

## EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCE CERTIFICATE

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

<b>Enter Personal Information</b>	
First, Middle, Last Name	Social Security Number
Address	Filing Status
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. Total Number of Allowances you're claiming (Use Worksheet A for regular withholding allowances. Use other worksheets on the following pages as applicable, Worksheet A+B). \_\_\_\_\_
2. Additional amount, if any, you want withheld each pay period (if employer agrees), **(Worksheet B and C)** \_\_\_\_\_  
OR

**Exemption from Withholding**

3. I claim exemption from withholding for 2020, and I certify I meet both of the conditions for exemption.    
OR Write "Exempt" here
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. (Check box here)

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.

Employee's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Employer's Section:</b> Employer's Name and Address	California Employer Payroll Tax Account Number
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**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.

**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/state income tax last year, and
2. You do not expect to owe any federal/state income tax this year. The exemption is good for one 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/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 amended by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act, you may be exempt from California income tax 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.