Employee's Wisconsin Withholding Exemption Certificate/New Hire Reporting

WT-4

Employee's Section (Print clearly)

Employee's legal name *(last, first, middle initial)*			Social security number	☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Married, but withhold at higher Single rate. **Note**: If married, but legally separated, check the Single box.
Employee's address *(number and street)*			Date of birth	
City	State	Zip code	Date of hire	

FIGURE YOUR TOTAL WITHHOLDING EXEMPTIONS BELOW

Complete Lines 1 through 3 only if your Wisconsin exemptions are different than your federal allowances.

1. (a) Exemption for yourself – enter 1 . . . . . _____
   (b) Exemption for your spouse – enter 1 . . . . . _____
   (c) Exemption(s) for dependent(s) – you are entitled to claim an exemption for each dependent . . . . . _____
   (d) Total – add lines (a) through (c) . . . . . [ ]
2. Additional amount per pay period you want deducted (if your employer agrees) . . . . . _____
3. I claim complete exemption from withholding (see instructions). Enter "Exempt" . . . . . _____

I CERTIFY that the number of withholding exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled. If claiming complete exemption from withholding, I certify that I incurred no liability for Wisconsin income tax for last year and that I anticipate that I will incur no liability for Wisconsin income tax for this year.

Signature _____ Date Signed _____, _____

EMPLOYEE INSTRUCTIONS:

- **WHO MUST FILE:**
  Every Employee is required to file a completed Form WT-4 with each of his or her employers unless the Employee claims the same number of withholding exemptions for Wisconsin withholding tax purpose as for federal withholding tax purpose. Form WT-4 (or federal Form W-4 if a Form WT-4 is not filed) will be used by your employer to determine the amount of Wisconsin income tax to be withheld from your paychecks. If you have more than one employer, you should claim a smaller number or no exemptions on each Form WT-4 filed with employers other than your principal employer so that the total amount withheld will be closer to your actual income tax liability.

  Your employer may also require you to complete this form to report your hiring to the Department of Workforce Development.

  You may file a new Form WT-4 any time you wish to change the amount of withholding from your paychecks, providing the number of exemptions you claim does not exceed the number you are entitled to claim.

- **UNDER WITHHOLDING:**
  If sufficient tax is not withheld from your wages, you may incur additional interest charges under the tax laws. In general, 90% of the net tax shown on your income tax return should be withheld.

- **OVER WITHHOLDING:**
  If you are using Form WT-4 to claim the maximum number of exemptions to which you are entitled and your withholding exceeds your expected income tax liability, you may use Form WT-4A to minimize the over withholding.

- **WHEN TO FILE IF YOUR EXEMPTIONS CHANGE:**
  You must file a new certificate within 10 days if the number of exemptions previously claimed by you DECREASES.

  You may file a new certificate at any time if the number of your exemptions INCREASES.

WT-4 Instructions – Provide your information in the employee section.

- **LINE 1:**
  (a)-(c) Number of exemptions – Do not claim more than the correct number of exemptions. If you expect to owe more income tax for the year than will be withheld if you claim every exemption to which you are entitled, you may increase your withholding by claiming a smaller number of exemptions on lines 1(a)-(c) or you may enter into an agreement with your employer to have additional amounts withheld (see instruction for line 2).

  (c) Dependents – Those persons who qualify as your dependents for federal income tax purposes may also be claimed as dependents for Wisconsin purposes. The term "dependents" does not include you or your spouse. Indicate the number of dependents that you are claiming in the space provided.

- **LINE 2:**
  Additional withholding – If you have claimed "zero" exemptions on line 1, but still expect to have a balance due on your tax return for the year, you may wish to request your employer to withhold an additional amount of tax for each pay period. If your employer agrees to this additional withholding, enter the additional amount you want deducted from each of your paychecks on line 2.

- **LINE 3:**
  Exemption from withholding – You may claim exemption from withholding of Wisconsin income tax if you had no liability for income tax for last year, and you expect to incur no liability for income tax for this year. You may not claim exemption if your return shows tax liability before the allowance of any credit for income tax withheld. If you are exempt, your employer will not withhold Wisconsin income tax from your wages.

  You must revoke this exemption (1) within 10 days from the time you expect to incur income tax liability for the year or (2) on or before December 1 if you expect to incur Wisconsin income tax liabilities for the next year. If you want to stop or are required to revoke this exemption, you must file a new Form WT-4 with your employer showing the number of withholding exemptions you are entitled to claim. This certificate for exemption from withholding will expire on April 30 of next year unless a new Form WT-4 is filed before that date.

Employer's Section

Employer's name				Federal Employer ID Number
Employer's payroll address *(number and street)*		City	State	Zip code
Completed by	Title	Phone number ( )	Email	

EMPLOYER INSTRUCTIONS for Department of Revenue:

- If you do not have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), contact the Internal Revenue Service to obtain a FEIN.
- If the Employee has claimed more than 10 exemptions OR has claimed complete exemption from withholding and earns more than $200.00 a week or is believed to have claimed more exemptions than he or she is entitled to, mail a copy of this certificate to: Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Audit Bureau, PO Box 8906, Madison WI 53708 or fax (608) 267-0834.
- Keep a copy of this certificate with your records. If you have questions about the Department of Revenue requirements, call (608) 266-8646 or (608) 266-2776.

EMPLOYER INSTRUCTIONS for New Hire Reporting:

- This report contains the required information for reporting a New Hire to Wisconsin. If you are reporting new hires electronically, you do not need to forward a copy of this report to the Department of Workforce Development. Visit http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uinh to report new hires.
- If you do not report new hires electronically, mail the original form to the Department of Workforce Development, New Hire Reporting, PO Box 14431, Madison WI 53708-0431 or fax toll free to 1-800-277-8075.
- If you have questions about New Hire requirements, call toll free (888) 300-HIRE (888-300-4473). Visit dwd.wisconsin.gov/uinh for more information.