Form W-4 (2010)

Purpose. Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Consider completing a new Form W-4 each year and when your personal or financial situation changes.

Exemption from withholding. If you are exempt, complete **only** lines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 and sign the form to validate it. Your exemption for 2010 expires February 16, 2011. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Note. You cannot claim exemption from withholding if (a) your income exceeds \$950 and includes more than \$300 of unearned income (for example, interest and dividends) and (b) another person can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return.

Basic instructions. If you are not exempt, complete the Personal Allowances Worksheet below. The worksheets on page 2 further adjust your withholding allowances based on itemized deductions, certain credits, adjustments to income, or two-earners/multiple jobs situations.

Complete all worksheets that apply. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) allowances. For regular wages, withholding must be based on allowances you claimed and may not be a flat amount or percentage of wages.

Head of household. Generally, you may claim head of household filing status on your tax return only if you are unmarried and pay more than 50% of the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and your dependent(s) or other qualifying individuals. See Pub. 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information, for information.

Tax credits. You can take projected tax credits into account in figuring your allowable number of withholding allowances. Credits for child or dependent care expenses and the child tax credit may be claimed using the Personal Allowances Worksheet below. See Pub. 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding, for information on converting your other credits into withholding allowances.

Nonwage income. If you have a large amount of nonwage income, such as interest or dividends, consider making estimated tax

payments using Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals. Otherwise, you may owe additional tax. If you have pension or annuity income, see Pub. 919 to find out if you should adjust your withholding on Form W-4 or W-4P.

Two earners or multiple jobs. If you have a working spouse or more than one job, figure the total number of allowances you are entitled to claim on all jobs using worksheets from only one Form W-4. Your withholding usually will be most accurate when all allowances are claimed on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job and zero allowances are claimed on the others. See Pub. 919 for details.

Nonresident alien. If you are a nonresident alien, see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing this form.

Check your withholding. After your Form W-4 takes effect, use Pub. 919 to see how the amount you are having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2010. See Pub. 919, especially if your earnings exceed \$130,000 (Single) or \$180,000 (Married).

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	 You are single and have only one job; or)
В	Enter "1" if: \ • You are married, have only one job, and your s	spouse does not work; or	} B
	 Your wages from a second job or your spouse's value 	vages (or the total of both) are \$1,500 or le	ess.
С	Enter "1" for your spouse. But, you may choose to enter "-0-" if	you are married and have either a worki	ing spouse or
	more than one job. (Entering "-0-" may help you avoid having too	little tax withheld.)	c
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 \$1,800 of child or dependent care	expenses for which you plan to claim a	a credit F
	(Note. Do not include child support payments. See Pub. 503, Ch	ld and Dependent Care Expenses, for de	etails.)
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 \$61,000 (\$90,000 if married), enter "2" for	each eligible child; then less "1" if you have three	e or more eligible children.
	• If your total income will be between \$61,000 and \$84,000 (\$90,0		r each eligible
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