

This form can be used to manually compute your withholding allowances, or you can electronically compute them at www.taxes.ca.gov/de4.xls (Microsoft Excel required).

EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCE CERTIFICATE

Type or Print Your Full Name	Your Social Security Number
Home Address (Number and Street or Rural Route)	Filing Status Withholding Allowances
City, State, and ZIP Code	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE or MARRIED (with two or more incomes)
	<input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED (one income)
	<input type="checkbox"/> HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
1. Number of allowances for Regular Withholding Allowances, Worksheet A	_____
Number of allowances from the Estimated Deductions, Worksheet B	_____
Total Number of Allowances (A + B) when using the California Withholding Schedules for 2008	_____
OR	
2. Additional amount of state income tax to be withheld each pay period (if employer agrees), Worksheet C	_____

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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

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

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

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

You should complete this form if either:

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

THIS FORM WILL NOT CHANGE YOUR FEDERAL WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCES.

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

on the number of withholding allowances you claim on your Form W-4 withholding allowance certificate for your state income tax withholding, you may be significantly underwithheld. This is particularly true if your household income is derived from more than one source.

CHECK YOUR WITHHOLDING: After your W-4 and/or DE 4 takes effect, compare the state income tax withheld with your estimated total annual tax. For state withholding, use the worksheets on this form, and for federal withholding use the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 919 or federal withholding calculations.

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

