

Request for Federal Income Tax Withholding From Sick Pay

1998

▶ Give this form to the third-party payer of your sick pay.

Type or print your full name _____ Your social security number _____

Home address (number and street or rural route) _____

City or town, state, and ZIP code _____

Claim or identification number (if any) _____

I request income tax withholding from my sick-pay payments. I want the following amount to be withheld from each payment. (See worksheet below.) \$ _____

Employee's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

----- Cut here and give the top part of this form to the payer. Keep the lower part for your records. -----

Worksheet (Keep for your records. Do Not Send to the Internal Revenue Service.)

1	Enter amount of adjusted gross income you expect in 1998	1		
2	If you plan to itemize deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040), enter the estimated total of your deductions. For 1998, you may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over \$124,500 (\$62,250 if married filing separately). Get Pub. 919 , Is My Withholding Correct for 1998?, for details. Call 1-800-829-3676 to order this and any other IRS publication or form you may need. If you do not plan to itemize deductions, enter the standard deduction (see the instructions on page 2 for the standard deduction amount, including additional amounts for age and blindness)	2		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1	3		
4	Exemptions. Multiply \$2,700 times the number of personal exemptions. For 1998, the value of your personal exemption(s) is reduced if your income is over \$124,500 if single, \$186,800 if married or qualifying widow(er), \$93,400 if married filing separately, or \$155,650 if head of household. Get Pub. 919 for details	4		
5	Subtract line 4 from line 3	5		
6	Tax. Figure your tax on line 5 by using Tax Rate Schedule X, Y, or Z on page 2. Do not use the Tax Table or Tax Rate Schedule X, Y, or Z in the 1997 Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ instructions	6		
7	Credits (the child tax and higher education credits, credit for child and dependent care expenses, etc.).	7		
8	Subtract line 7 from line 6	8		
9	Estimated income tax withheld and to be withheld from other sources (including amounts withheld due to a prior Form W-4S) during 1998 or paid with Form 1040-ES.	9		
10	Subtract line 9 from line 8	10		
11	Enter the number of sick-pay payments you expect to receive this year to which this Form W-4S will apply	11		
12	Divide line 10 by line 11. Round to the nearest dollar. This is the amount that should be withheld from each sick-pay payment. Be sure it meets the requirements for the amount that should be withheld, as explained under Amount to be withheld on page 2. If it does, enter this amount on Form W-4S above	12		

General Instructions

Purpose of form. Give this form to the third-party payer of your sick pay, such as an insurance company, if you want Federal income tax withheld from the payments. You do not have to use this form if your employer makes the payments because employers are already required to withhold income tax from sick pay.

Note: If you receive sick pay under a collective bargaining agreement, see your union representative or employer.

Definition. Sick pay is a payment you receive:

1. Under a plan your employer takes part in and

2. In place of wages for any period when you are temporarily absent from work because of sickness or injury.

Amount to be withheld. Enter on this form the amount you want withheld from each payment. The amount:

1. Must be in whole dollars (for example, \$35, not \$34.50).
2. Must be at least \$20 a week.
3. Must not reduce the net amount of each sick-pay payment you receive to less than \$10.
4. For payments larger or smaller than a regular full payment of sick pay, the amount withheld will be in the same proportion as your regular withholding from sick pay. For example, if your regular full payment of \$100 a week normally has \$25 (25%) withheld,

then \$20 (25%) will be withheld from a less-than-regular payment of \$80.

Caution: You may be subject to a penalty if your tax payments during the year are not at least 90% of the actual tax liability shown on your tax return. For more information, see **Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.** You may pay tax during the year through withholding or estimated tax payments or both. To avoid the penalty, make sure you have enough tax withheld or file **Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.** You may estimate your income tax liability by using the worksheet on page 1.

Sign this form. Form W-4S is not valid unless you sign it.

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Statement of income tax withheld. After the end of the year, you will receive a Form W-2 reporting the taxable sick pay paid and income tax withheld during the year. These amounts are reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Changing your withholding. Form W-4S remains in effect until you change or revoke it. You may do this by giving a new Form W-4S or a written notice to the payer of your sick pay. To revoke your previous Form W-4S, write "Revoked" in the money amount box on Form W-4S, and give it to the payer.

Worksheet

You may use the worksheet on page 1 to estimate the amount of income tax you want withheld from each sick-pay payment. Use your tax return for last year and the worksheet as a basis for estimating tax liability, tax credits, and withholding for this year.

You may not want to use Form W-4S if you already have all your tax liability covered by estimated tax payments or other withholding.

If you expect to file a joint return, be sure to include the income, deductions, credits, and payments of both yourself and your spouse in figuring the amount you want withheld.

Caution: *If any of the amounts on the worksheet change after you give Form W-4S to the payer, you may use a new Form W-4S to request a change in the amount withheld.*

Specific Instructions

Worksheet on Page 1

Line 2—Deductions

Itemized deductions. You may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over \$124,500 (\$62,250 if married filing separately). Get Pub. 919 for details.

Standard deduction, individuals (other than the elderly or blind). For 1998, the amounts are:

Filing Status	Standard Deduction
Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	\$7,100*
Head of household	6,250*
Single	4,250*
Married filing separately	3,550*

*If you are age 65 or over or blind, add to this amount the additional amount that applies to you as shown in the next paragraph. If you can be claimed as a dependent on another person's return, see **Limited standard deduction for dependents** later.

Additional amount for the elderly or blind. An additional standard deduction of \$850 is allowed for a married individual or qualifying widow(er) who is 65 or over or blind (\$1,700 for married filing separately if both 65 or over and blind; \$1,700 on a joint return if both spouses are either 65 or over or blind, \$3,400 if both spouses are 65 or over and blind). An additional standard deduction of \$1,050 is

allowed for an unmarried individual (single or head of household) who is 65 or over or blind (\$2,100 if both).

Limited standard deduction for dependents. If you can be claimed as a dependent on another person's return, your standard deduction is the greater of (a) \$700 or (b) your earned income up to the regular standard deduction for your filing status. If you are age 65 or over or blind, see Pub. 505 for additional amounts you may claim.

Certain individuals not eligible for standard deduction. For the following individuals, the standard deduction is zero:

1. A married individual filing a separate return if either spouse itemizes deductions.
2. A nonresident alien individual.
3. An individual filing a return for a period of less than 12 months because of a change in his or her annual accounting period.

Line 6—Tax. Use the appropriate Tax Rate Schedule below to figure your tax.

Line 7—Credits. Include on this line any tax credits you are entitled to claim, such as the child tax and higher education credits, credit for child and dependent care expenses, earned income credit, or credit for the elderly or the disabled.

Line 9. Enter the income tax you expect will be withheld this year on income other than sick pay. Include income tax withheld from wages and pensions, and any payments you made using Form 1040-ES.

1998 Tax Rate Schedules

Single—Schedule X

If line 5 is:	But not over—	The tax is:	of the amount over—
Over—			
\$0	\$25,350	----- 15%	\$0
25,350	61,400	\$3,802.50 + 28%	25,350
61,400	128,100	13,896.50 + 31%	61,400
128,100	278,450	34,573.50 + 36%	128,100
278,450	-----	88,699.50 + 39.6%	278,450

Head of household—Schedule Z

If line 5 is:	But not over—	The tax is:	of the amount over—
Over—			
\$0	\$33,950	----- 15%	\$0
33,950	87,700	\$5,092.50 + 28%	33,950
87,700	142,000	20,142.50 + 31%	87,700
142,000	278,450	36,975.50 + 36%	142,000
278,450	-----	86,097.50 + 39.6%	278,450

Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er)—Schedule Y-1

If line 5 is:	But not over—	The tax is:	of the amount over—
Over—			
\$0	\$42,350	----- 15%	\$0
42,350	102,300	\$6,352.50 + 28%	42,350
102,300	155,950	23,138.50 + 31%	102,300
155,950	278,450	39,770.00 + 36%	155,950
278,450	-----	83,870.00 + 39.6%	278,450

Married filing separately—Schedule Y-2

If line 5 is:	But not over—	The tax is:	of the amount over—
Over—			
\$0	\$21,175	----- 15%	\$0
21,175	51,150	\$3,176.25 + 28%	21,175
51,150	77,975	11,569.25 + 31%	51,150
77,975	139,225	19,885.00 + 36%	77,975
139,225	-----	41,935.00 + 39.6%	139,225

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The time needed to complete this form will vary depending on individual circumstances.

The estimated average time is:

Recordkeeping 40 min.; **Learning about the law or the form** 7 min.; **Preparing the form** 37 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Tax Forms Committee, Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001. **DO NOT** send the tax form to this address. Instead, give it to your payer.

