

Exclusion of Income for Bona Fide Residents of American Samoa

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Attach to Form 1040.** ▶ **See instructions below and on back.**

Attachment
Sequence No. **68**

Name(s) shown on Form 1040

Your social security number

Part I General Information

- 1 Date bona fide residence began ▶ _____, and ended ▶ _____
- 2 Type of living quarters in American Samoa ▶ Rented room Rented house or apartment
 Quarters furnished by employer Purchased home
- 3a Did any of your family live with you in American Samoa during any part of the tax year? Yes No
- b If "Yes," who and for what period? ▶ _____
- 4a Did you maintain any home(s) outside American Samoa? Yes No
- b If "Yes," show address of your home(s), whether it was rented, the name of each occupant, and his or her relationship to you. ▶ _____
- 5 Name and address of employer (state if self-employed) ▶ _____
- 6 Complete columns (a) through (d) below for days absent from American Samoa during the tax year.

(a) Date left	(b) Date returned	(c) Number of days absent	(d) Reason for absence

Part II Figure Your Exclusion. Include **only** income that qualifies for the exclusion. See instructions.

7 Wages, salaries, tips, etc.	7		
8 Taxable interest	8		
9 Ordinary dividends	9		
10 Business income	10		
11 Capital gain	11		
12 Rental real estate, royalties, etc.	12		
13 Farm income	13		
14 Other income. List type and amount ▶ _____	14		
15 Add lines 7 through 14. This is the amount you may exclude from your gross income this tax year ▶	15		

Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

What's New

- The rules for determining whether you are a bona fide resident of American Samoa have changed. See *Bona Fide Residence Test* on this page.
- If, in tax year 2001 or later, you become or ceased to be a bona fide resident of a U.S. possession, you may be required to file Form 8898, Statement for Individuals Who Begin or End Bona Fide Residence in a U.S. Possession. The penalty for failure to provide the required information is \$1,000. For details, see the Instructions for Form 8898.

Purpose of Form

If you qualify, use Form 4563 to figure the amount of income you may exclude from your gross income.

Who Qualifies

You qualify for the exclusion if you were a bona fide resident of American Samoa for the entire tax year. See *Bona Fide Residence Test* on this page.



In future years, bona fide residents of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) may also qualify for the exclusion. They will not qualify, however, unless implementation agreements are in effect with the United States. At the time this form went to print, the CNMI had not entered into an implementation agreement. Also, the effective date of the agreement between the United States and Guam had not been determined.

Bona Fide Residence Test

To qualify under this test, you must be a bona fide resident of American Samoa for the entire tax year (January 1 through December 31 if you file a calendar year return).

In general, for tax years beginning after October 22, 2004, you are a bona fide resident of American Samoa if, during the tax year, you:

- Are present in American Samoa for at least 183 days,
- Do not have a tax home outside of American Samoa, and
- Do not have a closer connection to the United States or a foreign country than to American Samoa.

Your tax home is your regular or principal place of business or employment, regardless of where you maintain your family residence. If you do not have a regular or principal place of business because of the nature of your work, your tax home is the place where you live on a regular basis.

For more information about bona fide residence, including special rules for meeting the 183-day test, see Pub. 570, Tax Guide for Individuals With Income From U.S. Possessions.

What Income May Be Excluded

If you qualify, you may exclude the following:

- Income received from sources in American Samoa, and
- Income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in American Samoa.

For details on how to determine the source of income, see Pub. 570.

Employees of the United States

You may not exclude amounts paid to you for services you performed as an employee of the U.S. Government or any of its agencies. This rule applies to both civilian and military employees.

Income You Must Report on Form 1040

You must report on Form 1040 your worldwide income for the tax year that does not qualify for the exclusion. The source of that income does not matter.

Deductions and Credits You May Not Take on Form 1040

If you claim the exclusion, you may not take any deduction or credit on Form 1040 that is definitely related to the excluded income.

Deductions and credits that are not definitely related to any particular type of income must be allocated between your excludable income and your other income to find the amount you may take on Form 1040. Examples of deductions that are not definitely related to any particular type of income are:

- The standard deduction, and
- Certain itemized deductions such as medical and dental expenses, gifts to charity, and real estate taxes and mortgage interest on your personal residence.

For more details, including how to figure the amount allocable to the excluded income, see Pub. 570.

Note. Generally, you may take a deduction for each exemption you are entitled to claim. This deduction is not considered allocable to the excluded income.



If you were a bona fide resident of American Samoa for the entire tax year, but not a U.S. citizen or resident, certain credits and deductions may not be available to you.

Self-Employed Individuals

If you were self-employed and your net earnings from self-employment were \$400 or more, you will generally have to pay self-employment tax on those earnings even though you may exclude them from your gross income. Use Schedule SE (Form 1040) to figure any self-employment tax due.

Where To File

Mail your return to the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255, U.S.A.

Note. If you do not qualify for the exclusion, follow the Instructions for Form 1040. Report all your taxable income, including income from U.S., foreign, and possession sources. Mail your return to the address shown in the Form 1040 instructions.

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The average time and expenses required to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. For the estimated averages, see the instructions for your income tax return.

If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.