

**Example 1:** John Doe starts a new job in 2020, is married, and files a joint tax return with his spouse. In completing his 2020 Form W-4, John claims a filing status of Married filing jointly but does not complete Steps 2, 3, or 4. He does sign and date the form.

<b>Form W-4</b> Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		<b>Employee's Withholding Certificate</b> ▶ 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 <b>2020</b>
<b>Step 1: Enter Personal Information</b>	(a) First name and middle initial <b>John</b>		Last name <b>Doe</b>	
	Address <b>Seattle University C/O Payroll 901 12th Avenue</b>			(b) Social security number <b>555-55-5555</b> ▶ 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 <a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a> .
	City or town, state, and ZIP code <b>Seattle, WA 98122</b>			
	(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Single or Married filing separately <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married filing jointly (or Qualifying widow(er)) <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)			

**Complete Steps 2–4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwise, skip to Step 5.** See page 2 for more information on each step, who can claim exemption from withholding, when to use the online estimator, and privacy.

**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](http://www.irs.gov/W4App) for most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3–4); **or**

(b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result in Step 4(c) below for roughly accurate withholding; **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 accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise, more tax than necessary may be withheld . . . . . ▶ ☐

**TIP:** To be accurate, submit a 2020 Form W-4 for all other jobs. If you (or your spouse) have self-employment income, including as an independent contractor, use the estimator.

**Complete Steps 3–4(b) on Form W-4 for only ONE of these jobs.** Leave those steps blank for the other jobs. (Your withholding will be most accurate if you complete Steps 3–4(b) on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.)

<b>Step 3: Claim Dependents</b>	If your 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 and enter the total here . . . . .		<b>3</b>	\$
<b>Step 4 (optional): Other Adjustments</b>	(a) <b>Other income (not from jobs).</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>4(a)</b>	\$
	(b) <b>Deductions.</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>4(b)</b>	\$
	(c) <b>Extra withholding.</b> Enter any additional tax you want withheld each pay period . . . . .		<b>4(c)</b>	\$

<b>Step 5: Sign Here</b>	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.		
	<b>John Doe</b> Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)		<b>Jan 1, 2020</b> Date
<b>Employers Only</b>	Employer's name and address	First date of employment	Employer identification number (EIN)

Sidebar note: If Step 2 (c) is not checked, and Step 1(c) Single/Married filing separately, or Step 1(c) Head of Household is selected, then in legacy W4, it is equivalent to '2' exemptions. If Step 1 (c) Married filing jointly is selected, in legacy W4, it is equivalent to '3' exemptions. If Step 2(c) is selected, in legacy W4, it is equivalent to '0' exemption for any of Step 1 (c) selections.