

Form W-4 (2014)

Purpose. Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Consider completing a new Form W-4 each year and when your personal or financial situation changes.

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 2014 expires February 17, 2015. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Note. If another person can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return, you cannot claim exemption from withholding if your income exceeds \$1,000 and includes more than \$350 of unearned income (for example, interest and dividends).

Exceptions. An employee may be able to claim exemption from withholding even if the employee is a dependent, if the employee:

- Is age 65 or older,
- Is blind, or
- Will claim adjustments to income; tax credits; or itemized deductions, on his or her tax return.

The exceptions do not apply to supplemental wages greater than \$1,000,000.

Basic instructions. If you are not exempt, complete the **Personal Allowances Worksheet** below. The worksheets on page 2 further adjust your withholding allowances based on itemized deductions, certain credits, adjustments to income, or two-earners/multiple jobs situations.

Complete all worksheets that apply. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) allowances. For regular wages, withholding must be based on allowances you claimed and may not be a flat amount or percentage of wages.

Head of household. Generally, you can 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 Pub. 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information, for information.

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. 505 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. If you have pension or annuity income, see Pub. 505 to find out if you should adjust your withholding on Form W-4 or W-4P.

Two earners or multiple 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. See Pub. 505 for details.

Nonresident alien. If you are a nonresident alien, see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing this form.

Check your withholding. After your Form W-4 takes effect, use Pub. 505 to see how the amount you are having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2014. See Pub. 505, especially if your earnings exceed \$130,000 (Single) or \$180,000 (Married).

Future developments. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-4 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted at www.irs.gov/w4.

Personal Allowances Worksheet (Keep for your records.)

A	Enter "1" for yourself if no one else can claim you as a dependent	A _____				
B	Enter "1" if: <table><tr><td>• You are single and have only one job; or</td><td rowspan="3">}</td></tr><tr><td>• You are married, have only one job, and your spouse does not work; or</td></tr><tr><td>• Your wages from a second job or your spouse's wages (or the total of both) are \$1,500 or less.</td></tr></table>	• You are single and have only one job; or	}	• You are married, have only one job, and your spouse does not work; or	• Your wages from a second job or your spouse's wages (or the total of both) are \$1,500 or less.	B _____
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C	Enter "1" for your spouse . But, you may choose to enter "-0-" if you are married and have either a working spouse or more than one job. (Entering "-0-" may help you avoid having too little tax withheld.)	C _____				
D	Enter number of dependents (other than your spouse or yourself) you will claim on your tax return	D _____				
E	Enter "1" if you will file as head of household on your tax return (see conditions under Head of household above)	E _____				
F	Enter "1" if you have at least \$2,000 of child or dependent care expenses for which you plan to claim a credit	F _____				
G	Child Tax Credit (including additional child tax credit). See Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information. • If your total income will be less than \$65,000 (\$95,000 if married), enter "2" for each eligible child; then less "1" if you have three to six eligible children or less "2" if you have seven or more eligible children. • If your total income will be between \$65,000 and \$84,000 (\$95,000 and \$119,000 if married), enter "1" for each eligible child	G _____				
H	Add lines A through G and enter total here. (Note. This may be different from the number of exemptions you claim on your tax return.) ►	H _____				
For accuracy, complete all worksheets that apply. <table><tr><td>• If you plan to itemize or claim adjustments to income and want to reduce your withholding, see the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet on page 2.</td></tr><tr><td>• If you are single and have more than one job or are married and you and your spouse both work and the combined earnings from all jobs exceed \$50,000 (\$20,000 if married), see the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 2 to avoid having too little tax withheld.</td></tr><tr><td>• If neither of the above situations applies, stop here and enter the number from line H on line 5 of Form W-4 below.</td></tr></table>			• If you plan to itemize or claim adjustments to income and want to reduce your withholding, see the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet on page 2.	• If you are single and have more than one job or are married and you and your spouse both work and the combined earnings from all jobs exceed \$50,000 (\$20,000 if married), see the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 2 to avoid having too little tax withheld.	• If neither of the above situations applies, stop here and enter the number from line H on line 5 of Form W-4 below.	
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----- Separate here and give Form W-4 to your employer. Keep the top part for your records. -----

Form W-4 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate		OMB No. 1545-0074
► Whether you are entitled to claim a certain number of allowances or exemption from withholding is subject to review by the IRS. Your employer may be required to send a copy of this form to the IRS.		2014		
1 Your first name and middle initial		Last name		2 Your social security number
Home address (number and street or rural route)		3 <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married, but withhold at higher Single rate. Note. If married, but legally separated, or spouse is a nonresident alien, check the "Single" box.		
City or town, state, and ZIP code		4 If your last name differs from that shown on your social security card, check here. You must call 1-800-772-1213 for a replacement card. ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
5	Total number of allowances you are claiming (from line H above or from the applicable worksheet on page 2)	5		
6	Additional amount, if any, you want withheld from each paycheck	6	\$	
7	I claim exemption from withholding for 2014, and I certify that I meet both of the following conditions for exemption. • Last year I had a right to a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I had no tax liability, and • This year I expect a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I expect to have no tax liability. If you meet both conditions, write "Exempt" here ► 7			
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certificate and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.				
Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.) ►				
8 Employer's name and address (Employer: Complete lines 8 and 10 only if sending to the IRS.)		9 Office code (optional)	10 Employer identification number (EIN)	

Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet**Note.** Use this worksheet *only* if you plan to itemize deductions or claim certain credits or adjustments to income.

1	Enter an estimate of your 2014 itemized deductions. These include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, medical expenses in excess of 10% (7.5% if either you or your spouse was born before January 2, 1950) of your income, and miscellaneous deductions. For 2014, you may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over \$305,050 and you are married filing jointly or are a qualifying widow(er); \$279,650 if you are head of household; \$254,200 if you are single and not head of household or a qualifying widow(er); or \$152,525 if you are married filing separately. See Pub. 505 for details	1	\$	_____
2	Enter: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \$12,400 \text{ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)} \\ \$9,100 \text{ if head of household} \\ \$6,200 \text{ if single or married filing separately} \end{array} \right\}$	2	\$	_____
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter "-0-"	3	\$	_____
4	Enter an estimate of your 2014 adjustments to income and any additional standard deduction (see Pub. 505)	4	\$	_____
5	Add lines 3 and 4 and enter the total. (Include any amount for credits from the <i>Converting Credits to Withholding Allowances for 2014 Form W-4</i> worksheet in Pub. 505.)	5	\$	_____
6	Enter an estimate of your 2014 nonwage income (such as dividends or interest)	6	\$	_____
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero or less, enter "-0-"	7	\$	_____
8	Divide the amount on line 7 by \$3,950 and enter the result here. Drop any fraction	8		_____
9	Enter the number from the Personal Allowances Worksheet , line H, page 1	9		_____
10	Add lines 8 and 9 and enter the total here. If you plan to use the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet , also enter this total on line 1 below. Otherwise, stop here and enter this total on Form W-4, line 5, page 1	10		_____

Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet (See *Two earners or multiple jobs* on page 1.)**Note.** Use this worksheet *only* if the instructions under line H on page 1 direct you here.

1	Enter the number from line H, page 1 (or from line 10 above if you used the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet)	1	_____
2	Find the number in Table 1 below that applies to the LOWEST paying job and enter it here. However , if you are married filing jointly and wages from the highest paying job are \$65,000 or less, do not enter more than "3"	2	_____
3	If line 1 is more than or equal to line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the result here (if zero, enter "-0-") and on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Do not use the rest of this worksheet	3	_____
Note. If line 1 is less than line 2, enter "-0-" on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Complete lines 4 through 9 below to figure the additional withholding amount necessary to avoid a year-end tax bill.			
4	Enter the number from line 2 of this worksheet	4	_____
5	Enter the number from line 1 of this worksheet	5	_____
6	Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	_____
7	Find the amount in Table 2 below that applies to the HIGHEST paying job and enter it here	7	\$ _____
8	Multiply line 7 by line 6 and enter the result here. This is the additional annual withholding needed	8	\$ _____
9	Divide line 8 by the number of pay periods remaining in 2014. For example, divide by 25 if you are paid every two weeks and you complete this form on a date in January when there are 25 pay periods remaining in 2014. Enter the result here and on Form W-4, line 6, page 1. This is the additional amount to be withheld from each paycheck	9	\$ _____

Table 1

Married Filing Jointly		All Others	
If wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above	If wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above
\$0 - \$6,000	0	\$0 - \$6,000	0
6,001 - 13,000	1	6,001 - 16,000	1
13,001 - 24,000	2	16,001 - 25,000	2
24,001 - 26,000	3	25,001 - 34,000	3
26,001 - 33,000	4	34,001 - 43,000	4
33,001 - 43,000	5	43,001 - 70,000	5
43,001 - 49,000	6	70,001 - 85,000	6
49,001 - 60,000	7	85,001 - 110,000	7
60,001 - 75,000	8	110,001 - 125,000	8
75,001 - 80,000	9	125,001 - 140,000	9
80,001 - 100,000	10	140,001 and over	10
100,001 - 115,000	11		
115,001 - 130,000	12		
130,001 - 140,000	13		
140,001 - 150,000	14		
150,001 and over	15		

Table 2

Married Filing Jointly		All Others	
If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above	If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above
\$0 - \$74,000	\$590	\$0 - \$37,000	\$590
74,001 - 130,000	990	37,001 - 80,000	990
130,001 - 200,000	1,110	80,001 - 175,000	1,110
200,001 - 355,000	1,300	175,001 - 385,000	1,300
355,001 - 400,000	1,380	385,001 and over	1,560
400,001 and over	1,560		

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. Internal Revenue Code sections 3402(f)(2) and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide this information; your employer uses it to determine your federal income tax withholding. Failure to provide a properly completed form will result in your being treated as a single person who claims no withholding allowances; providing fraudulent information may subject you to penalties. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation; to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws; and to the Department of Health and Human Services for use in the National Directory of New Hires. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Code section 6103.

The average time and expenses required to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. For 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.



Employee Authorization Agreement For Direct Deposit of Payroll

I hereby authorize NiSource Inc., and any of its eligible subsidiary companies and the Financial Institution(s) designated below to process credit entries for my payroll check and any necessary adjustments to the accounts designated below.

Funds are deposited to each account in priority order. If net pay is insufficient to fund all accounts, each individual account will be funded in the priority order starting with #1. An account(s) marked as "Partial Allowed" will be funded up to the dollar amount that you fill in. One account (the last account listed), must be marked as "Excess." No dollar amount need be indicated for the "Excess" account, since it will be funded with all remaining net pay. The "Excess" account will also be used by Accounts Payable to deposit expense reimbursements for employees of the following companies: NiSource Corporate Services, TCO, Gulf, COH, CPA, CMD, CKY and CVA.

Please attach a "VOIDED" CHECK for each checking account that you list below.

Priority	Financial Institution Information	Distribution	Account Type
1.	Transit # Account # Financial Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Excess <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Allowed	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings
Dollar Amount		\$	
2.	Transit # Account # Financial Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Excess <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Allowed	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings
Dollar Amount		\$	
3.	Transit # Account # Financial Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Excess <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Allowed	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings
Dollar Amount		\$	

This is a ☐ New Application ☐ Change Application
(When making a "Change application," list ALL accounts, even those that are not changing)

I understand that this Direct Deposit Authorization will remain in effect until I provide NiSource Inc. a written notice signed by me terminating this agreement.

Name (Print)

Employee Signature

Date

Employee ID Number

Daytime Phone

Social Security Number

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED FORM WITH APPROPRIATE ATTACHMENTS TO:
NiSource Inc., Attn: Payroll Department, 801 E. 86th Avenue, Merrillville, IN 46410
OR by Fax at: (219) 647 - 6197

New Hire Employee Information Form

Information contained in this form will be included in the Human Resources Peoplesoft System. This information is confidential and will be available only to authorized persons.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please complete the form in its entirety.
2. Please refer to definitions on last page for clarification of Military Status and Ethnic Group Distinction.

New Hire Employee Information Form

Name/Address

First Day Worked	
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	
Preferred Name	
Physical Home Address 1	
Physical Home Address 2	
City, State Zip	
County	
Mailing Address 1	
Mailing Address 2	
City, State Zip	
County	

Personal Profile

Highest Education Level	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than HS <input type="checkbox"/> HS Graduate/GED <input type="checkbox"/> Tech School <input type="checkbox"/> Some College <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Yr College <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Some Graduate School <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Post Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> MD, DDS, JD		
Home Phone			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		
Business Phone		Cellular	
Cellular		E-Mail	
Pager		Radio	
User ID		Other (Please Describe)	
On Call (Update Lotus Notes)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Home Phone will display in the Company Public Phone Directory		

New Hire Employee Information Form

Eligibility/Identity

Birthdate	
Citizenship Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien Perm <input type="checkbox"/> Alien Temp <input type="checkbox"/> Native <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized
Military Status*	<input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces Service Medal Vet <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Vet <input type="checkbox"/> No Military Service <input type="checkbox"/> Recently Separated Vet <input type="checkbox"/> Other Protected Vet
Reserve Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Ethnic Group**	<input type="checkbox"/> Am. Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Races
Social Security Number	

Emergency Contact

PRIMARY Contact Name	
Relationship to Employee	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City, State Zip	
Home Phone	
Daytime Phone	
Other Phone (Please describe)	
Contact Name	
Relationship to Employee	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City, State Zip	
Home Phone	
Daytime Phone	
Other Phone (Please describe)	

New Hire Employee Information Form

Contact Name	
Relationship to Employee	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City, State Zip	
Home Phone	
Daytime Phone	
Other Phone (Please describe)	

Professional Education and Training	
Degree	
Date Acquired	
Major	
School	
State	
Graduated	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Degree	
Date Acquired	
Major	
School	
State	
Graduated	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

New Hire Employee Information Form

Professional Licenses and Certificates	
License or Certificate	
Issue Date	
License #	
Issued By	
Expiration Date	
Required for Job	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Renewal Required	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Issued in State	
License or Certificate	
Issue Date	
License #	
Issued By	
Expiration Date	
Required for Job	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Renewal Required	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Issued in State	

New Hire Employee Information Form
This form must accompany the Human Resources Action Form.

Definitions:

* Military Status:

Armed Forces Service Medal Veteran – a veteran while serving on active duty in the US Military, ground, naval or air service, participated in a United States military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded pursuant to Executive Order 12985 (61) FED. Reg. 1209.

Disabled veteran – (i) a veteran of the US military, ground, naval or air service who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs or (ii) a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

Other Protected Veteran – means a veteran who served on active duty in the US Military, ground, naval or air service during a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized.

Recently Separated Veteran – means a veteran during the three year period beginning on the date of such veteran's discharge or release from active duty in the US Military ground, naval or air service.

** Ethnic Group Distinction:

Hispanic or Latino - A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

White (Not Hispanic or Latino) - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

American Indian or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino) - All persons who identify with more than one of the above five races.

Post-Offer Protected Veteran Self-Identification Form

As a Government contractor subject to VEVRAA, we are required to submit a report to the United States Department of Labor each year identifying the number of our employees belonging to each specified “protected veteran” category. These classifications are defined as follows:

- (1) “*disabled veteran*” is one of the following: a veteran of the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; or a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.
- (2) “*recently separated veteran*” means any veteran during the three-year period beginning on the date of such veteran’s discharge or release from active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval, or air service.
- (3) An “*active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran*” means a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service during a war, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized under the laws administered by the Department of Defense.
- (4) An “*Armed forces service medal veteran*” means a veteran who, while serving on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service, participated in a United States military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded pursuant to Executive Order 12985.

If you believe you belong to any of the categories of protected veterans listed above, please indicate by checking the appropriate box below.

I BELONG TO THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATIONS OF PROTECTED VETERANS (CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY):

☐ DISABLED VETERAN

☐ RECENTLY SEPARATED VETERAN

☐ ACTIVE WARTIME OR CAMPAIGN BADGE VETERAN

☐ ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERAN

☐ I am a protected veteran, but I choose not to self-identify the classifications to which I belong.

☐ I am NOT a protected veteran.

If you are a disabled veteran it would assist us if you tell us whether there are accommodations we could make that would enable you to perform the essential functions of the job, including special equipment, changes in the physical layout of the job, changes in the way the job is customarily performed, provision of personal assistance services or other accommodations. This information will assist us in making reasonable accommodations for your disability. The submission of this information is voluntary and refusal to provide it will not subject you to any adverse treatment. The information provided will be used only in ways that are not inconsistent with the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended. The information you submit will be kept confidential, except that (i) supervisors and managers may be informed regarding restrictions on the work or duties of disabled veterans, and regarding necessary accommodations; (ii) first aid and safety personnel may be informed, when and to the extent appropriate, if you have a condition that might require emergency treatment; and (iii) Government officials engaged in enforcing laws administered by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, or enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act, may be informed.

Name

Date

Voluntary Self-Identification of Disability

Form CC-305
OMB Control Number 1250-0005
Expires 1/31/2017
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Why are you being asked to complete this form?

Because we do business with the government, we must reach out to, hire, and provide equal opportunity to qualified people with disabilities.¹ To help us measure how well we are doing, we are asking you to tell us if you have a disability or if you ever had a disability. Completing this form is voluntary, but we hope that you will choose to fill it out. If you are applying for a job, any answer you give will be kept private and will not be used against you in any way.

If you already work for us, your answer will not be used against you in any way. Because a person may become disabled at any time, we are required to ask all of our employees to update their information every five years. You may voluntarily self-identify as having a disability on this form without fear of any punishment because you did not identify as having a disability earlier.

How do I know if I have a disability?

You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history or record of such an impairment or medical condition.

Disabilities include, but are not limited to:

- | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| • Blindness | • Autism | • Bipolar disorder | • Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) |
| • Deafness | • Cerebral palsy | • Major depression | • Obsessive compulsive disorder |
| • Cancer | • HIV/AIDS | • Multiple sclerosis (MS) | • Impairments requiring the use of a wheelchair |
| • Diabetes | • Schizophrenia | • Missing limbs or | • Intellectual disability (previously called mental |
| • Epilepsy | • Muscular dystrophy | partially missing limbs | retardation) |

Please check one of the boxes below:

- ☐ YES, I HAVE A DISABILITY (or previously had a disability)
- ☐ NO, I DON'T HAVE A DISABILITY
- ☐ I DON'T WISH TO ANSWER

Your Name

Today's Date

Voluntary Self-Identification of Disability

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Reasonable Accommodation Notice

Federal law requires employers to provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities. Please tell us if you require a reasonable accommodation to apply for a job or to perform your job. Examples of reasonable accommodation include making a change to the application process or work procedures, providing documents in an alternate format, using a sign language interpreter, or using specialized equipment.

¹ Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. For more information about this form or the equal employment obligations of Federal contractors, visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) website at www.dol.gov/ofccp.

PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT: According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. This survey should take about 5 minutes to complete.

Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity Credit

OMB No. 1545-1500

► Information about Form 8850 and its separate instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8850.

Job applicant: Fill in the lines below and check any boxes that apply. Complete only this side.

Your name _____ Social security number ► _____

Street address where you live _____

City or town, state, and ZIP code _____

County _____ Telephone number _____

If you are under age 40, enter your date of birth (month, day, year) _____

- 1 ☐ Check here if you received a conditional certification from the state workforce agency (SWA) or a participating local agency for the work opportunity credit.
- 2 ☐ Check here if **any** of the following statements apply to you.
- I am a member of a family that has received assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for any 9 months during the past 18 months.
 - I am a veteran and a member of a family that received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (food stamps) for at least a 3-month period during the past 15 months.
 - I was referred here by a rehabilitation agency approved by the state, an employment network under the Ticket to Work program, or the Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - I am at least age 18 but **not** age 40 or older and I am a member of a family that:
 - a** Received SNAP benefits (food stamps) for the past 6 months, **or**
 - b** Received SNAP benefits (food stamps) for at least 3 of the past 5 months, **but** is no longer eligible to receive them.
 - During the past year, I was convicted of a felony or released from prison for a felony.
 - I received supplemental security income (SSI) benefits for any month ending during the past 60 days.
 - I am a veteran and I was unemployed for a period or periods totaling at least 4 weeks but less than 6 months during the past year.
- 3 ☐ Check here if you are a veteran and you were unemployed for a period or periods totaling at least 6 months during the past year.
- 4 ☐ Check here if you are a veteran entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability and you were discharged or released from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the past year.
- 5 ☐ Check here if you are a veteran entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability and you were unemployed for a period or periods totaling at least 6 months during the past year.
- 6 ☐ Check here if you are a member of a family that:
- Received TANF payments for at least the past 18 months, **or**
 - Received TANF payments for any 18 months beginning after August 5, 1997, **and** the earliest 18-month period beginning after August 5, 1997, ended during the past 2 years, **or**
 - Stopped being eligible for TANF payments during the past 2 years because federal or state law limited the maximum time those payments could be made.

Signature—All Applicants Must Sign

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I gave the above information to the employer on or before the day I was offered a job, and it is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Job applicant's signature ► _____

Date _____

For Employer's Use Only

Employer's name _____ Telephone no. _____ EIN ► _____

Street address _____

City or town, state, and ZIP code _____

Person to contact, if different from above _____ Telephone no. _____

Street address _____

City or town, state, and ZIP code _____

If, based on the individual's age and home address, he or she is a member of group 4 or 6 (as described under Members of Targeted Groups in the separate instructions), enter that group number (4 or 6) ► _____

Date applicant:

Gave information	_____	Was offered job	_____	Was hired	_____	Started job	_____
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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the applicant provided the information on this form on or before the day a job was offered to the applicant and that the information I have furnished is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete. Based on the information the job applicant furnished on page 1, I believe the individual is a member of a targeted group. I hereby request a certification that the individual is a member of a targeted group.

Employer's signature ►**Title****Date**

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 51(d)(13) permits a prospective employer to request the applicant to complete this form and give it to the prospective employer. The information will be used by the employer to complete the employer's federal tax return. Completion of this form is voluntary and may assist members of targeted groups in securing employment. Routine uses of this form include giving it to the state workforce agency (SWA), which will contact appropriate sources to confirm that the applicant is a member of a targeted group. This form may also be given to the Internal Revenue Service for administration of the Internal Revenue laws, to the Department of Justice for civil and

criminal litigation, to the Department of Labor for oversight of the certifications performed by the SWA, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

Recordkeeping . . . 6 hr., 27 min.

**Learning about the law
or the form** 30 min.

**Preparing and sending this form
to the SWA** 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 Internal Revenue Service, Tax Products Coordinating Committee, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:M:S, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526, Washington, DC 20224.

Do not send this form to this address. Instead, see *When and Where To File* in the separate instructions.



Individual Characteristics Form (ICF)

Work Opportunity Tax Credit

1. Control No. (For Agency use only)	APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instructions on reverse)		2. Date Received (For Agency Use only)
EMPLOYER INFORMATION			
3. Employer Name	4. Employer Address and Telephone	5. Employer Federal ID Number (EIN)	
APPLICANT INFORMATION			
6. Applicant Name (Last, First, MI)	7. Social Security Number	8. Have you worked for this employer before? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If YES, enter last date of employment: _____	
APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS FOR WOTC TARGET GROUP CERTIFICATION			
9. Employment Start Date	10. Starting Wage	11. Position	
12. Are you at least age 16, but under age 40? If YES, enter your <i>date of birth</i> _____		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Are you a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? If NO, go to Box 14. If YES, are you a member of a family that received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (Food Stamps) for at least 3 months during the 15 months before you were hired? If YES, enter name of <i>primary recipient</i> _____ and <i>city and state</i> where benefits were received _____. OR, are you a veteran entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability? If YES, were you discharged or released from active duty within a year before you were hired? OR, were you unemployed for a combined period of at least 6 months (whether or not consecutive) during the year before you were hired?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Are you a member of a family that received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps) benefits for the 6 months before you were hired? OR, received SNAP benefits for at least a 3-month period within the last 5 months But you are no longer receiving them? If YES to either question, enter name of <i>primary recipient</i> _____ and <i>city and state</i> where benefits were received _____. _____.		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Were you referred to an employer by a Vocational Rehabilitation Agency approved by a State? OR, by an Employment Network under the Ticket to Work Program? OR, by the Department of Veterans Affairs?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

16. Are you a member of a family that received TANF assistance for at least the last 18 months before you were hired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> OR , are you a member of a family that received TANF benefits for any 18 months beginning after August 5, 1997, and the earliest 18-month period beginning after August 5, 1997, ended within 2 years before you were hired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> OR , did your family stop being eligible for TANF assistance within 2 years before you were hired because a Federal or state law limited the maximum time those payments could be made? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If NO , are you a member of a family that received TANF assistance for any 9 months during the 18-month period before you were hired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If YES, to any question , enter name of <i>primary recipient</i> _____ and the <i>city and state</i> where benefits were received _____.		
17. Were you convicted of a felony or released from prison after a felony conviction during the year before you were hired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If YES , enter <i>date of conviction</i> _____ and <i>date of release</i> _____. Was this a Federal <input type="checkbox"/> or a State conviction <input type="checkbox"/> ? (Check one)		
18. Do you live in a Rural Renewal County or Empowerment Zone? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
19. Do you live in an Empowerment Zone and are at least age 16, but not yet 18, on your hiring date? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
20. Did you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for any month ending within 60 days before you were hired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
21. Are you a veteran unemployed for a combined period of at least 6 months (whether or not consecutive) during the year before you were hired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
22. Are you a veteran unemployed for a combined period of at least 4 weeks but less than 6 months (whether or not consecutive) during the year before you were hired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
23. Sources used to document eligibility: (Employers/Consultants: List all documentation provided or forthcoming. SWAs: List all documentation used in determining target group eligibility and enter your initials and date when the determination was made.)		
I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information above may be subject to verification.		
24(a). Signature: (See instructions in Box 24.(b) for who signs this signature block)	24. (b) Signatory Options: Indicate with a ✓ mark who signed this form: <input type="checkbox"/> Employer, <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant, <input type="checkbox"/> SWA, <input type="checkbox"/> Participating Agency, <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant, or <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian (if applicant is a minor)	25. Date:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS FORM (ICF), ETA 9061. This form is used together with IRS Form 8850 to help state workforce agencies (SWAs) determine eligibility for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) Program. The form may be completed, on behalf of the applicant, by: 1) the employer or employer representative, the SWA, a participating agency, or 2) the applicant directly (if a minor, the parent or guardian must sign the form) and signed (Box 24a.) by the individual completing the form. This form is required to be used, without modification, by all employers (or their representatives) seeking WOTC certification. Every certification request must include an IRS Form 8850 and an ETA Form 9061 or 9062, if a Conditional Certification was issued to the individual pre-certifying the new hire as "eligible" under the requested target group.

Boxes 1 and 2. **SWA.** For agency use only.

Boxes 3-5. **Employer Information.** Enter the name, address including ZIP code, telephone number, and employer Federal ID number (EIN) of the employer requesting the certification for the WOTC. Do not enter information pertaining to the employer's representative, if any.

Boxes 6-11. **Applicant Information.** Enter the applicant's name and social security number as they appear on the applicant's social security card. In Box 8, indicate whether the applicant previously worked for the employer, and if Yes, enter the last date or approximate last date of employment. This information will help the "48-hour" reviewer to, early in the verification process, eliminate requests for former employees and to issue denials to these type of requests, or certifications in the case of "qualifying rehires" during valid "breaks in employment" (see pages III-12 and III-13, Nov. 2002, Third Ed., ETA Handbook 408) during the first year of employment.

Boxes 12-22. **Applicant Characteristics.** Read questions carefully, answer each question, and provide additional information where requested.

On January 2, 2013, President Obama signed into law *the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012* retroactively authorizing the Empowerment Zones (EZs) and WOTC non-veteran groups from December 31, 2011 through December 31, 2013. This Act also authorized continuation of the VOW Act of 2011 expanded veterans and provisions through December 31, 2013. **Form Updates.** "Empowerment Zones" was added to Box 18 to capture data for Designated Community Residents who must reside in a Rural Renewal County or EZ to be determined eligible for WOTC certification. A new Box 19 was added to this form to capture information on the Summer Youth group activated when the EZs were reauthorized. Members of the Summer Youth group must reside in an EZ to be determined eligible for WOTC certification. Boxes 19-21 were renumbered and are now Boxes 20 - 22. Box 22 below became Box 23, Sources to Document Eligibility.

Box 23 **Sources to Document Eligibility.** The applicant or employer is requested to provide documentary evidence to substantiate the **YES answers** in Boxes 12 through 22. List or describe the documentary evidence that is attached to the ICF or that will be provided to the SWA. Indicate in parentheses next to each document listed whether it is attached (A) or forthcoming (F). Some examples of acceptable documentary evidence are provided below. A letter from the agency that administers a relevant program may be furnished specifically addressing the question to which the applicant answered YES. For example, if an applicant answers YES to either question in Box 14 and enters the name of the primary recipient and the city and state in which the benefits were received, the applicant could provide a letter from the appropriate SNAP (formerly Food Stamp) agency stating to whom SNAP benefits were paid, the months for which they were paid, and the names of the individuals included on the grant for each month. SWAs will use this box to document the sources used when verifying target group eligibility, followed by their initials and the date the determination was completed.

Examples of Documentary Evidence and Collateral Contacts. Employers/Consultants: You may check with your SWA to find out what other sources you can use to prove target group eligibility. (You are encouraged to provide copies of documentation or names of collateral contacts for each question for which you answered **YES**.)

QUESTION 12²

- Birth Certificate
- Driver's License
- School I.D. Card¹
- Work Permit¹
- Federal/State/Local Gov't I.D.¹
- Copy of Hospital Record of Birth

- Signed Letter of Separation or related document from authorized Individual on DVA letterhead or agency stamp with specific description of months benefits were received.
- **For SWAs:** To determine *Ticket Holder* (TH) eligibility, Fax page 1 of Form 8850 to MAXIMUS at: 703-683-1051 to verify if applicant: 1) is a TH, and 2) has an Individual Work Plan from an Employment Network.

QUESTION 13

- DD-214 or Discharge Papers
- Reserve Unit Contacts or Letters of Separation
- Letter issued only by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on VA Letterhead or bearing the Agency Stamp, with signature, certifying Veteran status or that the Veteran has a service-connected disability.

QUESTION 17

- Parole Officer's Name or Statement
- Correction Institution Records
- Court Records Extracts

QUESTIONS 14 & 16

- TANF/SNAP (Food Stamp) Benefit History
- Signed statement from Authorized Individual with a specific description of the months benefits that were received
- Case number identifier

QUESTIONS 18 & 19

- To determine if a Designated Community Resident (DCR) lives in a Rural Renewal County, visit the site: www.usps.com. **Click on Find Zip Code; Enter & Submit Address/Zip Code; Click on Mailing Industry Information; Download and Print the Information**, then compare the county of the address to the list in the Instructions to IRS Form 8850.
- To determine if the DCR or a Summer Youth lives in an Empowerment Zone, check the Instructions to IRS Form 8850, or visit the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's "locator" at: <http://egis.hud.gov/ezrcllocator/>.

QUESTION 15

- Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Contact
- Veterans Administration for Disabled Veterans

QUESTION 20

- SSI Record or Authorization
- SSI Contact
- Evidence of SSI Benefits

Box 24(a). **Signature.** The person who completes the form signs the signature block.

Box 24(b). **Signatory Options.** Qualified individuals/entities which can sign the form instead of the applicant: (a) Employer, (b) Consultant, (c) SWA staff, (d) Participating Agency staff, (e) Applicant, or (f) Parent or guardian (If applicant is a minor, the parent or guardian must sign).

Box 25. **Date.** Enter the month, day and year when the form was completed.

QUESTIONS 21 & 22

- Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims Records
- UI Wage Records

Persons are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Respondent's obligation to reply to these questions is required to obtain and retain benefits per law 104-188. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response including the time for reading instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing burden to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of National Programs, Tools, and Technical Assistance, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room C-4510, Washington, D.C. 20210 (Paperwork Reduction Project Control No. 1205-0371).

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(Cut along dotted line and keep in your files)

TO: THE JOB APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE,

Privacy Act Statement: *The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 51, as amended and its enacting legislation, P.L. 104-188, specify that the State Workforce Agencies are the "designated" agencies responsible for administering the WOTC certification procedures of this program. The information you have provided completing this form will be disclosed by your employer to the State Workforce Agency. Provision of this information is voluntary. However, the information is required for your employer to receive the federal tax credit. IF THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE IS ABOUT A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY, YOU SHOULD PROVIDE HIM/HER A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.*

1. Where a Federal/State/Local Gov't., School I.D. Card, or Work Permit does not contain age or birth date, another valid document must be obtained to verify an individual's age.

2. ESPL No. 05-98, dated 3/18/98, officially rescinded the authority to use Form I-9 as proof of age and residence. **Therefore, the I-9 is not a valid piece of documentary evidence since May 1998.**