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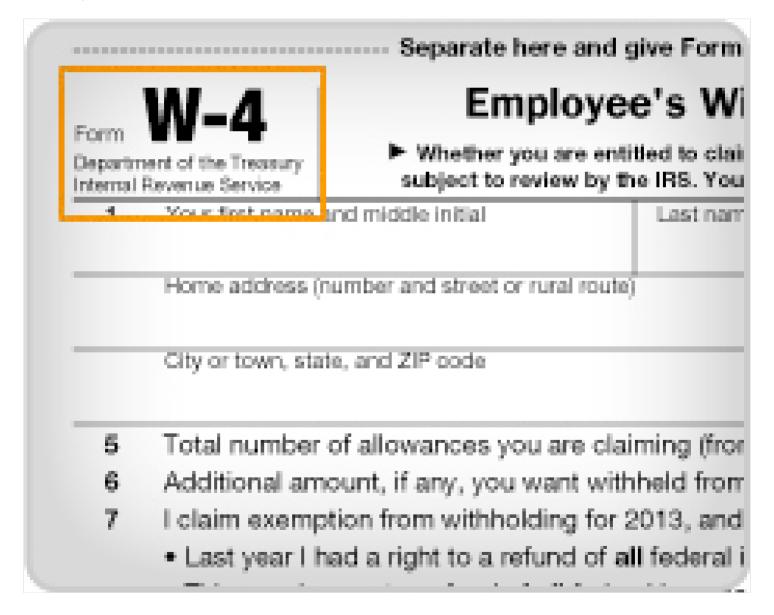
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In addition to payroll wages, income tax is often withheld from other types of income, such as pensions, bonuses, commissions and gambling winnings. Ideally, taxpayers should try to match their withholding with their actual tax liability. If not

enough tax is withheld, they will owe tax at the end of the year and may have to pay

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- Any time there are personal or financial changes that might affect their tax liability, such as getting married, getting divorced, having a child or buying a home.
- When there are changes in federal tax law that might affect their tax liability.

## How to Check the Amount being withheld

Use the IRS **Withholding Calculator**on IRS.gov. This easy-to-use tool can help figure the taxpayer's federal income tax withholding so their employer can withhold the correct amount from their pay. This is particularly helpful if they've had too much or too little withheld in the past, their situation has changed, or they started a new job.

Taxpayers may also use the worksheets and tables in Pub 505: *TaxWithholding and Estimated Tax*, to see if they are having the right amount of tax withheld.

# How to Change the Amount being withheld

Events during the year may change a taxpayer's marital status or the exemptions, adjustments, deductions, or credits they expect to claim on their return. When this happens, taxpayers may need to give their employer a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate to change their withholding status or number of allowances.

Generally, taxpayers should give their employer a new Form W–4 within 10 days after either:

- A divorce, if they have been claiming married status, or
- Any event that decreases the number of withholding allowances they can claim.

#### Other Considerations

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Taxpayers may need to include Additional Medicare Tax and Net Investment
 Income Tax when figuring withholding and estimated tax. Taxpayers may
 request that employers deduct and withhold an additional amount of income
 tax withholding from wages on Form W-4 if they are affected by these taxes.

**Income Tax** 

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