

EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCE CERTIFICATE

Type or Print Your Full Name	Your Social Security Number
Home Address (Number and Street or Rural Route)	Filing Status Withholding Allowances
City, State, and ZIP Code	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE or MARRIED (with two or more incomes) <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED (one income) <input type="checkbox"/> HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

1. Number of allowances for Regular Withholding Allowances, Worksheet A _____
 Number of allowances from the Estimated Deductions, Worksheet B _____
 Total Number of Allowances (A + B) when using the California Withholding Schedules for 2017 _____
 OR
2. Additional amount of state income tax to be withheld each pay period (if employer agrees), Worksheet C _____
 OR
3. I certify under penalty of perjury that I am not subject to California withholding. I meet the conditions set forth under the Service Member Civil Relief Act, as amended by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act. (Check box here)

Under the penalties of perjury, I certify that the number of withholding allowances claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled or, if claiming exemption from withholding, that I am entitled to claim the exempt status.

Signature _____ Date _____

Employer's Name and Address	California Employer Account Number
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Give the top portion of this page to your employer and keep the remainder for your records.

YOUR CALIFORNIA PERSONAL INCOME TAX MAY BE UNDERWITHHELD IF YOU DO NOT FILE THIS DE 4 FORM.

IF YOU RELY ON THE FEDERAL FORM W-4 FOR YOUR CALIFORNIA WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCES, YOUR CALIFORNIA STATE PERSONAL INCOME TAX MAY BE UNDERWITHHELD AND YOU MAY OWE MONEY AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

PURPOSE: This certificate, DE 4, is for **California Personal Income Tax (PIT) withholding** purposes only. The DE 4 is used to compute the amount of taxes to be withheld from your wages, by your employer, to accurately reflect your state tax withholding obligation.

You should complete this form if either:

- (1) You claim a different marital status, number of regular allowances, or different additional dollar amount to be withheld for California PIT withholding than you claim for federal income tax withholding or,
- (2) You claim additional allowances for estimated deductions.

THIS FORM WILL NOT CHANGE YOUR FEDERAL WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCES.

The federal Form W-4 is applicable for California withholding purposes if you wish to claim the same marital status, number of regular allowances, and/or the same additional dollar amount to be withheld for state and federal purposes. However, federal tax brackets and withholding methods do not reflect state PIT withholding tables. **If you rely on the number of withholding allowances you claim on your Form W-4 withholding allowance**

certificate for your state income tax withholding, you may be significantly underwithheld. This is particularly true if your household income is derived from more than one source.

CHECK YOUR WITHHOLDING: After your Form W-4 and/or DE 4 takes effect, compare the state income tax withheld with your estimated total annual tax. For state withholding, use the worksheets on this form.

EXEMPTION FROM WITHHOLDING: If you wish to claim exempt, complete the federal Form W-4. You may claim exempt from withholding California income tax if you did not owe any federal income tax last year and you do not expect to owe any federal income tax this year. The exemption is good for one year. If you continue to qualify for the exempt filing status, a new Form W-4 designating EXEMPT must be submitted by February 15 each year to continue your exemption. If you are not having federal income tax withheld this year but expect to have a tax liability next year, you are required to give your employer a new Form W-4 by December 1.

EXEMPTION FROM WITHHOLDING (continued): Under the Service Member Civil Relief Act, as amended by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act, you may be exempt from California income tax on your wages if (i) your spouse is a member of the armed forces present in California in compliance with military orders; (ii) you are present in California solely to be with your spouse; and (iii) you maintain your domicile in another state. If you claim exemption under this act, check the box on Line 3. You may be required to provide proof of exemption upon request.

IF YOU NEED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, SEE THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT CAME WITH YOUR LAST CALIFORNIA RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN OR CALL THE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD (FTB).

IF YOU ARE CALLING FROM WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 800-852-5711 (voice)
800-822-6268 (TTY)

IF YOU ARE CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES (Not Toll Free) 916-845-6500

The *California Employer's Guide*, [DE 44](#), provides the income tax withholding tables. This publication may be found on the Employment Development Department (EDD) website at www.edd.ca.gov/Payroll_Taxes/Forms_and_Publications.htm. To assist you in calculating your tax liability, please visit the FTB website at www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/index.shtml.

NOTIFICATION: If the IRS instructs your employer to withhold federal income tax based on a certain withholding status, your employer is required to use the same withholding status for state income tax withholding.

The burden of proof rests with the employee to show the correct California Income Tax Withholding. Pursuant to Section 4340-1(e) of [Title 22, California Code of Regulations \(CCR\)](#), the FTB or the EDD may, by special direction in writing, require an employer to submit a Form W-4 or DE 4 when such forms are necessary for the administration of the withholding tax programs.

PENALTY: You may be fined \$500 if you file, with no reasonable basis, a DE 4 that results in less tax being withheld than is properly allowable. In addition, criminal penalties apply for willfully supplying false or fraudulent information or failing to supply information requiring an increase in withholding. This is provided by Section 13101 of the [California Unemployment Insurance Code](#) and Section 19176 of the [California Revenue and Taxation Code](#).