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GUIDANCE ON U.S. TAXES FOR NON-RESIDENTS

Form 1040NR Guidance on US Taxes for Non-Residents





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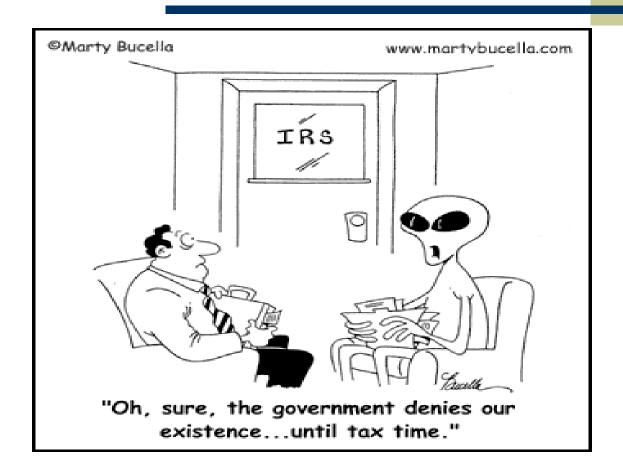
US Tax Residency

Why does it matter?

- IMPORTANT: Tax resident is **NOT** the same as resident for immigration purposes
- US Citizen and US Resident Alien taxed on WORLDWIDE income
- Non-residents Alien taxed on US SOURCE income
 - Not US sourced income:
 - Bank interest income not reported on 1040NR
 - Capital gains if < 183 days present in US (excluding capital gain distributions from mutual funds, investments in REITS, real estate and certain other types of non-stock assets)



Tax Humour





What Type of Alien Am I?

Alien: is not a US Citizen by birth or naturalization

RESIDENT ALIEN: Have green card or meet Substantial Presence Test(SPT)

NON-RESIDENT ALIEN: Not a US Citizen or Resident Alien(not have a green card or not meet SPT)



Substantial Presence Test

Must be physically present in the US(states not territories) for:

- ◆ > 30 Days in current tax year AND
- ◆ > 182 Days in most recent 3-year period:
 - ALL days in current tax year PLUS
 - 1/3 of days in previous year PLUS
 - 1/6 of days in year prior to previous year



SPT Example

Taxpayer was physically present in the US for 120 days in each year 2013, 2012 and 2011...

- 120 days in 2013 plus
- 40 days in 2012 (1/3 of 120) plus
- 20 days in 2011 (1/6 of 120)

Total = 180 days

Not meet SPT



What Days Are Not Counted

If taxpayer....

- ◆ Cross Border Commuter regularly commutes to work in the US from a residence in Canada or Mexico.
- In US for < 24 hours due to international transit
- Is a crew member of a foreign vessel
- Unable to leave due to medical condition
- Is an "exempt individual"



Exempt Individuals

Foreign Government Employees on A-2 visa

Form 8843 Exempt Individuals:

- Teachers on J or Q visas unless > 2 years
- Students on F, J, M or Q visas unless > 5 years
- Professional athletes competing for charity



Exceptions to SPT

Form 8840 – Closer Connection Exemption

◆ >182 days under SPT but < 183 days in current year

Form 8833 – Treaty Disclosure

- Dual Resident under a treaty, then use tax treaty to break residency tie.
- <u>Check box</u>: The taxpayer is a dual-resident taxpayer and is disclosing a treaty-based return position as required by Regulations section 301.7701(b)-7



Dual Status Aliens

Taxpayer is a resident for part of the year and a non resident for the other part

Occurs when Taxpayer...

- Enters US and passes SPT in year of arrival(must enter before July 1) or
- Leaves US after passing SPT in year of departure

Practical Tip: File 1040 as Dual Status Return and file 1040NR as Dual Status Statement or vice versa

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Residency Start Date

- Green Card Only: first day alien is physically present with a valid greencard.
- SPT Only: first day which the individual is physically present
- **Both**: earlier of the two
- De Minimis Presence: allows an individual to be present in the United States for short periods of up to 10 days in total (for example, for business or house-hunting trips) without starting his or her U.S. residency for tax purposes.



Dual Status Elections

Dual Status Alien can't...

- Use Head of Household
- File joint return
- Claim standard deduction

Dual Status Elections

- a) First Year Election
- a) Full Year Residency 6013(h) Election



First Year Election

- When Applies: become dual status alien for a calendar year in which don't meet either green card or SPT tests.
- Who qualifies:
 - Was not a resident alien during the preceding year(2013);
 - Meets the requirements of SPT in the following calendar year(2014);
 - Is present in the United States for <u>at least 31 consecutive days</u> during the election year;
 - Is present in the United States during the period beginning with the first day of such 31-day period and ending with the last day of the election year (December 31) for a number of days equal to or exceeding 75 percent of the number of days in such period.
 - may treat up to five days of absence from the United States as days of presence.
- Residency is going to start on the first day which the individual can satisfy both the 31-day and the 75-percent tests
- Practice Tip: Put 2014 return on extension then file the 2013 return with the election after 7/1



Full Year Election

- Only for married couples. If single at end of year, cant make this election.
- Can piggy back this election to the first year election to file a joint return

If you are a dual-status alien, you can choose to be treated as a U.S. Resident for the entire year if all of the following apply:

- You were a nonresident alien at the beginning of the year.
- You are a resident alien or U.S. Citizen at the end of the year.
- You are married to a U.S. Citizen or resident alien at the end of the year.
- Your spouse joins you in making the choice.

This includes situations were both spouses were nonresident aliens at the beginning of the tax year and both spouses are resident aliens at the end of the tax year.



1040NR Filing Status

- S, MFS or QW
- ◆ **Exception**: Married NRA can file S if
 - (1) resident of Canada, Mexico, South Korea AND
 - (2) has not lived with spouse for last six months of year
- Cannot file HOH



Claiming Spouse & Dependents

General Rule: can claim only itemized deductions and one personal exemption

Exceptions:

- <u>Indian student</u>: eligible for Standard Deduction and Personal Exemption
- <u>Spousal Exemptions</u> available for Married individuals from Canada, Mexico, Japan, South Korea or India(only if a student)
- <u>Dependent Exemptions</u>: available only for individuals from Canada, Mexico, Japan, South Korea can claim children who live with them as dependents.
 - But individuals from Canada and Mexico can also claim children who don't live with them as dependents.



Examples

- Ex.1: NRA from Russia lives in US with wife(no income) & 2 kids.
 - 1 PE
- Ex. 2: NRA student from India lives in US with wife(no income) & 2 kids.
 - 2 PE since special exemption for Indian students
- Ex. 3: NRA from Canada lives in US with wife(no income) & 2 kids.
 - 4 PE since special exemption for Canadians



Applying For ITIN

Who needs an ITIN?

- NRA
- Spouse
- Dependents

How to Obtain ITIN?

- File W-7
- For tax processing only
- Not eligible for social security benefits



1040NR Due Dates & Extension

- April 15th
- One Extension to October 15th Form 4868
- Exception: NRA without wage income can delay filing until June 15 and also claim an extension to December 15

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FORM 1040NR COMPLIANCE ISSUES AND EXAMPLES

FORM 1040NR

Issues & Examples



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- Overview of Form 1040NR
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- Residency & Treaty Examples
- Social Security
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OVERVIEW OF FORM 1040NR

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	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below (see instructions).						
	Foreign country name	Foreign	province/state/county		Foreign postal code		
Filing Status	1 Single resident of Canada or Mexico or single U.S. national 2 Other single nonresident alien 3 Married resident of Canada or Mexico or married U.S. national 6 Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child (see instr.) If you checked box 3 or 4 above, enter the information below.						
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Income Effectively Connected With U.S. Trade/ Business	8	Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2	8	
	9a	Taxable interest	9a	
	b	Tax-exempt interest. Do not include on line 9a	9b	
		Ordinary dividends	10a	
	b			
	11	Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes	11	
	12	Scholarship and fellowship grants. Attach Form(s) 1042-S or required	12	
Attach Form(s) W-2, 1042-S, SSA-1042S, RRB-1042S, and 8288-A here. Also attach Form(s) 1099-R if tax was withheld.	13	Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C or C-EZ (Form 1040)	13	
	14	Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D (Form 1040) if required. If not	14	
	15	Other gains or (losses). Attach Form 4797	15	
	16a	[2] - [2] -	b Taxable amount	16b
	17a		b Taxable amount	17b
	18	Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, trusts, etc. Attach Schedule	18	
	19	Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F (Form 1040)	19	
	20	Unemployment compensation		
	21	Other income. List type and amount (see instr.)		
		No.		21
	22	Total income exempt by a treaty from page 5, Schedule OI, Item L(1)(e)	22	
	23	Combine the amounts in the far right column for lines 8 through 21. The		
		effectively connected income	23	
Adjusted Gross Income	24	Educator expenses (see instructions)	24	
	25	Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889	25	
	26	Moving expenses. Attach Form 3903	26]
	27	Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE (Form 1040)	27]
	28	Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans	28]
	29	Self-employed health insurance deduction (see instructions)	29	
	30	Penalty on early withdrawal of savings	30]
	31	Scholarship and fellowship grants excluded	31	
	32	IRA deduction (see instructions)	32]
	33	Student loan interest deduction (see instructions)]
	34	Domestic production activities deduction. Attach Form 8903		
	35	Add lines 24 through 34	35	
	36	Subtract line 35 from line 23. This is your adjusted gross income	36	

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	37	Amount from line 36 (adjusted gross income)			
Tax and	38	Itemized deductions from page 3, Schedule A, line 15	38		
Credits	39				0.
	40	Exemptions (see instructions)		40	3,900.
	41	Taxable income. Subtract line 40 from line 39. If line 40 is more than		41	0.
	42	Tax. Check if any tax is from: a Form(s) 8814 b Form	42		
	43	Alternative minimum tax (see instructions). Attach Form 6251		43	
	44	Add lines 42 and 43	njamanamanaman.	44	
	45	Foreign tax credit. Attach Form 1116 if required	45		
	46	Credit for child and dependent care expenses. Attach Form 2441	46		
	47	Retirement savings contributions credit. Attach Form 8880	47		
	48	Child tax credit. Attach Schedule 8812, if required	48		
	49	Residential energy credits. Attach Form 5695 Other credits from Form: a 3800 b 8801 c	49		
	50	Other credits from Form: a 3800 b 8801 c	50		
	51	Add lines 45 through 50. These are your total credits	51		
	52	Subtract line 51 from line 44. If line 51 is more than line 44, enter -0-	52	0.	
	53	Tax on income not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business from pa		53	
Other	54	Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE (Form 1040)			
Taxes	55	Unreported social security and Medicare tax from Form: a 4137 b 8919			
	56	Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, etc. Attach F	56		
	57	Transportation tax (see instructions)	57		
	58a		58a		
	b	First-time homebuyer credit repayment. Attach Form 5405 if required		58b	
	59	Taxes from: a Form 8959 b Instructions; enter code(s)	**************************************	59	
	60	Add lines 52 through 59. This is your total tax		60	

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Payments	61 Federal income tax withheld from:		
	a Form(s) W-2 and 1099	61a	
	b Form(s) 8805	61b	
	c Form(s) 8288-A	61c	1
	d Form(s) 1042-S	61d	1
	62 2013 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2012 rel	um 62	
	63 Additional child tax credit. Attach Schedule 8812	63	
	64 Amount paid with request for extension to file (see instructions)	LANGE AND ALL CO.	
	65 Excess social security and tier 1 RRTA tax withheld		1
	66 Credit for federal tax paid on fuels. Attach Form 4136	66	1
	67 Credits from Form: a 2439 b Res. c 8885 d	67	1
	68 Credit for amount paid with Form 1040-C	68	
	69 Add lines 61a through 68. These are your total payments	69	
	70 If line 69 is more than line 60, subtract line 60 from line 69. This is	s the amount you overpaid	70 0.
Refund	71a Amount of line 70 you want refunded to you. If Form 8888 is att		71a
Direct deposit? See	b Routing number	Checking Savings	
instructions.	d Account number		
	e If you want your refund check mailed to an address outside the United St	ates not shown on page 1, enter it here.	
	72 Amount of line 70 you want applied to your 2014 estimated tax	▶ 1 72 l 0.	
Amount	73 Amount you owe. Subtract line 69 from line 60. For details on ho	w to pay, see instructions	73 0.
You Owe	74 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions)	74	
Third Party Designee	Do you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IR:	S (see instructions)? X Yes. Co	Personal identifi- cation number (PNI) 55435
Sign Here Keep a copy of	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying sched bellef, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is bas Your signature. Date You	ules and statements, and to the best of my kno- ed on all information of which preparer has any r occupation in the United States	wledge and
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Schedule A	- Ite	emized Deductions (see instructions)				07
Taxes You Paid	1	State and local income taxes			1	
Gifts to U.S. Charities	2	Caution: If you made a gift and received a benefit in return, see instructions. Gifts by cash or check. If you made any gift of \$250 or more, see instructions	2			
	3	Other than by cash or check. If you made any gift of \$250 or more, see instructions. You must attach Form 8283 if the amount of your deduction is over \$500	3			
	4	Carryover from prior year	4			
	5	Add lines 2 through 4			5	
Casualty and Theft Losses	6	Casualty or theft loss(es). Attach Form 4684. See instructions			6	

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Job Expenses and Certain Miscellaneous Deductions	7	Unreimbursed employee expenses - job travel, union dues, job education, etc. You must attach Form 2106 or Form 2106-EZ if required. See instr.	7			
	8	Tax preparation fees	8			
	9	Other expenses. See instructions for expenses to deduct here. List type and amount ▶				
			9			
	10	Add lines 7 through 9	10			
	11	Enter the amount from Form 1040NR, line 37				
	12	Multiply line 11 by 2% (.02)	12			
	13	Subtract line 12 from line 10. If line 12 is more than line 10, enter -0-			13	
Other Miscellaneous Deductions	14	Other - see instructions for expenses to deduct here. List type and amount				
					14	
Total Itemized Deductions	15	Is Form 1040NR, line 37, over the amount shown below for the filing stacheck on page 1 of Form 1040NR: • \$300,000 if you checked box 6, • \$250,000 if you checked box 1 or 2, or • \$150,000 if you checked box 3, 4, or 5? X No. Your deduction is not limited. Add the amounts in the far rigit through 14. Also enter this amount on Form 1040NR, line 38. Yes. Your deduction may be limited. See the Itemized Deduction	nt column for			
		instructions to figure the amount to enter here and on Form 1040NR, I		III ule	15	

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Schedule NEC - Tax on income N	OL EI			appropriate rate of tax		ns)
Nature of income	ı			T I	(d) Other (specify)	
		(a) 10% (b) 15		(c) 30%	%	9
1 Dividends paid by:						
a U.S. corporations	1a					
b Foreign corporations	1 b					
2 Interest:						
a Mortgage	2a					
b Paid by foreign corporations						
c Other	2c					
3 Industrial royalties (patents, trademarks, etc.)	3					
4 Motion picture or T.V. copyright royalties	4					
5 Other royalties (copyrights, recording,						
publishing, etc.)	5					
6 Real property income and natural resources royalties	6					
7 Pensions and annuities	7					
8 Social security benefits	8					
9 Capital gain from line 18 below						
10 Gambling - Residents of Canada only. Enter	П					
net income in column (c). If zero or less, enter -0-						
a Winnings	1 1					
b Losses	10c					
11 Gambling winnings - Residents of countries	П					
other than Canada. Note. Losses not allowed	11					
12 Other (specify) ▶	П					
	12					
Add lines 1a through 12 in columns (a) through (d)	13					
14 Multiply line 13 by rate of tax at top of each column	14					
15 Tax on income not effectively connected with		3. trade or busines	s. Add columns (a)	through (d) of line 14.	Enter	
the total here and on Form 1040NR, line 53				•		

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	Capital Gai	ins and Losses	From Sales or	Exchanges of	Property		
Enter only the capital gains and losses from property sales or exchanges that are from sources within the United States and	16 (a) Kind of property and description (if necessary, attach statement of descriptive details not shown below)	(b) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(C)Date sold (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Sales price	(e) Cost or other basis	(f) LOSS If (e) is more than (d), subtract (d) from (e)	(g) GAIN If (d) is more than (e), subtract (e) from (d)
not effectively connected with a U.S.							
business. Do not include a gain or loss							
on disposing of a U.S. real property interest;							
report these gains and losses on Schedule D							
(Form 1040).					<u> </u>		
Report property sales or exchanges that are effectively connected with a U.S.	17 Add columns (f) and (g) of line 16	ß			17	()	
business on Schedule D (Form 1040), Form 4797, or both.	18 Capital gain. Combine columns (f) a loss, enter -0-)	nd (g) of line 17.	Enter the net gain	here and on line 9	above (if a	18	

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ori	m 1040NR (2013) Darius Howard	Applied For	Page :
	Sche	edule OI - Other Information (see instructions) Answer all guestions	
١	Of what country or countries were you a citize		
3	In what country did you claim residence for ta	ax purposes during the tax year?	
С	Have you ever applied to be a green card hole	der (lawful permanent resident) of the United States?	s X No
D	Were you ever: 1. A U.S. citizen?	Yes	
		Sident) of the United States? Yes O, chapter 4, for expatriation rules that apply to you.	s X No
E	If you had a visa on the last day of the tax ve	ar, enter your visa type. If you did not have a visa, enter your U.S. immigration	
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F	status on the last day of the tax year. Have you ever changed your visa type (nonim	nmigrant status) or U.S. immigration status?	s X No
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	1 , 2012	,		
Did	you file a U.S. income tax return for any prior year?			Yes X No
If "Y	es," give the latest year and form number you filed	. >		
Are	you filing a return for a trust?			Yes X No
	es," did the trust have a U.S. or foreign owner unde			
pers	on, or receive a contribution from a U.S. person?			Yes No
C Did	you receive total compensation of \$250,000 or mor	e during the tax year?		Yes X No
	es," did you use an alternative method to determin			
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forei 1.	ome Exempt from Tax - If you are claiming exemption ign country, complete (1) and (2) below. See Pub. 9 Enter the name of the country, the applicable tax to benefit, and the amount of exempt income in the country.	01 for more information on to eaty article, the number of m	ax treaties. nonths in prior years you claimed	
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EXEMPT INDIVIDUALS Aliens Who Are Exempt From the Substantial Presence Test (Not from tax!)

Exemption Tests Under IRC Sec. 7701(b)(5)

Teachers and Trainees

- J-1 and Q-1 visa holders (non-students) and family members (J-2 and Q-2)
- Not exempt if exempt as teacher, trainee or student for any part of 2 of the previous 6 calendar yrs.
- If foreign employer pays all compensation for all years present, exemption lasts up to 4 calendar yrs.

Students

- F-1, J-1, M-1 & Q-1 students
- Not exempt if exempt as a student, teacher or trainee for any part of 5 earlier calendar years
- No recurring exemption once in a lifetime 5 year limit
- Can be exempt longer than 5 calendar years if intent is established not to reside permanently in the US
- F-2, J-2, M-2 and Q-2 family members fall under same rules as primary visa holder
- Before and after period of exemption the individual is subject to the SPT

Exemption Tests Under IRC Sec. 7701(b)(5)

- Foreign Government-Related Individuals
 - A and G visa holders who are employees of a foreign government or int'l organization
 - Includes family members with dependent visas
 - This exemption does not expire
- Professional Athletes
 - Temporarily in the U.S. to compete in a charitable sports event
 - See Pub. 519, p. 7
- Exempt individuals must attach Form 8843 to their non-resident return

Form 8843 Page 1-1

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2	Of what country wer	e you a citizen during the t	ax year?			
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Pa	rt II Teachers and Trainees
5	For teachers, enter the name, address, and telephone number of the academic institution where you taught in 2013
6	For trainees, enter the name, address, and telephone number of the director of the academic or other specialized program you participated in
	during 2013
7	Enter the type of U.S. visa (J or Q) you held during: ▶ 2007 2008 2009
	2010 2011 2012 If the type of visa you held during any of these years changed, attach a
	statement showing the new visa type and the date it was acquired.
8	Were you present in the United States as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of 2 of the 6 prior
	calendar years (2007 through 2012)?
	If you checked the "Yes" box on line 8, you cannot exclude days of presence as a teacher or trainee unless you meet the Exception explained in the instructions.
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9	Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the academic institution you attended during 2013
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	statement showing the new visa type and the date it was acquired.
12	Were you present in the United States as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of more than 5 calendar
	years? Yes L No
	If you checked the "Yes" box on line 12, you must provide sufficient facts on an attached statement to establish that you do not intend to reside permanently in the United States.
13	During 2013, did you apply for, or take other affirmative steps to apply for, lawful permanent resident
	status in the United States or have an application pending to change your status to that of a lawful
	permanent resident of the United States? Yes No
14	If you checked the "Yes" box on line 13, explain ▶
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STATUTORY INCOME EXCLUSIONS

Earned Income of Non-Resident Aliens Deemed Foreign Source by Statute

IRC Sec. 861(a)(3), 872(b)(3), 893

- IRC Sec. 861(a)(3) Compensation Deemed Not U.S. Source
 - For Services by NRA individual temporarily in U.S. for 90 days or less
 - Compensation does not exceed \$3,000
 - Compensation is wage or contract income under a contract with:
 - NRA or NR company not engaged in business in U.S., or
 - U.S. employer if services are for an office maintained in a foreign country or possession
- IRC Sec. 872(b)(3) Compensation Paid by Foreign Employer for Trainees
 - Paid to NRA individual in F, J, or Q status for length of visit (while NRA)
 - Foreign employer is NRA individual or foreign company, or U.S. individual or company with foreign office
- IRC Sec. 893 Employees of Foreign Governments & Int'l Organizations
 - See Pub. 519, Chapter 10.
 - Can also apply to resident aliens and U.S. citizens

INTRODUCTION TO TREATY EXEMPTIONS

Available to Non-Resident Aliens on the Non-Resident Return Available to Resident Aliens on Form 1040

Tax Treaty Provisions in General

- Treaties override U.S. tax law to exempt income or impose lower rates (on NECI) for residents of foreign countries
- Treaties generally do not reduce U.S. taxes of U.S. citizens or residents under the treaty's "saving clause"
 - Limited exceptions to saving clause benefit U.S. residents
- Treaties are generally reciprocal, allowing same benefits to U.S. residents against foreign country tax
- Pub. 901 provides summaries of provisions
 - Table 1 (page 35): rates on NECI (investments)
 - Table 2 (page 41): exemptions for ECI
- More details are provided for each country
 - Beginning on page 15 for teachers & researchers
 - Beginning on page 19 for students

Income Exclusions in Pub. 901, Table 2

- See IRS Pub. 901, page 41
- Independent personal services = self-employment income
- Dependent personal services = wages
- Compensation during training = wages
- Scholarship income cannot represent payment for services
- Exemptions are generally shown on taxpayer's Form 1042-S
- Not included in total compensation
- Some states do not honor federal treaty exemptions
 - 1) Alabama, 2) Arkansas, 3) California, 4) Connecticut, 5) Hawaii, 6) Kansas, 7)
 Kentucky, 8) ,Maryland 9) Mississippi, 10) Montana, 11) New Jersey, 12) North Dakota, and 13) Pennsylvania

IRS Pub. 901, Table 2

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		Category of Personal Services				
Country (1)	Code ¹ (2)	Purpose ²² (3)	Maximum Presence in U.S. (4)	Required Employer or Payer (5)	Maximum Amount of Compensation (6)	Treaty Article Citation (7)
Ukraine	15	Scholarship or fellowship grant41	5 years ³¹	Any U.S. or foreign resident ⁵	No limit	20
	16 17 19	Independent personal services ^{3, 7} Dependent personal services ^{3, 17} Studying and training: Remittances or allowances ⁴	No limit	Any contractor Any foreign resident Any foreign resident	No limit	14 15 20
United Kingdom	16	Independent personal services ⁵³				7
	17 42 18 19	Dependent personal services ^{12, 17} Public entertainment Teaching or research ⁴ Studying and training: Remittances or allowances ¹¹	No limit	Any U.S. or foreign resident	No limit	14 16 20A
Venezuela	15	Scholarship or fellowship grants ⁴	5 years ¹⁰	Any U.S. or foreign resident ⁵	No limit	21(1)
	16 17 42 18 19	Independent personal services ^{7, 12} Dependent personal services ^{12, 17} Public entertainment Teaching ⁴ Studying and training: ⁴	No limit 183 days No limit 2 years ⁴⁰	Any contractor Any foreign resident Any U.S. or foreign resident Any U.S. or foreign resident	No limit No limit \$6,000 p.a. ³⁰ No limit	14 15 18 21(3)
		Remittances or allowances	12 mos	Any foreign resident Venezuelan resident Other foreign or U.S. resident	\$8,000 \$5,000 p.a.	
		Compensation while gaining experience	12 mos	Venezuelan resident ²	\$8,000	21(2)

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RESIDENCY & TREATY EXAMPLES

Applications of the Substantial Presence Test Exempt Individual Rules Treaty Exemptions

- Doris was born in the United States and is a U.S. citizen but has lived in Sweden for her entire life and is also a Swedish citizen. She makes \$200,000 per year from her job in Sweden and has no US source income. Is she required to file a resident US tax return and report her Swedish income?
 - Answer: Yes
- Terrance is an H1-b visa holder who was present in the U.S. for 80 days during 2013, 360 days during 2012, and 240 days during 2011. Is he a resident or nonresident of the U.S. for tax purposes during 2013?
 - Answer: He passed the SPT (days deemed present = 240 [80 + 360/3 + 240/6]), but if he had a closer connection to his home country, he could be deemed a nonresident.
- What If Terrance arrived as an F-1 visa holder in 2011, changed to H1b on June 1, 2012, and was in the US 120 days after that in 2012. Did he pass the SPT in 2013?
 - Answer: No (days deemed present = 120[80 + 120/3]

- Sam, an F-1 (student) visa-holder arrived in the U.S. on December 30, 2008, and has not left.
 - Was he a resident or nonresident in 2012?
 - Nonresident
 - Was he a resident or nonresident in 2013?
 - Resident
- Sam's wife came with him on an F-2 visa. She is not a student. Is she a resident or non-resident in 2012?
 - Answer: Nonresident (her residency status follows Sam's)
- Assume the same facts as above, but Sam was also in the U.S. as an F-1 high school exchange student in 2004. In what year would Sam become a tax resident?
 - Answer: 2012

- Joan, in the U.S. on an F-1 (student) visa, is married to Bob who received a green card in 2013. If they elect to file a joint return, is Joan a resident, nonresident, or dual status alien?
 - Answer: Both spouses are deemed to be residents for the entire year and must report worldwide income for the entire year.
- Rose is a teacher from Venezuela who entered the U.S. as a J-1 visa holder on June 1, 2011, and has remained in the U.S. through the end of 2013.
 Can Rose claim the treaty exemption under Art. 21(3) of the US/Venezuela tax treaty in 2013?
 - Answer: Yes. Although Rose is a resident in 2013 under the substantial presence test, the treaty with Venezuela has an exception to the saving clause for this article, allowing Rose to claim the treaty exemption on her resident return. Rose should complete and attach Form 8833 for this, show the exemption as a reduction of income on line 21 of Form 1040, and paper file with the Austin Service Center.

- Reggie is a teacher from the UK who entered the U.S. as a J-1 visa holder on June 1, 2011, and has remained in the U.S. through the end of 2013.
 Can Reggie claim the treaty exemption under Art. 20A of the US/UK tax treaty in 2013?
 - Answer: Not only can Reggie not claim the exemption in 2013, but there is a retroactive revocation in Art. 20A if the taxpayer stays in the U.S. longer than 2 years. That means if Reggie claimed the exemption in 2011 or 2012, tax is now owed on the exempted income, and amended returns should be filed.

SOCIAL SECURITY WITHHOLDING

Social Security Exemptions

IRC Sec. 3121(b)(19) Exemption

- Nonresident aliens holding F, J, M & Q visas are exempt from social security & Medicare tax
 - Exemption applies only to -1 visa holders
 - Family members on -2 visas are not exempt
- Tax is sometimes withheld by mistake
 - Refund must first be requested from employer
 - Form 843 & Form 8316 are filed to claim refund if employer refuses
 - See Pub. 519, page 42 for refund procedures
- Resident F, J, M & Q visa holders and all other nonresidents are subject to Social Security & Medicare tax.
- Non-resident aliens are statutorily exempt from Self-Employment tax, unless they are subject to the tax through a totalization agreement with their home country. IRC Sec. 1402(b). See Pub. 519 for the list of treaty countries.

RESEARCH RESOURCES ON FOREIGN NATIONAL TAXATION

Web Sites and IRS Publications

Non-Resident Alien Tax Resources

- IRS Publications
 - IRS Publication 519: US Tax Guide for Aliens
 - IRS Publication 901: U.S. Tax Treaties
- Additional Treaty Resource Links
 - US Income Tax Treaties A to Z (http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/International-Businesses/United-States-Income-Tax-Treaties---A-to-Z)
 - <u>US Treasury Resource Center</u> (http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/tax-policy/treaties/Pages/default.aspx)
 - Social Security Agreements (www.socialsecurity.gov/international)
- Form1040NR.com Resources
 - Interactive Residency Status Questionnaire (http://www.form1040nr.com/Residentstatus.php)
 - <u>Tax Guide for Foreign Nationals</u>
 (http://www.form1040nr.com/foreignnationaltaxguide.php)