Form W-4 (2004)

Purpose. Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct Federal income tax from your pay. Because your tax situation may change, you may want to refigure your withholding each year.

Exemption from withholding. If you are exempt, complete only lines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 and sign the form to validate it. Your exemption for 2004 expires February 16, 2005. See **Pub. 505**, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Note: You cannot claim exemption from withholding if: (a) your income exceeds \$800 and includes more than \$250 of unearned income (e.g., interest and dividends) and (b) another person can claim you as a dependent on their tax return.

Basic instructions. If you are not exempt, complete the Personal Allowances Worksheet below. The worksheets on page 2 adjust your withholding allowances based on itemized

deductions, certain credits, adjustments to income, or two-earner/two-job situations. Complete all worksheets that apply. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) allowances.

Head of household. Generally, you may claim head of household filing status on your tax return only if you are unmarried and pay more than 50% of the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and your dependent(s) or other qualifying individuals. See line **E** below.

Tax credits. You can take projected tax credits into account in figuring your allowable number of withholding allowances. Credits for child or dependent care expenses and the child tax credit may be claimed using the Personal Allowances Worksheet below. See Pub. 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding? for information on converting your other credits into withholding allowances.

Nonwage income. If you have a large amount of nonwage income, such as interest or dividends, consider making estimated tax payments using

Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals. Otherwise, you may owe additional tax.

Two earners/two jobs. If you have a working spouse or more than one job, figure the total number of allowances you are entitled to claim on all jobs using worksheets from only one Form W-4. Your withholding usually will be most accurate when all allowances are claimed on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job and zero allowances are claimed on the others.

Nonresident alien. If you are a nonresident alien, see the **Instructions for Form 8233** before completing this Form W-4.

Check your withholding. After your Form W-4 takes effect, use Pub. 919 to see how the dollar amount you are having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2004. See Pub. 919, especially if your earnings exceed \$125,000 (Single) or \$175,000 (Married).

Recent name change? If your name on line 1 differs from that shown on your social security card, call 1-800-772-1213 to initiate a name change and obtain a social security card showing your correct name.

	Pers	onal Allowances Workshee	et (Keep for your	records.)					
Α	Enter "1" for yourself if no one else can cla	aim you as a dependent				Α			
	You are single and have	only one job; or)				
В	Enter "1" if: { • You are married, have o	nly one job, and your spo	ouse does not	work; or	}	В			
	 Your wages from a secon 	d job or your spouse's wa	ges (or the total	of both) are \$1,00	00 or less.				
С	Enter "1" for your spouse. But, you may c	hoose to enter "-0-" if yo	ou are married	and have either a	a working spouse or				
	more than one job. (Entering "-0-" may help	p you avoid having too lit	ttle tax withhel	d.)		C			
D	Enter number of dependents (other than ye	our spouse or yourself) y	ou will claim oı	n your tax return		D			
Ε	Enter "1" if you will file as head of househ	old on your tax return (se	ee conditions ι	under Head of ho	ousehold above) .	E			
F	Enter "1" if you have at least \$1,500 of chi	ild or dependent care ex	xpenses for wh	nich you plan to d	claim a credit	F			
(Note: Do not include child support payments. See Pub. 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses, for details.)									
G	Child Tax Credit (including additional child								
		your total income will be less than \$52,000 (\$77,000 if married), enter "2" for each eligible child.							
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