

ABC's of the W-4

A Presentation for the YWCA of Elgin

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What is the W-4?

• It tells your employer:

"Here's how I'm going to fill out my tax return"



Why do I need it?

It spreads out your taxes over the year

· Pay a little each paycheck, not a lot in

April!





How does it work?

- 1. Count your <u>allowances</u>.
- 2. Tell your employer how much money to withhold from each paycheck.

Allowances – facts about you that lower your taxes

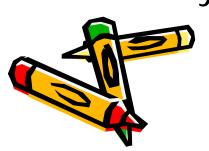
Withhold - keep back



What do you mean, "Allowance?"

- Do you support yourself?
- Are you married?
- Do you have kids?

Do your kids go to day care?





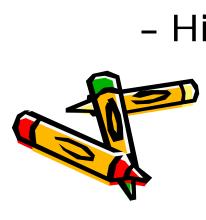
What do allowances do to my paycheck?

- Fewer allowances
 - Lower paycheck, BUT
 - Lower taxes later



- Higher paycheck, BUT
- Higher taxes later







What if I get it wrong?

If you withhold too much:

BIG REFUND!!!

If you withhold too little:

HIGH TAXES + FINE (maybe)

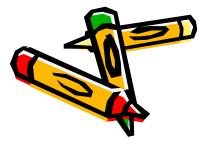




What is the

Personal Allowances Worksheet?

	Personal Allowances Worksheet (Keep for your records.)							
Α	Enter "1" for yourself if no one else can claim you as a dependent	Α						
В	Enter "1" if: You are single and have only one job; or You are married, have only one job, and your spouse does not work; or Your wages from a second job or your spouse's wages (or the total of both) are \$1,000 or less.	в						
С	Enter "1" for your spouse. But, you may choose to enter "-0-" if you are married and have either a working spouse or more than one job. (Entering "-0-" may help you avoid having too little tax withheld.)	с						
D	Enter number of dependents (other than your spouse or yourself) you will claim on your tax return	D						
Ε	Enter "1" if you will file as head of household on your tax return (see conditions under Head of household above) .	E						
F	Enter "1" if you have at least \$1,500 of child or dependent care expenses for which you plan to claim a credit	F						
	(Note. Do not include child support payments. See Pub. 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses, for details.)							
G	Child Tax Credit (including additional child tax credit). See Pub 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information. • If your total income will be less than \$57,000 (\$85,000 if married), enter "2" for each eligible child.							
	• If your total income will be between \$57,000 and \$84,000 (\$85,000 and \$119,000 if married), enter "1" for each eligible child plus "1" additional if you have 4 or more eligible children.	G						
Н	Add lines A through G and enter total here. (Note. This may be different from the number of exemptions you claim on your tax return.)	н						
	For accuracy, complete all worksheets that apply. • If you plan to itemize or claim adjustments to income and want to reduce your withholding, see the D and Adjustments Worksheet on page 2. • If you have more than one job or are married and you and your spouse both work and the combined earnings to exceed \$40,000 (\$25,000 if married) see the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 2 to avoid having too little to little to the above situations applies, stop here and enter the number from line H on line 5 of Form 1.	from all jobs tax withheld.						



Example: I rma's Allowances

- Irma and Jose are married
- They both work
- They have 2 kids
- I rma makes \$26,000 and Jose makes \$12,000

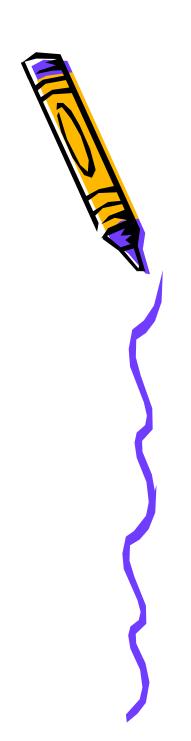


Irma's Allowances

- I rma has 8 allowances!
 - 1 for herself
 - 2 for her 2 kids
 - 1 for daycare
 - 4 for the Child Tax Credit

BUT...





That's not all! Why not?

 I rma should fill out a <u>deductions and</u> <u>adjustments worksheet</u>

 Irma and Jose BOTH work, so they need to withhold more



Deductions and Adjustments

	Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet									
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2	Enter: \$10,700 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) \$ 7,850 if head of household \$ 5,350 if single or married filing separately	2	\$							
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter "-0-"	3	\$							
4	Enter an estimate of your 2007 adjustments to income, including alimony, deductible IRA contributions, and student loan interest	4	\$							
5	Add lines 3 and 4 and enter the total. (Include any amount for credits from Worksheet 8 in Pub. 919)	5	\$							
6	Enter an estimate of your 2007 nonwage income (such as dividends or interest)	6	\$							
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero or less, enter "-0-"	7	\$							
8	Divide the amount on line 7 by \$3,400 and enter the result here. Drop any fraction	8								
9	Enter the number from the Personal Allowances Worksheet, line H, page 1	9								
10	Add lines 8 and 9 and enter the total here. If you plan to use the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet, also enter this total on line 1 below. Otherwise, stop here and enter this total on Form W-4, line 5, page 1	10								

Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet (See Two earners/multiple jobs	on page 1.)
Note. Use this worksheet only if the instructions under line H on page 1 direct you here.	
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Note. If line 1 is less than line 2, enter "-0-" on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Complete lines 4–9 below withholding amount necessary to avoid a year-end tax bill.	
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8 Multiply line 7 by line 6 and enter the result here. This is the additional annual withholding neede	d 8 <u>\$</u>
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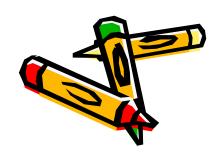
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Irma's Adjustments

- Look at the table
- Jose's job is the lowest paying job in their family
- He makes between \$9,001 and \$18,000
- So, Irma puts down 2



Irma's Adjusted Allowances

8 allowances

- 2 adjustments

6 allowances after adjustments



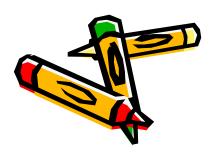


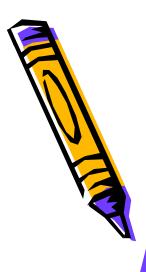
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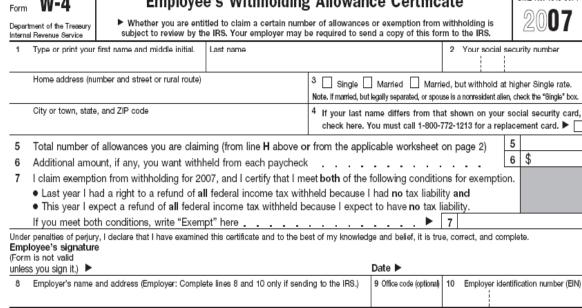


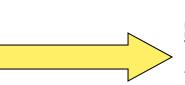
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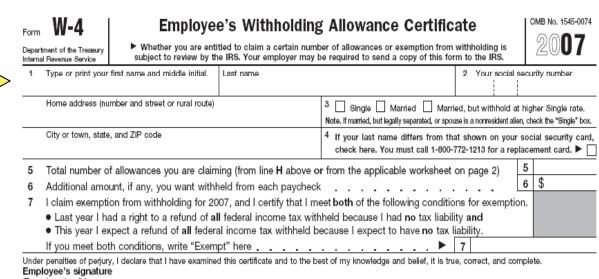
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Form	W-4	Employe	e's Withholding	Allowance C	ertific	ate	OMB No. 1545-0074			
	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Whether you are entitled to claim a certain number of allowances or exemption from withholding is subject to review by the IRS. Your employer may be required to send a copy of this form to the IRS.									
1	Type or print your	first name and middle initial.	Last name			2 Your social se	curity number			
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Write your name



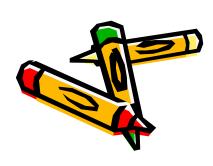






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4	s you sign it.)				Date ▶		
8	Employer's name	and address (Employer: Comple	te lines 8 and 10 only if send	ing to the IRS.)	9 Office code (optional)	10 Employer ide	ntification number (EIN)



- If you are single, check single.
- If you are married:
 - You can check married, OR
 - You can check "Married, but withhold..."

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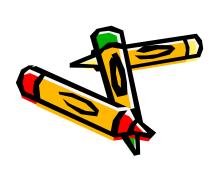
What Does "Married, but Withhold..." Mean?

- It means:
 - 1. You are married
 - 2. You want to pay more from your paycheck now. You will get more back later.

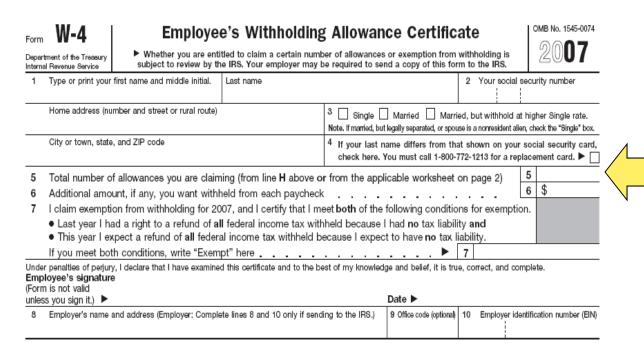


- Make sure your name is the same as on your Social Security Card.
- If it is, leave blank.

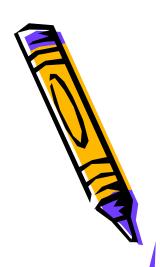
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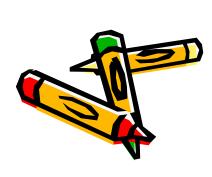






- Leave blank, OR
- If you want to withhold more money, write the amount

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My Paycheck Looks Like...

Total Earnings 833.33	Pre-Tax 138.3		Tax Deduction 143.52	After-Tax Ded 0.00		Pay 49	
	Hours	Current	Year-to-Date		Curre	nt	Year-to-Date
GROSS EARNING(S):				PRE-TAX DEDUCTION(S):		
08/05 Regular Salary		\$833.33	\$12,499.95	08/05 Retirement Contribu	\$83	.33	\$1,249.95
				08/05 Medical Premier	2:	3.15	347.25
TOTAL GROSS		\$833.33	\$12,499.95	08/05 Dental		1.84	27.60
				08/05 CTA Transit Pass	30	0.00	450.00
				TAXABLE EARNINGS (FI	ED) \$695	.01	\$10,425.15
				TAX DEDUCTION(S):			
				FED TX Withholding Tax	7:	2.00	1,080.00
				FED TX Social Security	4:	3.09	646.35
				FED TX Medicare Tax	10	80.0	151.20
				IL TX Withholding Tax	18	8.35	275.25
				NET PAY	\$55°	1.49	\$8,272.35
Payment T	ype	Bank Loc	ation	Bank Number	Amount		
Direct Depo		91000019		XXXXXX9876	\$551.49		



What is a W-2?

 Has your tax information for 1 job for 1 year

a Control number	OMB No. 18	E40T	accurate, Use	Visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/efile.		
b Employer identification number (EIN) 12-2222222			/ages, tips, other compensati 16,680.24	2 Federal income tax withheld 1,728.00		
c Employer's name, address, and ZIP code			ocial security wages 16,680.24	4 Social security tax withheld 1034.16		
Real World Business			16,680.24	6 Medicare tax withheld 241.92		
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f Employee's address and ZIP code						
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Wage and Tax Statement

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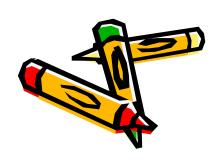
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Copy B—To Be Filed With Employee's FEDERAL Tax Return.
This information is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

What is a 1099?

 Box 7 has your tax information for self-employment or contract work

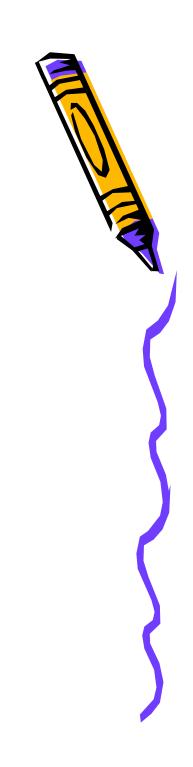
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What do I have to pay Income Tax on?

- Wages, Salary, Tips, Bonuses
- Unemployment Money
- Interest
- State Tax Refunds (from last year)
- Gambling Winnings
- Rental Income
- Investment Income





Payroll Deductions

- Gross Income (Earnings)
 - Salary, wages, bonuses, tips
- Pre-Tax Deductions Things you pay for before taxes
 - Health Insurance
 - Retirement
- Tax Withholding
- Net Income (Take-Home Pay) Amount after all payroll deductions

Do I have any "Dependents"?

- A <u>dependent</u>:
 - Is related to you or living with you
 - You pay more than 50% of their living expenses

AND

- Is under 19
- Is a student under 24, or
- Made less than \$3,200





TAX Tips!

- Fill out the W-4
- Find out about Tax Credits
- Keep your papers together
 - Last year's return, W-2 or 1099, IRS letters, other expenses and payments
- File Early
- Don't get a Refund Anticipation Loan



Problems?

- Your refund is smaller than you thought
 - Maybe, you put too many allowances
 - Next time, put fewer allowances
- You work 2 jobs, and now you owe taxes!
 - Maybe you didn't fill out the 2 Job/ 2
 Earner Worksheet
 - Fill it out next time!



Fill it out Right!

- Don't just do what your friends did!
- Fill it out carefully and write clearly
- Fill out Side 2
- Fill out a new W-4 when things change

