spouse or
child may be permitted to work in the United
States with the prior approval of the INS and issuance
of Form 1–688B or Form 1–766.
Nonresident aliens admitted to the United
States as participants in cultural exchange
programs under section 101(a)(15)(Q) of the
Immigration and Nationality Act may be exempt
from social security and Medicare taxes. Aliens
with “Q” visas are aliens whose employment or training
affords the opportunity for cross-cul-
tural exchange affording the American public. They are allowed
to work in the United States for a specific em-
job in an approved cultural exchange pro-
gram. The employer must be the petitioner
through whom the alien obtained the
“Q” visa. Social security and Medicare taxes are not with-
held from pay for this work unless the alien
is considered a resident alien. Aliens with “Q”
visas are not permitted to engage in employ-
ment outside the exchange program activities.

Refund of Taxes Withheld in Error
If social security or Medicare taxes were with-
held in error from pay that is not subject to these
taxes, contact the employer who withheld the
taxes for a refund. If you are unable to get a full
refund of the amount from your employer, file a
claim for refund with the Internal Revenue Ser-
vice on Form 843, Claim for Refund and Re-
quest for Abatement. Attach the following items
to Form 843.
• A copy of your Form W–2 to prove the
amount of social security and Medicare
taxes withheld.
• A copy of your visa (if not stamped on
Form I–94), INS Form I–94 and INS
Form I–538, Certification by Designated
School Official.
• A statement from your employer indicating
the amount of the reimbursement your
employer provided and the amount of the 
credit or refund your employer claimed or
you authorized your employer to claim. If
you cannot obtain this statement from your
employer, you must provide this informa-
ton your own statement and explain
why you are not attaching a statement from
your employer.

FileForm 843 (with attachments) with the IRS
office where your employer’s returns were filed.
If you do not know where your employer’s returns
were filed, file Form 843 with the Internal
Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA
19255.

Self-Employment Tax
Self-employment tax is the social security and
Medicare taxes for individuals who are self-em-
ployed. Nonresident aliens are not subject to
self-employment tax. Residents of the Virgin Is-
lands, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth
of the Northern Mariana Islands, or American
Samoa are considered U.S. residents for this
purpose and are subject to the self-employment
tax.

Self-employment income you receive while
you are a resident alien is subject to self-em-
ployment tax even if it was paid for services you
performed as a nonresident alien.

Example. Bill Jones is an author engaged in
the business of writing books. Bill had several
books published in a foreign country while he
was a citizen and resident of that country. During
2001, Bill entered the United States as a resi-
dent alien. After becoming a U.S. resident, he
continued to receive royalties from his foreign
publisher. Bill reports his income and expenses
on the cash basis (he reports income on his tax
return when received and deducts expenses
when paid). Bill’s 2001 self-employment income
includes the royalties received after he became
a U.S. resident even though the books were
published while he was a nonresident alien.

Reporting self-employment tax. Use Sched-
ule SE (Form 1040) to report and figure your
self-employment tax. Then enter the tax on line
53 of Form 1040 and attach Schedule SE to
Form 1040.

Deduction for one-half of self-employment
tax. If you must pay self-employment tax, you
can deduct one-half of the self-employment tax
paid in figuring your adjusted gross income.

More information. Get Publication 533 for
more information about self-employment tax.

International Social Security Agreements
The United States has entered into social secu-
rities agreements with foreign countries to coordi-
nate social security coverage and taxation of
workers employed for part or all of their working
careers in one of the countries. These agree-
ments are commonly referred to as totalization
agreements. Under these agreements, dual
coverage and dual contribution (twinning) for
the same work are eliminated. The agreements
generally make sure that social security taxes
(including self-employment tax) are paid only to
one country. Agreements are in effect with the
following countries.
• Austria.
• Belgium.
• Canada.
• Chile (effective 12/01/2001).
• Finland.
• France.
• Germany.
• Greece.
• Ireland.
• Italy.
• Korea (South) (effective 4/1/2001).
• Luxembourg.
• The Netherlands.
• Norway.
• Portugal.
• Spain.
• Sweden.
• Switzerland.
• The United Kingdom.

Other agreements are also expected to enter
force in the future.

Employees. Generally, under these agree-
ments, you are subject to social security taxes
only in the country where you are working. How-
ever, if you are temporarily sent to work for the
same employer in the United states and your
pay would normally be subject to social security
taxes in both countries, most agreements pro-
vide that you remain covered only by the social
security system of the country from which you
were sent. You can get more information on any
agreement by contacting the U.S. Social Secur-
ity Administration at the address given later. If
you have access to the Internet, you can get
more information at www.ssa.gov/interna-
tional.

To establish that your pay is subject only to
foreign social security taxes and is exempt from
U.S. social security taxes (including the Medi-
care tax) under an agreement, you or your em-
ployer should request a certificate of coverage
from the appropriate agency of the foreign coun-
try.
Self-employed individuals. Under most agreements, self-employed individuals are covered by the social security system of the country where they reside. However, under some agreements, you may be exempt from U.S. self-employment tax if you temporarily transfer your business activity to or from the United States. If you believe that your self-employment income is subject only to U.S. self-employment tax and is exempt from foreign social security taxes, request a certificate of coverage from the U.S. Social Security Administration at the address given earlier. This certificate will establish your exemption from foreign social security taxes.

To establish that your self-employment income is subject only to foreign social security taxes and is exempt from U.S. self-employment tax, request a certificate of coverage from the appropriate agency of the foreign country. If the foreign country will not issue the certificate, you should request a statement that your income is not covered by the U.S. social security system. Request it from the U.S. Social Security Administration at the address given earlier. Attach a photocopy of either statement to Form 1040

Estimated Tax Form 1040–ES (NR)

If your adjusted gross income for 2001 was more than $150,000 ($75,000 if your filing status for 2002 is married filing separately), you may be required to pay estimated tax. To make estimated tax payments, you should adjust your remaining estimated tax payment in April or June, your income, exemptions, deductions, or credits will be different for 2002, you will have to pay estimated tax. Note: If you expect to be a resident of Puerto Rico during the entire year, use Form 1040–ES.

When to pay estimated tax. Make your first estimated tax payment by the due date for filing the previous year’s Form 1040NR or Form 1040–ES. If you have wages subject to the same withholding rules that apply to U.S. citizens, you must file Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR–EZ and make your first estimated tax payment by April 15, 2002. If you do not have wages subject to withholding, file your income tax return and make your first estimated tax payment by June 17, 2002.

If your first estimated tax payment is due April 15, 2002, you can pay your estimated tax in full at that time or:

1. $1,000 in tax

You do not have to make the payment due January 15, 2003, if you file your return on Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR–EZ by January 31, 2003, and pay the entire balance due with your return. Fiscal year. If your return is not on a calendar year basis, your due dates are the 15th day of the 4th, 6th, and 9th months of your fiscal year, and the 1st month of the following fiscal year. If any day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

Changes in income, deductions, or exemptions. Even if you are not required to make an estimated tax payment in April or June, your circumstances may change so that you will have to make estimated tax payments later. This can happen if you receive additional income or if any of your deductions are reduced or eliminated. If so, see the instructions for Form 1040–ES (NR) and Publication 505 for information on figuring your estimated tax.

Amended estimated tax. If, after you have made estimated tax payments, you find your estimated tax is substantially increased or decreased because of a change in your income or exemptions, you should adjust your remaining estimated tax payments. To do this, see the instructions for Form 1040–ES (NR) and Publication 505. Penalty for failure to pay estimated income tax. You will be subject to a penalty for underpayment of installments of estimated tax except in certain situations. These situations are explained on Form 2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates, and Trusts.
Treaty Income

A nonresident alien’s treaty income is the gross income on which the tax is limited by a tax treaty. Treaty income includes, for example, dividends from sources in the United States that are subject to tax at a treaty tax rate not to exceed 15%. Non-treaty income is the gross income of a non-resident alien on which the tax is not limited by a tax treaty.

Figure the tax on treaty income on each separate item of income at the reduced rate that applies to that item under the treaty.

To determine tax on non-treaty income, figure the tax at either the flat 30% rate or the graduated rate, depending upon whether or not the income is effectively connected with your trade or business in the United States.

Your tax liability is the sum of the tax on treaty income plus the tax on non-treaty income, but cannot be more than the tax liability figured as if the tax treaty had not come into effect.

Example. Arthur Banks is a nonresident alien who is single and a resident of a foreign country that has a tax treaty with the United States. He received gross income of $25,500 during the tax year from sources within the United States, consisting of the following items:

- Dividends on which the tax is limited to a 15% rate by the treaty: $1,400
- Compensation for personal services on which the tax is not limited by the treaty: $24,100

Total gross income: $25,500

Arthur was engaged in business in the United States during the tax year. His dividends are not effectively connected with that business. He has no deductions other than his personal exemption.

His tax liability as figured as though the treaty had not come into effect, is $3,304, determined as follows:

- Taxable income: $21,200
- Tax determined by graduated rate (same as figure above): $2,884
- Tax on gross dividends ($1,400 x 15%): $210

Total tax liability: $3,094

His tax liability, therefore, is limited to $3,094, the tax liability figured using the treaty rate on the dividends.

Some Typical Tax Treaty Benefits

The following paragraphs briefly explain the exceptions that are available under treaty rates for personal services income, remittances, scholarships, fellowships, and capital gain income. The conditions for claiming the exemptions vary under each tax treaty. For more information about the conditions under a particular tax treaty, see Publication 901.

Tax treaty benefits also cover income such as dividends, interest, rentals, royalties, pensions, and annuities. These types of income may be exempt from U.S. tax or may be subject to a reduced rate of tax. For more information, see Publication 901.

Personal Services

Nonresident aliens from treaty countries who are in the United States for a short stay and also meet certain other requirements may be exempt from tax on their compensation received for personal services performed in the United States. Many treaties require that the nonresident alien claiming this exemption be present in the United States for a total of not more than 183 days during the tax year. Other tax treaties specify different periods of maximum presence in the United States, such as 180 days or 90 days. See chapter 12 for information about getting a Form W-9 with an attachment that includes the following information.

- Your name and U.S. identification number.
- A statement that you are a resident alien and whether you are a resident alien under the green card test, the substantial presence test, or a tax treaty provision.
- Tax treaty and article number under which you are claiming a treaty exemption, and description of the article.
- A statement that you are relying on an exception to the saving clause of the tax treaty under which you are claiming the treaty exemption.

Teachers and Professors

Nonresident alien teachers or professors who are residents of certain treaty countries and who temporarily visit the United States for the primary purpose of teaching at a university or other accredited educational institution are subject to U.S. income tax on compensation received for teaching for the first 2 or 3 years after their arrival in the United States. Many treaties also provide exemption for engaging in research.

Generally, the teacher or professor must be in the United States primarily to teach, lecture, instruct, or engage in research. A substantial part of that person's time must be devoted to those duties. The normal duties of a teacher or professor include not only formal classroom work involving regularly scheduled lectures, demonstrations, or other student-participation activities, but also the less formal method of presenting ideas in seminars or other informal groups and in joint efforts in the laboratory.

Employees of Foreign Governments

All treaties have provisions for the exemption of income earned by certain employees of foreign governments. However, a difference exists among treaties as to whether or not this benefit is provided.

Under many treaties, aliens admitted to the United States for permanent residence do not qualify. Under most treaties, aliens who are not nationals or subjects of the foreign country do not qualify. Employees of foreign governments should read the pertinent treaty carefully to determine whether they qualify for benefits.

Students, Apprentices, and Trainees

Students, apprentices, and trainees generally are exempt from tax on remittances (including scholarship and fellowship grants) received from abroad for study and maintenance. Also, under some treaties, a limited amount of compensation received by students, apprentices, and trainees may be exempt from tax.

Nonresident aliens who become resident aliens. Generally, you must be a nonresident alien student, apprentice, or trainee in order to claim a tax treaty exemption for remittances from abroad (including scholarship and fellowship grants) for study and maintenance in the United States. However, if you entered the United States as a nonresident alien, but you are now a resident alien for U.S. tax purposes, the treaty exemption will continue to apply if the tax treaty has an exception to the treaty’s saving clause. If you qualify under an exception to the treaty’s saving clause and the payor intends to withhold U.S. income tax on the scholarship, fellowship, or other remittance, you can avoid income tax withholding by giving the payor a Form W-9 with an attachment that includes the following information.

- Your name and U.S. identification number.
- A statement that you are a resident alien and whether you are a resident alien under the green card test, the substantial presence test, or a tax treaty provision.
- Tax treaty and article number under which you are claiming a tax treaty exemption, and description of the article.
- A statement that you are relying on an exception to the saving clause of the tax treaty under which you are claiming the tax treaty exemption.

Example. Mr. Yu, a citizen of the People’s Republic of China, entered the United States as a nonresident alien student on January 1, 1997. He remained a nonresident alien through 2001 and was able to exclude his scholarship from U.S. tax in those years under Article 20 of the U.S.–China income tax treaty. On January 1, 2002, he became a resident alien under the substantial presence test because his stay in the United States qualified.
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1. (TIAS)—Treaties and Other International Act Series.
2. Information on the treaty can be found in Publication 597, Information on the United States—Canada Income Tax Treaty.
3. The U.S.—U.S.S.R. income tax treaty applies to the countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
4. The general effective date for the area that was the German Democratic Republic is January 1, 1991.
Reporting Treaty Benefits Claimed

If you claim treaty benefits that override or modify any provision of the Internal Revenue Code, and by claiming these benefits your tax is, or might be, reduced, you must attach a fully completed Form 8833 to your tax return. See Exceptions, below, for the situations where you are not required to file Form 8833.

You must file a U.S. tax return and Form 8833 if you claim the following treaty benefits.

1) A reduction or modification in the taxation of gain or loss from the disposition of a U.S. real property interest based on a treaty.
2) A change to the source of an item of income or a deduction based on a treaty.
3) A credit for a specific foreign tax for which foreign tax credit would not be allowed by the Internal Revenue Code.

You must also file Form 8833 if you receive payments or income items totaling more than $100,000 and you determine your country of residence under a treaty and not under the rules for residency discussed earlier in this publication. These are the more common situations for which Form 8833 is required.

Exceptions. You do not have to file Form 8833 for any of the following situations.

1) You claim a reduced rate of withholding tax under a treaty on interest, dividends, rent, royalties, or other fixed or determinable annual or periodic income ordinarily subject to the 30% rate.
2) You claim a treaty reduces or modifies the taxation of income from dependent personal services, pensions, annuities, social security and other public pensions, or income of artists, athletes, students, trainees, or teachers. This includes taxable scholarship and fellowship grants.
3) You claim a reduction or modification of taxation of income under an International Social Security Agreement or a Diplomatic or Consular Agreement.
4) You are a partner in a partnership or a beneficiary of an estate or trust and the partnership, estate, or trust reports the required information on its return.
5) The payments or items of income that are otherwise required to be disclosed total no more than $10,000.

Penalty for failure to provide required information on Form 8833. If you are required to report the treaty benefits but do not, you may be subject to a penalty of $1,000 for each failure.

Exemption Under U.S. Tax Law

Employees of foreign governments who do not qualify under a tax treaty provision and employees of international organizations may qualify for exemption by meeting the following requirements of U.S. tax law.

The exemption under U.S. tax law applies only to current employees and not to former employees. Pensions received by former employees living in this country do not qualify for exemption.

Employees of foreign governments. If you are not a U.S. citizen, or if you are a U.S. citizen but also a citizen of the Philippines, and you work for a foreign government in the United States, your foreign government salary is exempt from U.S. tax if you perform services similar to those performed by U.S. Government employees in that foreign country and that foreign government grants an equivalent exemption.

Certification. To qualify for the exemption under U.S. tax law, the foreign government for which you work must certify to the Department of State that you are their employee and that you perform services similar to those performed by employees of the United States in your country. However, see Aliens who keep immigrant status, later, for a special rule that may affect your qualifying for this exemption.

Employees of international organizations. If you work for an international organization in the United States and you are a U.S. citizen (or you are a U.S. citizen but are also a citizen of the Philippines), your salary from that organization is exempt from U.S. tax. However, see Aliens who keep immigrant status, later, for a special rule that may affect your qualifying for this exemption.

In an international organization is an organization designated by the President of the United States through Executive Order to qualify for the privileges, exemptions, and immunities provided in the International Organizations Immunities Act.

You should find out if you have been made known to, and have been accepted by, the Secretary of State as an officer or an employee of that organization, or if you have been designated by the Secretary of State, before formal notification and acceptance, as a prospective officer or employee.

If you are claiming exemption, you should know the number of the Executive Order covering the international organization and should...
have some written evidence of your acceptance or designation by the Secretary of State.

The exemption is denied when, because the Secretary of State determines your presence in the United States is no longer desirable, you leave the United States (or after a reasonable time allowed for leaving the United States). The exemption is also denied when a foreign country does not allow similar exemptions to U.S. citizens. Then the Secretary of State can withdraw the privileges, exemptions, and immunities from the nationals of that foreign country.

Aliens who keep immigrant status. If you file the waiver provided by section 247(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to keep your immigrant status, you no longer qualify for the exemption from U.S. tax under U.S. tax law from the date of filing the waiver with the Attorney General.

However, you do not lose the exemption if you file the waiver and meet either of the following conditions.

- You are exempt from U.S. tax by an income tax treaty, consular agreement, or international agreement between the United States and your country.
- You work for an international organization if the international agreement creating the international organization provides that alien employees are exempt from U.S. income tax. Two international organizations that have such a provision are the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank).

11. Departing Aliens and the Sailing or Departure Permit

Introduction
Before leaving the United States, all aliens (except those listed under Aliens Not Required To Obtain Sailing or Departure Permits) must obtain a certificate of compliance. This document, also popularly known as the sailing permit or departure permit, is part of the income tax form you must file before leaving. You will receive a sailing or departure permit after filing a Form 1040–C or Form 2063. These forms are discussed in this chapter.

To find out if you need a sailing or departure permit, first read Aliens Not Required To Obtain Sailing or Departure Permits. If you do not fall into one of the categories in that discussion, you must obtain a sailing or departure permit. Read Aliens Required To Obtain Sailing or Departure Permits.

Topics
This chapter discusses:
- Who needs a sailing permit.
- How to get a sailing permit.
- Forms you file to get a sailing permit.

Useful Items
You may want to see:
Form (and Instructions)
- 1040-C U.S. Departing Alien Income Tax Return
- 2063 U.S. Departing Alien Income Tax Statement

See chapter 12 for information about getting these forms.

Aliens Not Required To Obtain Sailing or Departure Permits
If you are included in one of the following categories, you do not have to get a sailing or departure permit before leaving the United States.

If you are in one of these categories and do not have to get a sailing or departure permit, you must be able to support your claim for exemption with proper identification or give the authority for the exemption.

Category 1. Representatives of foreign governments with diplomatic passports, whether accredited to the United States or other countries, members of their households, and servants accompanying them. Servants who are leaving, but not with a person with a diplomatic passport, must get a sailing or departure permit. However, they can get a sailing or departure permit on Form 2063 without examination of their income tax liability by presenting a letter from the chief of their diplomatic mission certifying that:

1. Their name appears on the "White List" (a list of employees of diplomatic missions), and
2. They do not owe to the United States any income tax, and will not owe any tax up to and including the intended date of departure. The statement must be presented to an IRS office.

Category 2. Employees of international organizations and foreign governments (other than diplomatic representatives exempt under category 1) and members of their households:

1. Whose compensation for official services is exempt from U.S. tax under U.S. tax laws (described in chapter 10), and
2. Who receive no other income from U.S. sources.

If you are an alien in category (1) or (2), above, who filed the waiver under section 247(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, you must get a sailing or departure permit. This is true even though you filed the waiver and your income is exempt from U.S. tax because of an income tax treaty, consular agreement, or international agreement.

Category 3. Alien students, industrial trainees, or any of its possessions on a sailing or departure permit after filing a Form 2063, or on both a "B-1" visa and a "B-2" visa only and who receive no income from U.S. sources while in the United States under those visas other than:

1. Allowances to cover expenses incident to study or training in the United States, such as expenses for travel, maintenance, and tuition,
2. The value of any services or food and lodging connected with this study or training,
3. Income from employment authorized by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), or
4. Interest income on deposits that is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. (See Interest in chapter 3.)

Category 4. Alien students, including their spouses and children, who enter on an "F-1," "F-2," "H-1," "H-4," "J-1," "J-2," or "Q" visa only and who receive no income from U.S. sources while in the United States on those visas, other than:

1. Income from employment authorized by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), or
2. Interest income on deposits that is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. (See Interest in chapter 3.)

Category 5. Certain other aliens temporarily in the United States who have received no taxable income during the tax year up to and including the date of departure or during the preceding tax year. If the IRS has reason to believe that an alien has received income subject to tax and that the collection of income tax is jeopardized by departure, it may then require the alien to obtain a sailing or departure permit. Aliens covered by this paragraph are:

1. Alien military trainees who enter the United States for training under the sponsorship of the Department of Defense and who leave the United States on official military travel orders,
2. Alien visitors for business on a "B-1" visa, or on both a "B-1" visa and a "B-2" visa, who do not remain in the United States or a U.S. possession for more than 90 days during the tax year,
3. Alien visitors for pleasure on a "B-2" visa,
4. Aliens in transit through the United States or any of its possessions on a "C-1" visa, or under a contract, such as a bond agreement, between a transportation line and the Attorney General, and
5) Aliens who enter the United States on a border-crossing identification card or for whom passports, visas, and border-crossing identification cards are not required, if they are:

1) Visitors for pleasure,
2) Visitors for business who do not remain in the United States or a U.S. possession for more than 90 days during the tax year, or
3) In transit through the United States or any of its possessions.

Category 6. Alien residents of Canada or Mexico who frequently commute between that country and the United States for employment, and whose wages are subject to the withholding of U.S. tax.

Aliens Required To Obtain Sailing or Departure Permits

If you do not fall into one of the categories listed under Aliens Not Required To Obtain Sailing or Departure Permits, you must obtain a sailing or departure permit. To obtain a permit, file Form 1040–C or Form 2063 (whichever applies) with your local IRS office before you leave the United States. See Forms To File, later. You must also pay all the tax shown as due on Form 1040–C and any taxes due for past years. See Paying Taxes and Obtaining Refunds, later.

If you try to leave the United States without a sailing or departure permit, and cannot show that you qualify to leave without it, you may be subject to an income tax examination by an IRS employee at the point of departure. You must then complete the necessary income tax returns and state and, ordinarily, pay any taxes due.

Getting a Sailing or Departure Permit

The following discussion covers when and where to get your sailing permit.

Where to get a sailing or departure permit. It is advisable for aliens who have been working in the United States to get the permit from an IRS office in the area of their employment, but it also can be obtained from an IRS office in the area of their departure.

When to get a sailing or departure permit. You should get your sailing or departure permit at least 2 weeks before you plan to leave. You cannot apply earlier than 30 days before your planned departure date. Do not wait until the last minute in case there are unexpected problems.

Papers to submit. Getting your sailing or departure permit will go faster if you bring to the IRS office papers and documents related to your income and your stay in the United States. Bring the following records with you if they apply:

1) Your passport and alien registration card or visa,
2) Copies of your U.S. income tax returns filed for the past 2 years. If you were in the United States for less than 2 years, bring the income tax returns you filed for that period,
3) Receipts for income taxes paid on these returns,
4) Receipts, bank records, canceled checks, and other documents that prove your deductions, business expenses, and dependents claimed on your returns,
5) A statement from each employer showing wages paid and tax withheld from January 1 of the current year to the date of departure if you were an employee. If you were self-employed, you must bring a statement of income and expenses up to the date you plan to leave,
6) Proof of estimated tax payments for the past year and this year,
7) Documents showing any gain or loss from the sale of personal property, including capital assets and merchandise,
8) Documents relating to scholarship or fellowship grants including verification of the grantor, source, and purpose of the grant,
9) Documents indicating you qualify for any special tax treaty benefits claimed.

Forms To File

If you must get a sailing or departure permit, you must file Form 2063 or Form 1040–C. Employe

If you furnish the IRS with information showing, to the satisfaction of the IRS, that you intend to return to the United States and that your departure does not jeopardize the collection of income tax, you can get a sailing or departure permit by filing Form 1040–C without having to pay the tax shown on it. You must, however, file all income tax returns that have not yet been filed as required, and pay all income tax that is due on these returns.

Your Form 1040–C must include all income received and reasonably expected to be received during the entire year of departure. The sailing or departure permit issued with this Form 1040–C can be used for all departures during the current year. However, the Service cannot cancel the sailing or departure permit for any later departure if it believes the collection of income tax is jeopardized by that later departure.

Form 1040–C

Returning to the United States. If you furnish the IRS with information showing, to the satisfaction of the IRS, that you intend to return to the United States and that your departure does not jeopardize the collection of income tax, you can get a sailing or departure permit by filing Form 1040–C without having to pay the tax shown on it. You must, however, file all income tax returns that have not yet been filed as required, and pay all income tax that is due on these returns.
Paying Taxes and Obtaining Refunds

Except when a bond or an employer letter is furnished, or the IRS is satisfied that your departure does not jeopardize the collection of income tax, you must pay all tax shown as due on the Form 1040–C at the time of filing it. You must also pay any taxes due for past years. If the tax computation on Form 1040–C results in an overpayment, there is no tax to pay at the time you file that return. However, the IRS cannot provide a refund at the time of departure. If you are due a refund, you must file either Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR–EZ at the end of the tax year.

Bond or Employer Letter To Ensure Payment

Usually, you must pay the tax shown as due on Form 1040–C when you file it. However, if you pay all taxes due that you owe for prior years, you can furnish a bond or an employer letter guaranteeing payment instead of paying the income taxes shown as due on the Form 1040–C or the tax return for the preceding year if the period for filing that return has not expired. The bond must equal the tax due plus interest to the date of payment as figured by the IRS. Information about the form of bond and security on it can be obtained from your IRS office.

Filing Annual U.S. Income Tax Returns

Form 1040–C is not an annual U.S. income tax return. If an income tax return is required by law, that return must be filed even though a Form 1040–C has already been filed. Chapters 5 and 7 discuss filing an annual U.S. income tax return. The tax paid with Form 1040–C should be taken as a credit against the tax liability for the entire tax year on your annual U.S. income tax return.

12. How To Get Tax Help

You can get help with unresolved tax issues, order free publications and forms, ask tax questions, and get more information from the IRS in several ways. By selecting the method that is best for you, you will have quick and easy access to tax help.

Contacting your Taxpayer Advocate. If you have attempted to deal with an IRS problem unsuccessfully, you should contact your Taxpayer Advocate. The Taxpayer Advocate represents your interests and concerns within the IRS by protecting your rights and resolving problems that have not been fixed through normal channels. While Taxpayer Advocates cannot change the tax law or make a technical tax decision, they can clear up problems that resulted from previous contacts and ensure that your case is given a complete and impartial review.

To contact your Taxpayer Advocate:

- Call the Taxpayer Advocate at 1–877–777–4778.
- Call the IRS at 1–800–829–1040.
- Call, write, or fax the Taxpayer Advocate office in your area.
- Call 1–800–829–4059 if you are a TTY/TDD user.

For more information, see Publication 1546, The Taxpayer Advocate Service of the IRS.

Free tax services. To find out what services are available, get Publication 910, Guide to Free Tax Services. It contains a list of free tax publications and an index of tax topics. It also describes other free tax information services, including tax education and assistance programs and a list of TeleTax topics.

Personal computer. With your personal computer and modem, you can access the IRS on the Internet at www.irs.gov. While visiting our web site, you can:

- Find answers to questions you may have.
- Download forms and publications or search for forms and publications by topic or keyword.
- View forms that may be filled in electronically, print the completed form, and then save the form for reusing.
- View Internal Revenue Bulletins published in the last few years.
- Search regulations and the Internal Revenue Code.
- Receive our electronic newsletters on hot tax issues and news.
- Get information on starting and operating a small business.

You can also reach us with your computer using File Transfer Protocol at ftp.irs.gov.

TaxFax Service. Using the phone attached to your fax machine, you can receive forms and instructions by calling 703–368–9694. Follow the directions from the prompts. When you order forms, enter the catalog number for the form you need. The items you request will be faxed to you.

For help with transmission problems, call the FedEx Help Desk at 703–487–4608.

Phone. Many services are available by phone.

- Ordering forms, instructions, and publications. Call 1–800–829–3676 to order current and prior year forms, instructions, and publications.
- Asking tax questions. Call the IRS with your tax questions at 1–800–829–1040.
- TTY/TDD equipment. If you have access to TTY/TDD equipment, call 1–800–829–4059 to ask tax questions or to order forms and publications.
- TeleTax topics. Call 1–800–829–4477 to listen to pre-recorded messages covering various tax topics.

Evaluating the quality of our telephone services. To ensure that IRS representatives give accurate, courteous, and professional answers, we evaluate the quality of our telephone services in several ways.

- A second IRS representative sometimes monitors live telephone calls. That person only evaluates the IRS assistant and does not keep a record of any taxpayer’s name or tax identification number.
- We sometimes record telephone calls to evaluate IRS assistants objectively. We hold these recordings no longer than one week to assist us in measuring the quality of assistance.
- We value our customers’ opinions. Throughout this year, we will be surveying our customers for their opinions on our service.

Walk-in. You can walk in to many post offices, libraries, and IRS offices to pick up certain forms, instructions, and publications. Some IRS offices, libraries, grocery stores, copy centers, city and county governments, credit unions, and office supply stores have an extensive collection of products available to print from a CD-ROM or photocopy from reproducible proofs. Also, some IRS offices and libraries have the Internal Revenue Code, regulations, Internal Revenue Bulletins, and Cumulative Bulletins available for research purposes.

Mail. You can send your order for forms, instructions, and publications to the Distribution Center nearest to you and receive a response within 10 workdays after your request is received. Find the address that applies to your part of the country.

- Western part of U.S.: Western Area Distribution Center Rancho Cordova, CA 95743–0001
- Central part of U.S.: Central Area Distribution Center P.O. Box 8903 Bloomington, IL 61702–8903
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CD-ROM. You can order IRS Publication 1796, Federal Tax Products on CD-ROM, and obtain:

- Current tax forms, instructions, and publications.
- Prior-year tax forms and instructions.
• Popular tax forms that may be filled in electronically, printed out for submission, and saved for recordkeeping.

• Internal Revenue Bulletins.

The CD-ROM can be purchased from National Technical Information Service (NTIS) by calling 1–877–233–6767 or on the Internet at www.irs.gov. The first release is available in mid-December and the final release is available in late January.

IRS Publication 3207, Small Business Resource Guide, is an interactive CD-ROM that contains information important to small businesses. It is available in mid-February. You can get one free copy by calling 1–800–829–3676 or visiting the IRS web site at www.irs.gov.
This section answers tax-related questions commonly asked by aliens.

**What is the difference between a resident alien and a nonresident alien for tax purposes?**

For tax purposes, an alien is an individual who is not a U.S. citizen. Aliens are classified as resident aliens and nonresident aliens. Resident aliens are taxed on their worldwide income, the same as U.S. citizens. Nonresident aliens are taxed only on their U.S. source income.

**What is the difference between the taxation of income that is effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States and income that is not effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States?**

The difference between these two categories is that effectively connected income, after allowable deductions, is taxed at graduated rates. These are the same rates that apply to U.S. citizens and residents. Income that is not effectively connected is taxed at a flat 30% (or lower treaty rate).

I am a student with an F-1 Visa. I was told that I was an exempt individual. Does this mean I am exempt from paying U.S. tax?

The term “exempt individual” does not refer to someone exempt from U.S. tax. You were referred to as an exempt individual because as a student temporarily in the United States on an F Visa, you do not have to count the days you were present in the United States as a student during the first 5 years in determining if you are a resident or alien under the substantial presence test. See chapter 1.

I am a resident alien. Can I claim any treaty benefits?

Generally, you cannot claim tax treaty benefits as a resident alien. However, there are exceptions. See Effect of Tax Treaties in chapter 1. See also Nonresident aliens who became resident aliens under Students, Apprentices, and Trainees in chapter 9.

I am a nonresident alien with no dependents. I am working temporarily for a U.S. company. What return do I file?

You must file Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR–EZ if you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States, or have any other U.S. source income on which tax was fully paid by the amount withheld.

**You can use Form 1040NR–EZ instead of Form 1040NR if you meet all nine conditions listed under Form 1040NR–EZ in chapter 7.**

I came to the United States on June 30th of last year. I have an H-1B Visa. That is my tax status. Am I a resident alien or nonresident alien?

Yes, you were a resident of both the United States and another country under each country’s tax laws. See Effect of Tax Treaties in chapter 1. You are a dual-status taxpayer when you are both a resident alien and a nonresident alien in the same year. See chapter 6.

I am a nonresident alien. Can I file a joint return with my spouse?

If you are a U.S. citizen or resident and you choose to treat your nonresident spouse as a resident and file a joint tax return, your nonresident spouse needs an SSN or an ITIN. Alien spouses who are claimed as exemptions or dependents are also required to furnish an SSN or an ITIN. See Identification Number in chapter 5 for more information.

Generally, you cannot file as married filing jointly if either spouse was a nonresident alien at any time during the tax year.

I am a nonresident alien. I receive scholarships. Do I have to count the dividends on my stock?

If your scholarship is from U.S. sources or you are a resident alien, your scholarship is subject to U.S. tax according to the following rules.

• If you are a candidate for a degree, you may be able to exclude from your income the part of the scholarship you use to pay for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment required by the educational institution. However, the part of the scholarship you use to pay for other expenses, such as room and board, is taxable. See Scholarships and Fellowships in the United States for more information.

The following rules apply if the dividends and capital gains are not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business.

Capital gains are generally not taxable if you were in the United States for less than 183 days during the year. See Sales of or Exchanges of Capital Assets in chapter 4 for more information and exceptions.

Dividends are taxed at a 30% (or lower treaty rate). The brokerage company or payor of the dividends should withhold this tax at source. If tax is not withheld at the correct rate, you must file Form 1040NR to receive a refund or pay any additional tax due.

If the capital gains and dividends are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, they are taxed according to the same rules and at the same rates that apply to U.S. citizens and residents.

I am a nonresident alien. I receive U.S. social security benefits. Are my benefits taxable?

If you are a nonresident alien, 85% of any U.S. (social security benefits) you receive are subject to U.S. tax. See Social Security and Railroad Retirement Benefits in chapter 1. Nonresident aliens can choose to be taxed as U.S. residents for all of last year, you are a nonresident alien. Your husband is a nonresident alien if he has not been present in the United States as a student for more than 5 years. You and your husband can file a joint tax return on Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ if he makes the choice to be treated as a resident for the entire year. See Nonresident Spouse Treated as a Resident in chapter 1. If your spouse does not make this choice, you must file a separate return on Form 1040NR or 1040NR–EZ.

Is a "dual resident taxpayer" the same as a "dual-status taxpayer"?

No. A dual resident taxpayer is one who is a resident of both the United States and another country under each country’s tax laws. See Effect of Tax Treaties in chapter 1. You are a dual-status taxpayer when you are both a resident alien and a nonresident alien in the same year. See chapter 6.

I am a nonresident alien and invested money in the U.S. stock market through a U.S. brokerage company. Are the dividends and the capital gains taxable? If yes, how are they taxed?
chapter 3 for more information.

• If you are not a candidate for a degree, your scholarship is taxable.

I am a nonresident alien. Can I claim the standard deduction?

Nonresident aliens cannot claim the standard deduction. However, see Students and business apprentices from India, under Itemized Deductions in chapter 5 for an exception.

I am a dual-status taxpayer. Can I claim the standard deduction?

You cannot claim the standard deduction allowed on Form 1040. However, you can itemize any allowable deductions.

I am filing Form 1040NR. Can I claim itemized deductions?

Nonresident aliens can claim some of the same itemized deductions that resident aliens can claim. However, nonresident aliens can claim itemized deductions only if they have income effectively connected with their U.S. trade or business. See Itemized Deductions in chapter 5.

I am not a U.S. citizen. What exemptions can I claim?

Resident aliens can claim personal exemptions and exemptions for dependents in the same way as U.S. citizens. However, nonresident aliens generally can claim only a personal exemption for themselves on their U.S. tax return. There are special rules for residents of Mexico, Canada, Japan, South Korea; for U.S. nationals; and for students and business apprentices from India. See Exemptions in chapter 5.

What exemptions can I claim as a dual-status taxpayer?

As a dual-status taxpayer, you usually will be able to claim your own personal exemption. Subject to the general rules for qualification, you can claim exemptions for your spouse and dependents when you file a joint return. You can claim for these exemptions is limited to your taxable income (figured before subtracting exemptions) for the part of the year you are a resident alien. The amount you can claim for these exemptions is reduced by the total of the social security taxes you paid for the year that are allocable to the time you were a resident alien. You cannot use exemptions (other than your own) to reduce your taxable income to less than zero for that period.

I am single with a dependent child. I was a dual-status alien in 2001. Can I claim the earned income credit on my 2001 tax return?

If you are a resident alien for any part of the year, you cannot claim the earned income credit. See chapter 6 for more information on dual-status aliens.

I am a nonresident alien student. Can I claim an education credit on my Form 1040NR?

If you are a nonresident alien for any part of the year, you generally cannot claim the education credits. However, if you are married and choose to file a joint return with a U.S. citizen or resident spouse, you may be eligible for these credits. See Nonresident Spouse Treated as a Resident in chapter 1.

I am a nonresident alien, temporarily working in the U.S. under a J visa. Am I subject to social security and Medicare taxes?

Generally, services you perform as a nonresident alien temporarily in the United States as a nonimmigrant under subparagraph (F), (J), (M), or (Q) of the Immigration and Nationality Act are not covered under the social security program if you perform the services to carry out the purpose for which you were admitted to the United States. See Social Security and Medicare Taxes in chapter 8.

I am a nonresident alien student. Social security taxes were withheld from my pay in error. How do I get a refund of these taxes?

If social security or Medicare taxes were withheld in error from pay that is not subject to these taxes, contact the employer who withheld the taxes for a refund. If you are unable to get a full refund of the amount from your employer, file a claim for refund with the Internal Revenue Service on Form 843, Claim for Refund and Request for Abatement. See Refund of Taxes Withheld in Error in chapter 8.

I am an alien who will be leaving the United States. What forms do I have to file before I leave?

Before leaving the United States, aliens generally must obtain a certificate of compliance. This document, also popularly known as the sailing permit or departure permit, is part of the income tax form you must file before leaving. You will receive a sailing or departure permit after filing a Form 1040–C or Form 2063. These forms are discussed in chapter 11.

I filed a Form 1040–C when I left the United States. Do I still have to file an annual U.S. tax return?

Form 1040–C is not an annual U.S. income tax return. If an income tax return is required by law, you must file that return even though you already filed a Form 1040–C. Chapters 5 and 7 discuss filing an annual U.S. income tax return.
Appendix A

This appendix contains the statements nonresident alien students must file with Form 8233, Exemption From Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual, to claim a tax treaty exemption from withholding of tax on compensation for dependent personal services. For treaty countries not listed, attach a statement in a format similar to those for other treaties. See chapter 8 for more information on withholding.

Belgium, Iceland, Japan, Korea, Norway, Poland, and Romania
I was a resident of [insert the name of the country under whose treaty you claim exemption] on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States for the primary purpose of study at [insert the name of the university or other recognized educational institution at which you study]. I will receive compensation for personal services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and the People’s Republic of China in an amount not in excess of $5,000 for any tax year.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning study or training]. I am claiming this exemption only for such period of time as is reasonably necessary to complete the education or training.

People’s Republic of China
I was a resident of the People’s Republic of China on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am present in the United States solely for the purpose of my education or training.

I will receive compensation for personal services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and China in an amount not in excess of $2,000 for any tax year.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning study or training]. I am claiming this exemption only for such period of time as is reasonably necessary to complete the education or training.

Cyprus
I was a resident of Cyprus on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States for the primary purpose of study at the [insert the name of the university or other recognized educational institution at which you study]. I will receive compensation for personal services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Cyprus in an amount not in excess of $2,000 for any tax year. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under that treaty for income received as a teacher, researcher, or student before the date of my arrival in the United States.

I will be present in the United States only for such period of time as may be reasonably or customarily required to effectuate the purpose of this visit.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning study or training]. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of five tax years beginning with the tax year that includes my arrival date.

Egypt
I was a resident of Egypt on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States for the primary purpose of studying at [insert the name of the university or other recognized educational institution at which you study]. I will receive compensation for personal services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Egypt in an amount not in excess of $3,000 for any tax year.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning study or training]. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of four tax years beginning with the tax year that includes my arrival date.

Indonesia
I was a resident of Indonesia on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States solely for the purpose of study at [insert the name of the university or other recognized educational institution at which you study]. I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning study or training]. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of five tax years beginning with the tax year that includes my arrival date.

I will receive compensation for services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Indonesia in an amount not in excess of $2,000 for any tax year.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning study or training]. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of four tax years beginning with the tax year that includes my arrival date.
before beginning study at the U.S. educational institution. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of five tax years beginning with the tax year that includes my arrival date.

Morocco
I was a resident of Morocco on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States for the primary purpose of studying at ______ (insert the name of the university or other recognized educational institution at which you study). I will receive compensation for personal services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Morocco in an amount not in excess of $5,000 for any tax year.

Philippines
I was a resident of the Philippines on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States for the primary purpose of studying at ______ (insert the name of the university or other recognized educational institution at which you study). I will receive compensation for personal services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and the Philippines in an amount not in excess of $3,000 for any tax year. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under that treaty for income received as a student before the date of my arrival in the United States.

I arrived in the United States on ______ (insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning study at the U.S. educational institution). The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of five tax years beginning with the tax year that includes my arrival date.

Pakistan
I am a resident of Pakistan. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States solely as a student at ______ (insert the name of the recognized university, college, or school in the United States at which you study). I will receive compensation for personal services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Pakistan in an amount not in excess of $5,000 for any tax year.

Spain
I was a resident of Spain on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States for the primary purpose of studying or training at ______ (insert the name of the university or other accredited educational institution at which you study), or, I am temporarily present in the United States as a recipient of a grant, allowance, or award from ______ (insert the name of the nonprofit organization or government institution providing the grant, allowance, or award). I will receive compensation for services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Spain in an amount not in excess of $5,000 for any tax year.

I arrived in the United States on ______ (insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning study at the U.S. educational institution). The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of five tax years.

Tunisia
I was a resident of Tunisia on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States for the purpose of full-time study, training, or research at ______ (insert the name of the university or other accredited educational institution at which you study, train, or perform research). I will receive compensation for services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Tunisia in an amount not in excess of $4,000 for any tax year. I arrived in the United States on ______ (insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning study at the U.S. educational institution). The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of five tax years beginning with the tax year that includes my arrival date.

Trinidad and Tobago
I was a resident of Trinidad and Tobago on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I am temporarily present in the United States for the primary purpose of studying at ______ (insert the name of the university or other accredited educational institution at which you study). I will receive compensation for personal services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Trinidad and Tobago in an amount not in excess of $2,000 for any tax year. I have not previously claimed the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I do not have an income tax exemption under the tax treaty between the United States and Trinidad and Tobago in an amount not in excess of $5,000 for any tax year.
Appendix B

This appendix contains the statements nonresident alien teachers and researchers must file with Form 8233, Exemption From Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual, to claim a tax treaty exemption from withholding of tax on compensation for dependant personal services. For treaty countries not listed, attach a statement in a format similar to those for other treaties. See chapter 8 for more information on withholding.

Belgium and Japan

I was a resident of [insert the name of the country under whose treaty you claim the exemption] on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

I have accepted an invitation by the U.S. government, or by a university or other recognized educational institution in the United States, to come to the United States for the purpose of teaching or engaging in research at [insert the name of the governmental agency or institution, educational or scientific institution, or organization sponsoring a professional conference] which is a governmental agency or institution, an educational or scientific institution, or an organization sponsoring a professional conference. I will receive compensation for my teaching, research, or conference activities.

The teaching or research compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States] to [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States]) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and [insert the name of the governmental agency or institution, educational or scientific institution, or organization sponsoring a professional conference] which is a governmental agency or institution, an educational or scientific institution, or an organization sponsoring a professional conference.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States] for teaching or research activities. Any research I perform will not be undertaken primarily for the benefit of a private person or commercial enterprise. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation received during a period of two years beginning on that date.

People’s Republic of China

I was a resident of the People’s Republic of China on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

I am visiting the United States for the purpose of teaching, giving lectures, or conducting research at [insert the name of the educational or scientific institution or research institution at which you teach, lecture, or conduct research] which is a recognized educational institution. I will receive compensation for my teaching, lecturing, or research activities.

The teaching, lecturing, or research compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States] to [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States]) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States] for teaching, lecturing, or research activities. Any research I perform will not be undertaken primarily for the benefit of a private person or commercial enterprise. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation received during a period of two years beginning on that date.

Commonwealth of Independent States (except Kazakhstan, Russia, and Ukraine)

I am a resident of [insert the name of C.I.S. member] and I am a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

I have accepted an invitation by a governmental agency or institution in the United States, or by an educational or scientific research institution in the United States, to come to the United States for the purpose of teaching, engaging in research, or participating in scientific, technical, or professional conferences at [insert the name of the governmental agency or institution, educational or scientific institution, or organization sponsoring a professional conference] which is a governmental agency or institution, an educational or scientific institution, or an organization sponsoring a professional conference. I will receive compensation for my teaching, research, or conference activities.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States] for teaching, lecturing, or research activities. Any research I perform will not be undertaken primarily for the benefit of a private person or commercial enterprise. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation received during a period of two years beginning on that date.

Egypt, Hungary, Korea, Philippines, Poland, and Romania

I was a resident of [insert the name of the country under whose treaty you claim exemption] on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

I have accepted an invitation by a governmental agency or institution in the United States, or by an educational or scientific research institution in the United States, to come to the United States for the purpose of teaching, engaging in research, or participating in scientific, technical, or professional conferences at [insert the name of the governmental agency or institution, educational or scientific institution, or organization sponsoring a professional conference] which is a recognized educational institution. I will receive compensation for my teaching or research activities.

The teaching or research compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States] to [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States]) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and [insert the name of the country under whose treaty you claim exemption].

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States] for teaching, research, or conference activities. I will receive compensation for my teaching, research, or study activities.

The compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States] to [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States]) for these activities qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany.
dent, apprentice, or trainee during the immediately preceding period. (If, however, following the period in which the alien claimed benefits as a student, apprentice, or trainee, that person returned to the Federal Republic of Germany and resumed residence and physical presence before returning to the United States as a teacher or researcher, that person may claim the benefits of this treaty.)

Any research I perform will be undertaken in the public interest and not primarily for the private benefit of a specific person or persons.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival into the United States before beginning the services for which the exemption is claimed]. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of two years beginning on that date.

**Greece**

I am a resident of Greece. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

I am a professor or teacher visiting the United States for the purpose of teaching at [insert the name of the educational institution at which you teach], which is an educational institution, I will receive compensation for my teaching activities.

The teaching compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from _to_ ) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Greece. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under this treaty for services for which exemption is claimed. The teaching compensation received during a period of two years beginning on that date.

**India**

I was a resident of India on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival into the United States before beginning the teaching or research activities]. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of two years beginning on that date.

Any research I perform will be undertaken primarily for the private benefit of a specific person or persons.

The teaching or research compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from _to_ ) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and India. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under that treaty for income received as a teacher or researcher before the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under that treaty for income received as a teacher, researcher, or student before the date of my arrival in the United States.

Any research I perform will not be undertaken in the public interest and not primarily for the private benefit of a specific person or persons.

The teaching or research compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from _to_ ) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and India. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under that treaty for income received as a teacher or researcher before the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

The teaching or research compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from _to_ ) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and India. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under that treaty for income received as a teacher, researcher, or student before the date of my arrival in the United States.
Luxembourg

I am a resident of Luxembourg. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

I have accepted an invitation by [insert the name of the educational institution where you teach or engage in research], which is a recognized educational institution, to come to the United States for the purpose of teaching or engaging in research at that institution. I will receive compensation for my teaching or research activities.

The teaching or research compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from _____ to _____) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Luxembourg. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under that treaty for income received as a teacher or student before the date of my arrival in the United States.

Any research I perform will not be carried on for the benefit of any person using or disseminating the results for purposes of profit.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning the teaching or research services for which exemption is claimed]. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of two years beginning on that date.

Trinidad and Tobago

I was a resident of Trinidad and Tobago on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

I have accepted an invitation by the U.S. government, or by a university or other educational institution in the United States, to come to the United States for the purpose of teaching or engaging in research at [insert the name of the educational institution], which is an educational institution approved by an appropriate governmental educational authority. No agreement exists between the government of the United States and the government of Trinidad and Tobago for the provision of my services. I will receive compensation for my teaching or research services.

The teaching or research compensation received during the entire tax year (or for the period from _____ to _____) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and Trinidad and Tobago. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under that treaty for income received as a teacher, researcher, or student before the date of my arrival in the United States.

Any research I perform will be undertaken in the public interest and not primarily for the benefit of a specific person or persons.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning the teaching or research services for which exemption is claimed]. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of two years beginning on that date.

United Kingdom

I was a resident of the United Kingdom on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a U.S. citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

I am a professor or teacher visiting the United States for a period of not more than two years for the purpose of teaching or engaging in research at [insert the name of the educational institution], which is a recognized educational institution. I will receive compensation for my teaching or research activities.

The teaching or research compensation received during the entire tax year (or during the period from _____ to _____) qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal tax under the tax treaty between the United States and the United Kingdom. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under that treaty for income received as a teacher, researcher, or student before the date of my arrival in the United States.

Any research I perform will be undertaken in the public interest and not primarily for the benefit of any private person or persons.

I arrived in the United States on [insert the date of your last arrival in the United States before beginning the teaching or research services for which exemption is claimed]. The treaty exemption is available only for compensation paid during a period of two years beginning on that date.

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