

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS (SIGNED AND
DATED IN THE EFFECTIVE MONTH) TO:

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Regular staff and Substitute staff:

Please find attached the withholding forms to change your withholdings.

Please be advised that the IRS implemented a new withholding form effective 1/1/2020. Employees are no longer able to claim exemptions on their withholdings. The new form is based on figures you enter in boxes 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c. Unfortunately, Payroll cannot provide guidance on tax withholdings. I have listed below the link to the IRS Tax Estimator that might assist you in completing the form. You might also want to consult with tax or financial person for assistance.

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator>

The State form does allow for exemptions to be claimed for withholding.

If you are wanting to make a change to your withholdings, please complete the withholding forms and return to payroll@sccoe.org no later than mid-month (for Regular employees paid at End-of-Month) or by end-of-month (Substitutes paid on the 10th of the Month), for the respective end-of-month payroll. *All forms must be dated in the month of the effective date of the change.

Also, please note that the Federal form does not have an "EXEMPT" box to check. Employees are to manually write "EXEMPT" below Step 4(c) and not in the box. Employees are solely responsible in submitting each form for exempt, and another form to switch back. No forms, no changes.

IMPORTANT: When an employee has only submitted a W-4 for federal withholdings, they must also submit a DE-4 to update state withholdings. The verbiage is stated on the DE-4 form.

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.

Beginning January 1, 2020, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (Form W-4) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be used for federal income tax withholding only. You must file the state form Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (DE 4) to determine the appropriate California Personal Income Tax (PIT) withholding.

If you do not provide your employer with a withholding certificate, the employer must use Single with Zero withholding allowance.

If you have any questions, please reach out by email to payroll@sccoe.org.

Employee's Withholding Certificate

OMB No. 1545-0074

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay.**Give Form W-4 to your employer.****Your withholding is subject to review by the IRS.****2025**

Step 1: Enter Personal Information	(a) First name and middle initial	Last name	(b) Social security number
	Address		Does your name match the name on your social security card? If not, to ensure you get credit for your earnings, contact SSA at 800-772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov .
	City or town, state, and ZIP code		
	(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Single or Married filing separately <input type="checkbox"/> Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Head of household (Check only if you're unmarried and pay more than half the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and a qualifying individual.)		

TIP: Consider using the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App to determine the most accurate withholding for the rest of the year if: you are completing this form after the beginning of the year; expect to work only part of the year; or have changes during the year in your marital status, number of jobs for you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly), dependents, other income (not from jobs), deductions, or credits. Have your most recent pay stub(s) from this year available when using the estimator. At the beginning of next year, use the estimator again to recheck your withholding.

Complete Steps 2–4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwise, skip to Step 5. See page 2 for more information on each step, who can claim exemption from withholding, and when to use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App.

Step 2: Multiple Jobs or Spouse Works	Complete this step if you (1) hold more than one job at a time, or (2) are married filing jointly and your spouse also works. The correct amount of withholding depends on income earned from all of these jobs.
	Do only one of the following.
	(a) Use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App for the most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3–4). If you or your spouse have self-employment income, use this option; or
	(b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result in Step 4(c) below; or
	(c) If there are only two jobs total, you may check this box. Do the same on Form W-4 for the other job. This option is generally more accurate than (b) if pay at the lower paying job is more than half of the pay at the higher paying job. Otherwise, (b) is more accurate <input type="checkbox"/>

Complete Steps 3–4(b) on Form W-4 for only ONE of these jobs. Leave those steps blank for the other jobs. (Your withholding will be most accurate if you complete Steps 3–4(b) on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.)

Step 3: Claim Dependent and Other Credits	If your total income will be \$200,000 or less (\$400,000 or less if married filing jointly):		
	Multiply the number of qualifying children under age 17 by \$2,000 \$		
	Multiply the number of other dependents by \$500 \$		
	Add the amounts above for qualifying children and other dependents. You may add to this the amount of any other credits. Enter the total here	3	\$
Step 4 (optional): Other Adjustments	(a) Other income (not from jobs). If you want tax withheld for other income you expect this year that won't have withholding, enter the amount of other income here. This may include interest, dividends, and retirement income	4(a)	\$
	(b) Deductions. If you expect to claim deductions other than the standard deduction and want to reduce your withholding, use the Deductions Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result here	4(b)	\$
	(c) Extra withholding. Enter any additional tax you want withheld each pay period . .	4(c)	\$

Step 5: Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.		
	Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)		Date
Employers Only	Employer's name and address	First date of employment	Employer identification number (EIN)

[Clear Form](#)

Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate

Complete this form so that your employer can withhold the correct California state income tax from your pay.

Personal Information	
First, Middle, Last Name	Social Security Number
Address	Filing Status
City State 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. Use Worksheet A for Regular Withholding allowances. Use other worksheets on the following pages as applicable.

- 1a. Number of Regular Withholding Allowances (**Worksheet A**)
- 1b. Number of allowances from the Estimated Deductions (**Worksheet B**)
- 1c. Total Number of Allowances you are claiming

2. Additional amount, if any, you want withheld each pay period (if employer agrees), (**Worksheet C**)
OR

Exemption from Withholding

3. I claim exemption from withholding for 2025, and I certify I meet both conditions for exemption. (Check box here) ☐
- OR
4. 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 and the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018. (Check box here) ☐

Under penalty 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.

Employee's Signature _____ Date _____

Employer's Section: Employer's Name and Address	California Employer Payroll Tax Account Number
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Check Your Withholding: After your 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 and the state DE 4. You may claim exempt from withholding California income tax if you meet both of the following conditions for exemption:

- 1. You did not owe any federal and state income tax last year, and
- 2. You do not expect to owe any federal and state income tax this year.

If you continue to qualify for the exempt filing status, a new DE 4 designating **exempt** must be submitted by February 15 each year to continue your exemption. If you are not having federal and state income tax withheld this year but expect to have a tax liability next year, you are required to give your employer a new DE 4 by December 1.

Member Service Civil Relief Act: Under this act, as provided by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act and the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, you may be exempt from California income tax withholding 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 4**. You may be required to provide proof of exemption upon request.