

# Form CT-W4

## Employee's Withholding Certificate

Effective January 1, 2011

Complete this form in blue or black ink only.

**Employee Instructions**

- Read instructions on Page 2 before completing this form.
- Select the filing status you expect to report on your Connecticut income tax return. See instructions.

- Choose the statement that best describes your gross income.
- Enter the *Withholding Code* on Line 1 below. .

Filing Jointly *	Withholding Code
Our expected combined annual gross income is <b>less</b> than or equal to \$24,000 or I am claiming exemption under the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act (MSRRA) *** and no withholding is necessary.	E
My spouse <b>is</b> employed and our expected combined annual gross income is <b>greater</b> than \$24,000 and less than or equal to \$100,500. See <i>Certain Married or Civil Union Individuals</i> , Page 2.	A
My spouse <b>is not</b> employed and our expected combined annual gross income is <b>greater</b> than \$24,000.	C
My spouse <b>is</b> employed and our expected combined annual gross income is <b>greater</b> than \$100,500.	D
I have significant nonwage income and wish to avoid having too little tax withheld.	D
I am a nonresident of Connecticut with substantial other income.	D
Qualifying Widow(er) With Dependent Child	Withholding Code
My expected annual gross income is <b>less</b> than or equal to \$24,000 or I am claiming exemption under the MSRRA *** and no withholding is necessary.	E
My expected annual gross income is <b>greater</b> than \$24,000 and less than or equal to \$100,500.	A
My expected annual gross income is greater than \$100,500.	D
I have significant nonwage income and wish to avoid having too little tax withheld.	D
I am a nonresident of Connecticut with substantial other income.	D

\* **Filing jointly** includes filing jointly for federal **and** Connecticut and filing jointly for Connecticut only

Filing Separately **	Withholding Code
My expected annual gross income is <b>less</b> than or equal to \$12,000 or I am claiming exemption under the MSRRA *** and no withholding is necessary.	E
My expected annual gross income is <b>greater</b> than \$12,000.	A
I have significant nonwage income and wish to avoid having too little tax withheld.	D
I am a nonresident of Connecticut with substantial other income.	D
Single	Withholding Code
My expected annual gross income is <b>less</b> than or equal to \$13,000 and no withholding is necessary.	E
My expected annual gross income is <b>greater</b> than \$13,000.	F
I have significant nonwage income and wish to avoid having too little tax withheld.	D
I am a nonresident of Connecticut with substantial other income.	D
Head of Household	Withholding Code
My expected annual gross income is <b>less</b> than or equal to \$19,000 and no withholding is necessary.	E
My expected annual gross income is <b>greater</b> than \$19,000.	B
I have significant nonwage income and wish to avoid having too little tax withheld.	D
I am a nonresident of Connecticut with substantial other income.	D

\*\* **Filing separately** includes filing separately for federal and Connecticut **and** filing separately for Connecticut only

\*\*\* If you are claiming the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act (MSRRA) exemption, see instructions on Page 2.

**Employees:** See *Employee General Instructions* on Page 2. Sign and return Form CT-W4 to your employer. Keep a copy for your records.

1. Withholding Code: Enter *Withholding Code* letter chosen from above. .... 1. \_\_\_\_\_  Check if you are claiming the MSRRA exemption and enter state of legal residence/domicile: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Additional withholding amount per pay period: If any, see Page 3 instructions. .... 2. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Reduced withholding amount per pay period: If any, see Page 3 instructions. .... 3. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First name	MI	Last name
Home address	Social Security Number	
City/town	State	ZIP code

**Declaration:** I declare under penalty of law that I have examined this certificate and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, complete, and correct. I understand the penalty for reporting false information is a fine of not more than \$5,000, imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

Employee's signature	Date
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**Employers:** See *Employer Instructions* on Page 2.

Is this a new or rehired employee?  No  Yes Enter date hired: \_\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yyyy

Employer's business name	Federal Employer Identification Number
Employer's business address	State ZIP code
City/town	State ZIP code
Contact person	Telephone number (      )

## Employee General Instructions

**Form CT-W4**, *Employee's Withholding Certificate*, provides your employer with the necessary information to withhold the correct amount of Connecticut income tax from your wages to ensure that you will not be underwithheld or overwithheld.

You are required to pay Connecticut income tax as income is earned or received during the year. You should complete a new Form CT-W4 at least once a year or if your tax situation changes.

If your circumstances change, such as you receive a bonus or your filing status changes, you must furnish your employer with a new Form CT-W4 within ten days of the change.

### Gross Income

For Form CT-W4 purposes, **gross income** means all income from all sources, whether received in the form of money, goods, property, or services, not exempt from federal income tax, and includes any additions to income from *Schedule 1 of Form CT-1040*, *Connecticut Resident Income Tax Return* or **Form CT-1040NR/PY**, *Connecticut Nonresident and Part-Year Resident Return*.

### Filing Status

Generally, the filing status you expect to report on your Connecticut income tax return is the same as the filing status you expect to report on your federal income tax return. However, special rules apply to married individuals who file a joint federal return but have a different residency status. Nonresidents and part-year residents should see the instructions to Form CT-1040NR/PY.

If you are a party to a civil union recognized under Connecticut law or a spouse in a marriage recognized under Public Act 2009-13, you must recalculate your federal adjusted gross income as if your filing status for federal income tax purposes were married filing jointly or married filing separately. Unless otherwise noted, any reference in these instructions to a spouse also refers to a party to a civil union.

### Check Your Withholding

You may be underwithheld if any of the following apply:

- You have more than one job;
- You qualify under *Certain Married or Civil Union Individuals* and do not use the *Supplemental Table* on Page 3 and Page 4; **or**
- You have substantial nonwage income.

If you are underwithheld, you should consider adjusting your withholding or making estimated payments using **Form CT-1040ES**, *Estimated Connecticut Income Tax Payment Coupon for Individuals*. You may also select *Withholding Code "D"* to elect the highest level of withholding.

If you owe \$1,000 or more in Connecticut income tax over and above what has been withheld from your income for the prior taxable year, you may be subject to interest on the underpayment at the rate of 1% per month or fraction of a month.

You may be overwithheld if your combined annual income is more than \$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000 and your Connecticut filing status is filing jointly. To help determine if your withholding is correct, see **Informational Publication 2011(7)**, *Is My Connecticut Withholding Correct?*

### Nonresident Employees Working Partly Within and Partly Outside of Connecticut

If you work partly within and partly outside of Connecticut for the same employer, you should also complete **Form CT-W4NA**, *Employee's Withholding or Exemption Certificate - Nonresident Apportionment*, and provide it to your employer. The information on Form CT-W4NA and Form CT-W4 will help your employer determine how much to withhold from your wages for services performed within Connecticut. To obtain Form CT-W4NA, visit the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) website at [www.ct.gov/DRS](http://www.ct.gov/DRS) or request the form from your employer. Any nonresident who expects to have no Connecticut income tax liability should choose *Withholding Code "E"*.

### Certain Married or Civil Union Individuals

If you are a married or civil union individual filing jointly and you and your spouse both select *Withholding Code "A"*, you may have too much or too little Connecticut income tax withheld from your pay. This is because the phaseout of the personal exemption and credit is based on your combined incomes. The withholding tables cannot reflect your exact

withholding requirement without considering the income of your spouse. To minimize this problem, use the *Supplemental Table* on Page 3 and Page 4 to adjust your withholding. You are not required to use this table. **Do not** use the supplemental table to adjust your withholding if you use the worksheet in IP 2011(7).

### Armed Forces Personnel and Veterans

If you are a Connecticut resident, your armed forces pay is subject to Connecticut income tax withholding unless you qualify as a nonresident for Connecticut income tax purposes. If you qualify as a nonresident, you may request that no Connecticut income tax be withheld from your armed forces pay by entering *Withholding Code "E"* on Line 1.

### Military Spouses Residency Relief Act (MSRRA)

If you are claiming an exemption from Connecticut income tax under the MSRRA, you must provide your employer with a copy of your military spouse's Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and a copy of your military dependent ID card.

See **Informational Publication 2009(21)**, *Connecticut Income Tax Information for Armed Forces Personnel and Veterans*.

### Employer Instructions

For any employee who does not complete Form CT-W4, you are required to withhold at the 5% marginal rate without allowance for exemption unless the highest marginal rate applies. You are required to keep Form CT-W4 in your files for each employee. See **Informational Publication 2011(1)**, *Connecticut Employer's Tax Guide*, *Circular CT*, for complete instructions.

### Report Certain Employees Claiming Exemption From Withholding to DRS

Employers are required to file copies of Form CT-W4 with DRS for certain employees claiming "E" (no withholding is necessary). See IP 2011(1). Mail copies of Forms CT-W4 meeting the conditions listed in IP 2011(1) under *Reporting Certain Employees to DRS* on Page 11 with **Form CT-941**, *Connecticut Quarterly Reconciliation of Withholding*, if you file a paper return. If you file Form CT-941 electronically, mail only the copies of Forms CT-W4 meeting the conditions listed in IP 2011(1) to: DRS, PO Box 2931, Hartford CT 06104-2931.

### Report New and Rehired Employees to the Department of Labor (DOL)

**New employees** are workers not previously employed by your business, or workers rehired after having been separated from your business for more than six months.

Employers with offices in Connecticut or transacting business in Connecticut are required to report new hires to the DOL within 20 days of the date of hire.

New hires can be reported by:

- Using the Connecticut New Hire Reporting website at [www.ctnewhires.com](http://www.ctnewhires.com)
- Faxing copies of completed Forms CT-W4 to **1-800-816-1108** or mail copies of completed Forms CT-W4 to:  
CT Department of Labor  
Office of Research, Form CT-W4  
200 Folly Brook Boulevard  
Wethersfield CT 06109

For more information on DOL requirements or for alternative reporting options, visit the DOL website at [www.ctdol.state.ct.us](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us) or call DOL at 860-263-6310.

### For More Information

Call DRS during business hours, Monday through Friday:

- **1-800-382-9463** (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford calling area only); **or**
- **860-297-5962** (from anywhere).

TTY, TDD, and Text Telephone users **only** may transmit inquiries 24 hours a day by calling 860-297-4911.

### Forms and Publications

Visit the DRS website at [www.ct.gov/DRS](http://www.ct.gov/DRS) to download and print Connecticut tax forms and publications.

**Supplemental Table for Qualifying Widow(er) With Dependent Child and Couples Filing Jointly - Effective January 1, 2011**

For married or civil union couples who both select *Withholding Code "A"* on Form CT-W4 (combined income is \$100,500 or less).

**Instructions**

- Reading across the top of the table, select the approximate annual wage income of one spouse. Reading down the left column, select the approximate annual wage income of the other spouse. See Page 4 for the continuation of this table.
- At the intersection of the two numbers is an adjustment amount. **This is a yearly adjustment amount.**
- To calculate the adjustment for each pay period, complete the following worksheet.
 

A. Adjustment amount	3A. _____
B. Pay periods in a year. See pay period table.	3B. _____
C. Pay period adjustment: Divide Line 3A by Line 3B.	3C. _____
- If the adjustment is positive, enter the adjustment amount from Line 3C on Form CT-W4, Line 2, of one spouse. If the adjustment is negative, enter the adjustment amount in brackets from Line 3C on Form CT-W4, Line 3, of one spouse.

**Pay Period Table**

<b>If you are paid:</b>	<b>Pay periods in a year:</b>
Weekly .....	52
Biweekly .....	26
Semi-monthly .....	24
Monthly .....	12

Annual Salary	2,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	14,000	16,000	18,000	20,000	22,000	24,000	26,000
3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	(15)	(42)	(99)	(156)	(248)	(318)	(485)
6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	(15)	(42)	(99)	(141)	(225)	(295)	(414)
9,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	(15)	(35)	(77)	(119)	(182)	(192)	(308)
12,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(12)	(54)	(48)	(60)	(106)	(249)
15,000	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(15)	0	0	9	27	36	(24)	(70)	(162)
18,000	(99)	(99)	(99)	(84)	(69)	(54)	(6)	54	36	18	(42)	20	(111)
21,000	(203)	(195)	(180)	(165)	(129)	(54)	(3)	9	(9)	24	27	10	(87)
24,000	(325)	(310)	(295)	(232)	(145)	(106)	(82)	(70)	20	14	0	0	(12)
27,000	(586)	(550)	(475)	(409)	(370)	(331)	(256)	(181)	(170)	(142)	(113)	(6)	25
30,000	(792)	(705)	(666)	(627)	(588)	(441)	(405)	(347)	(319)	(206)	(87)	20	18
33,000	(956)	(917)	(878)	(788)	(686)	(618)	(548)	(447)	(312)	(156)	(75)	20	18
36,000	(1,167)	(1,128)	(981)	(930)	(845)	(760)	(605)	(414)	(279)	(156)	(75)	20	18
39,000	(1,193)	(1,091)	(1,023)	(938)	(810)	(618)	(420)	(267)	(144)	(21)	60	155	153
42,000	(1,200)	(1,115)	(1,030)	(860)	(642)	(450)	(285)	(132)	(9)	114	195	290	288
45,000	(1,208)	(1,080)	(888)	(675)	(495)	(315)	(150)	3	126	249	330	425	423
48,000	(1,130)	(912)	(720)	(540)	(360)	(180)	(15)	138	261	384	465	560	468
51,000	(1,086)	(906)	(726)	(546)	(366)	(186)	(21)	132	255	378	414	419	327
54,000	(1,060)	(880)	(700)	(520)	(340)	(160)	5	158	281	314	305	310	218
57,000	(940)	(760)	(580)	(400)	(220)	(40)	125	233	266	299	290	295	203
60,000	(820)	(640)	(460)	(280)	(100)	80	155	218	251	284	275	280	188
63,000	(700)	(520)	(340)	(160)	(25)	65	140	203	236	269	260	265	173
66,000	(580)	(400)	(220)	(130)	(40)	50	125	188	221	254	245	250	158
69,000	(460)	(325)	(235)	(145)	(55)	35	110	173	206	239	230	235	143
72,000	(430)	(340)	(250)	(160)	(70)	20	95	158	191	224	215	220	308
75,000	(445)	(355)	(265)	(175)	(85)	5	80	143	176	209	289	478	578
78,000	(460)	(370)	(280)	(190)	(100)	(10)	65	128	161	374	553	660	
81,000	(475)	(385)	(295)	(205)	(115)	(25)	50	202	419	644			
84,000	(490)	(400)	(310)	(220)	(130)	(40)	215	466	601				
87,000	(505)	(415)	(325)	(235)	(56)	218	485						
90,000	(520)	(430)	(340)	(70)	208	400							
93,000	(535)	(356)	(82)	200									
96,000	(370)	(92)	100										
99,000	(100)												

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**Supplemental Table for Qualifying Widow(er) With Dependent Child and  
Couples Filing Jointly - Effective January 1, 2011**

For married or civil union couples who both select *Withholding Code "A"* on Form CT-W4 (combined income is \$100,500 or less).

Annual Salary	28,000	30,000	32,000	34,000	36,000	38,000	40,000	42,000	44,000	46,000	48,000	50,000	52,000
3,000	(647)	(752)	(866)	(1,007)	(1,148)	(1,148)	(1,136)	(1,158)	(1,163)	(1,125)	(1,023)	(992)	(1,002)
6,000	(525)	(666)	(807)	(948)	(981)	(1,020)	(1,025)	(1,030)	(950)	(822)	(720)	(722)	(732)
9,000	(467)	(608)	(698)	(776)	(888)	(893)	(855)	(753)	(630)	(540)	(450)	(452)	(462)
12,000	(408)	(441)	(570)	(665)	(760)	(680)	(552)	(450)	(360)	(270)	(180)	(182)	(192)
15,000	(258)	(370)	(465)	(518)	(506)	(383)	(293)	(203)	(113)	(23)	68	66	56
18,000	(224)	(319)	(329)	(291)	(279)	(189)	(99)	(9)	81	171	261	259	249
21,000	(158)	(146)	(113)	(113)	(113)	(23)	68	158	248	338	428	426	371
24,000	8	20	20	20	20	110	200	290	380	470	560	468	368
27,000	7	7	7	7	7	97	187	277	367	412	412	320	220
30,000	0	0	0	0	0	90	180	270	270	270	270	178	78
33,000	0	0	0	0	0	90	135	135	135	135	135	43	(57)
36,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(92)	(192)
39,000	135	135	135	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(92)	(192)
42,000	270	270	180	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(92)	(192)
45,000	360	270	180	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(92)	(103)
48,000	360	270	180	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	176
51,000	219	129	39	(51)	(141)	(141)	(141)	(141)	(141)	(52)	132	232	
54,000	110	20	(70)	(160)	(250)	(250)	(250)	(250)	(70)	118	220		
57,000	95	5	(85)	(175)	(265)	(265)	(176)	8	200				
60,000	80	(10)	(100)	(190)	(280)	(100)	88	190					
63,000	65	(25)	(115)	(116)	(22)	170							
66,000	50	(40)	50	148	160								
69,000	124	218	320										
72,000	388	400											
	<b>This table joins the table on Page 3.</b>												

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