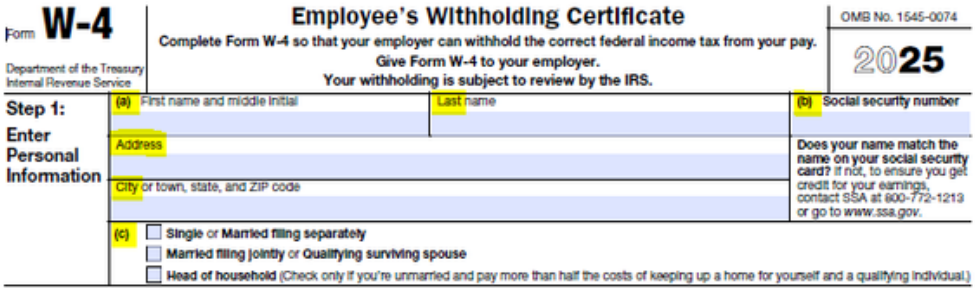
How to Fill Out a W-4 Form

Step 1 - Fill out Personal Information



Form **W-4**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Employee's Withholding Certificate

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay.
Give Form W-4 to your employer.
Your withholding is subject to review by the IRS.

OMB No. 1545-0074

2025

Step 1: Enter Personal Information

(a) First name and middle initial | Last name | (b) Social security number

Address

City or town, state, and ZIP code

Does your name match the name on your social security card? If not, to ensure you get credit for your earnings, contact SSA at 800-772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov.

(c) ☐ **Single** or **Married filing separately**
☐ **Married filing jointly** or **Qualifying surviving spouse**
☐ **Head of household** (Check only if you're unmarried and pay more than half the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and a qualifying individual.)

Step 2 - Multiple Jobs or Spouse Works

If neither apply, you can skip to step 3

- Step 2(a): If you want maximum accuracy and privacy. A tax withholding estimator is needed.
- Step 2(b): For roughly accurate withholding, use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet attached to the W4.
- Step 2(c): This method is accurate for jobs between you and your spouse with similar pay.

Step 2: Multiple Jobs or Spouse Works

Complete this step if you (1) hold more than one job at a time, or (2) are married filing jointly and your spouse also works. The correct amount of withholding depends on income earned from all of these jobs.

Do **only one** of the following.

(a) Use the estimator at *www.irs.gov/W4App* for the most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3–4). If you or your spouse have self-employment income, use this option; **or**

(b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result in Step 4(c) below; **or**

(c) If there are only two jobs total, you may check this box. Do the same on Form W-4 for the other job. This option is generally more accurate than (b) if pay at the lower paying job is more than half of the pay at the higher paying job. Otherwise, (b) is more accurate . . . . . ☐

Step 3 - Claim Dependents

To claim zero you can leave line 3 blank

Step 3: Claim Dependent and Other Credits

If your total income will be $200,000 or less ($400,000 or less if married filing jointly):

Multiply the number of qualifying children under age 17 by $2,000 $

Multiply the number of other dependents by $500 . . . . . $

Add the amounts above for qualifying children and other dependents. You may add to this the amount of any other credits. Enter the total here . . . . . 3 $

Step 4 - Other Adjustments

This step is optional. If you'd like to have a set dollar additional amount for Federal taxes to come out of each paycheck, you can write that amount on line 4c. If you'd like an additional amount for State taxes, please write STATE and the dollar amount in the blank space below 4c. Please note that these amounts are in addition to whatever the tax tables calculate to come out of your check.

Step 4 (optional): Other Adjustments

(a) Other income (not from jobs). If you want tax withheld for other income you expect this year that won't have withholding, enter the amount of other income here. This may include interest, dividends, and retirement income . . . . . 4(a) $

(b) Deductions. If you expect to claim deductions other than the standard deduction and want to reduce your withholding, use the Deductions Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result here . . . . . 4(b) $

(c) Extra withholding. Enter any additional tax you want withheld each **pay period** . . 4(c) $

Step 5 - Sign and Date W-4 Form

Step 5: Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.

Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.) **Date**