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**Copies B and C; corrections.** File Copy B of this form with your 2018 U.S. Virgin Islands income tax return. Keep Copy C for your records. If your name, social security number (SSN), or address is incorrect, correct Copies B and C and ask your employer to correct your employment record. Be sure to ask your employer to file Form W-2c, Corrected Wage and Tax Statement, with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to correct any name, amount, or SSN error reported to the SSA.

**Estimated tax.** If you expect to owe \$1,000 or more in tax (including self-employment tax) for 2019, you may have to make estimated tax payments to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Use Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

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**Cost of employer-sponsored health coverage (if such cost is provided by the employer).** The reporting in box 12, using Code DD, of the cost of employer-sponsored health coverage is for your information only. **The amount reported with code DD is not taxable.**

**Credit for excess social security tax.** If one employer paid you wages during 2018 and more than \$7,960.80 in social security tax was withheld, you can claim a refund of the excess by filing Form 1040 with the V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue, 6115 Estate Smith Bay, Suite 225, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

If you had more than one employer in 2018 and more than \$7,960.80 in social security tax was withheld, you can have the excess refunded by filing Form 843, Claim for Refund and Request for Abatement, with the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Center, Austin, TX 73301-0215, USA. However, if you are required to file Form 1040 with the United States, you must claim the excess tax as a credit on Form 1040.

**Unreported tip income.** You must file Form 4137, Social Security and Medicare Tax on Unreported Tip Income, with your income tax return to report at least the allocated tip amount unless you can prove a smaller amount with adequate records. If you have records that show the actual amount of tips you received, report that amount even if it is more or less than the allocated tips.

Use Form 4137 to figure the social security and Medicare tax owed on tips you did not report to your employer. Enter this amount on the wages line of your tax return. (Form 1040-SS filers, see the instructions for Form 1040-SS, Part I, line 6.) By filing this form, your social security tips will be credited to your social security record (used to figure your benefits).

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**Box 5.** You may be required to report this amount on Form 8959, Additional Medicare Tax. See Form 1040 instructions to determine if you are required to complete Form 8959.

**Box 6.** This amount includes the 1.45% Medicare Tax withheld on all Medicare wages and tips shown in box 5, as well as the 0.9% Additional Medicare Tax on any of those Medicare wages and tips above \$200,000.

**Box 11.** This amount is (a) reported in box 1 if it is a distribution made to you from a nonqualified deferred compensation or nongovernmental section 457(b) plan or (b) included in box 3 and/or 5 if it is a prior year deferral under a nonqualified or section 457(b) plan that became taxable for social security and Medicare taxes this year because there is no longer a substantial risk of forfeiture of your right to the deferred amount. This box should not be used if you had a deferral and a distribution in the same calendar year. If you made a deferral and received a distribution in the same calendar year, and you are or will be age 62 by the end of the calendar year, your employer should file Form SSA-131, Employer Report of Special Wage Payments, with the Social Security Administration and give you a copy.

**Box 12.** The following list explains the codes shown in box 12. You may need this information to complete your tax return. Elective deferrals (codes D, E, F, and S) and designated Roth contributions (codes AA, BB, and EE) under all plans are generally limited to a total of \$18,500 (\$12,500 if you have only SIMPLE plans; \$21,500 for section 403(b) plans if you qualify for the 15- year rule explained in Pub. 571). Deferrals under code G are limited to \$18,500. Deferrals under code H are limited to \$7,000.

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**C**—Taxable cost of group-term life insurance over \$50,000 (included in boxes 1, 3 (up to social security wage base), and 5)

**D**—Elective deferrals to a section 401(k) cash or deferred arrangement. Also includes deferrals under a SIMPLE retirement account that is part of a section 401(k) arrangement.

**E**—Elective deferrals under a section 403(b) salary reduction agreement

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**G**—Elective deferrals and employer contributions (including nonelective deferrals) to a section 457(b) deferred compensation plan

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**J**—Nontaxable sick pay (information only, not included in boxes 1, 3, or 5)

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**P**—Excludable moving expense reimbursements paid directly to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces (not included in box 1, 3, or 5)

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**FF**—Permitted benefits under a qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangement.

**GG**—Income from qualified equity grants under section 83(i)

**HH**—Aggregate deferrals under section 83(i) elections as of the close of the calendar year **Box 13.** If the "Retirement plan" box is checked, special limits may apply to the amount of traditional IRA contributions that you may deduct. See Pub. 590-A, Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

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Based on your Annual earnings, in addition to the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit you may be eligible to receive the California Earned Income Tax Credit (California EITC) starting with the calendar year 2015 tax year. The California EITC is a refundable state income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The California EITC is treated in the same manner as the federal EITC and generally will not be used to determine eligibility for welfare benefits under California law. To claim the California EITC, even if you do not owe California taxes, you must file a California income tax return and complete and attach the California EITC form (FTB 3514). For information on the availability of the credit, eligibility requirements, and how to obtain the necessary California forms and get help filing, contact the Franchise Tax Board at 1- 800-852-5711 or through its website at [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov).