**Form W-4 (2017)**

**Purpose:** Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Consider completing a new Form W-4 each year and when your personal or financial situation changes.

**Exemption from withholding.** If you are exempt, complete only lines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 and sign the form to validate it. Your exemption for 2017 expires February 15, 2018. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

**Note:** If another person can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return, you can’t claim exemption from withholding if your total income exceeds $1,050 and includes more than $350 of unearned income (for example, interest and dividends).

**Exceptions:** An employee may be able to claim exemption from withholding even if the employee is a dependent, if the employee:
- is age 65 or older,
- is blind, or
- will claim adjustments to income; tax credits; or itemized deductions, on his or her tax return.

The exceptions don’t apply to supplemental wages greater than $1,000,000.

**Basic instructions:** If you aren’t exempt, complete the Personal Allowances Worksheet below. The worksheets on page 2 further adjust your withholding allowances based on itemized deductions, certain credits, adjustments to income, or two-earners/multiple jobs situations.

Complete all worksheets that apply. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) allowances. For regular wages, withholding must be based on allowances you claimed and may not be a flat amount or percentage of wages.

Head of household. Generally, you can claim head of household filing status on your tax return only if you are unmarried and pay more than 50% of the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and your dependent(s) or other qualifying individuals. See Pub. 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information, for information.

**Tax credits.** You can take projected tax credits into account in figuring your allowable number of withholding allowances. Credits for child or dependent care expenses and the child tax credit may be claimed using the Personal Allowances Worksheet. See Pub. 505 for information on converting your other credits into withholding allowances.

**Nonwage income.** If you have a large amount of nonwage income, such as interest or dividends, consider making estimated tax payments using Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals. Otherwise, you may owe additional tax. If you have pension or annuity income, see Pub. 505 to find out if you should adjust your withholding on Form W-4 or W-4P.

**Two earners or multiple jobs.** If you have a working spouse or more than one job, figure the total number of allowances you are entitled to claim on all jobs using worksheets from only one Form W-4. Your withholding usually will be most accurate when all allowances are claimed on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job and zero allowances are claimed on the others. See Pub. 505 for details.

**Nonresident alien.** If you are a nonresident alien, see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing this form.

**Check your withholding.** After your Form W-4 takes effect, use Pub. 505 to see how the amount you are having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2017. See Pub. 505, especially if your earnings exceed $130,000 (single) or $180,000 (Married).

**Future developments.** Information about any future developments affecting Form W-4 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted at www.irs.gov/w4.

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### Employee’s Withholding Allowance Certificate

> Whether you are entitled to claim a certain number of allowances or exemption from withholding is subject to review by the IRS. Your employer may be required to send a copy of this form to the IRS.

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#### Separate here and give Form W-4 to your employer. Keep the top part for your records.

**Employee’s Withholding Allowance Certificate**

**Employer’s Address:** Northern Illinois University, Attn.: Payroll, DeKalb, IL 60115-2845

**Employer’s Federal ID:** 36-6008480

**For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 2.**

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**W-4**

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**Employee’s Withholding Allowance Certificate**

**Employee Type:** Faculty ☐ Civil Service Exempt ☐ Grad. Asst. ☐ Civil Service Hourly ☐ Student ☐ NIU Empl. ID: [Redacted]

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certificate and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

**Employee’s signature** (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)

**Date**

**Employee’s Withholding Allowance Certificate**

**Your first name and middle initial**

**Last name**

**Social security number**

**Total number of allowances you are claiming (from line H above)**

**Additional amount, if any, you want withheld from each paycheck**

**If I claim exemption from withholding for 2016, and I certify that I meet both of the following conditions for exemption.**

- Last year I had a right to a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I had **no tax liability, and**
- This year I expect a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I expect to have **no tax liability.**

**If you meet both conditions, write “Exempt” here:** IF “EXEMPT”, LINE 5 MUST BE BLANK

**Date**

**Employee’s Address:** [Redacted]
**Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet**

**Note:** Use this worksheet only if you plan to itemize deductions or claim certain credits or adjustments to income.

1. Enter an estimate of your 2017 itemized deductions. These include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, medical expenses in excess of 10% of your income, and miscellaneous deductions. For 2017, you may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over $313,800 and you’re married filing jointly or you’re a qualifying widow(er); $287,650 if you’re head of household; $261,500 if you’re single, not head of household and not a qualifying widow(er); or $156,300 if you’re married filing separately. See Pub. 505 for details.

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\text{If you're head of household:} & \quad \text{\$261,500} \\
\text{If you're single, not head of household and not a qualifying widow(er):} & \quad \text{\$156,300} \\
\text{If you're married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er):} & \quad \text{\$12,700} \\
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2. Enter: \[ \begin{align*}
\text{\$9,350 if head of household} & \quad \text{\$\$2\$} \\
\text{\$6,350 if single or married filing separately} & \quad \text{\$\$2\$} \\
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3. Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter “-0-”.

4. Enter an estimate of your 2017 adjustments to income and any additional standard deduction (see Pub. 505).

5. Add lines 3 and 4 and enter the total. (Include any amount for credits from the Converting Credits to Withholding Allowances for 2017 Form W-4 worksheet in Pub. 505.)

6. Enter an estimate of your 2017 nonwage income (such as dividends or interest).

7. Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero or less, enter “-0-”.

8. Divide the amount on line 7 by $4,050 and enter the result here. Drop any fraction.

9. Enter the name from the **Personal Allowances Worksheet**, line H, page 1.

10. Add lines 8 and 9 and enter the total here. If you plan to use the **Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet**, also enter this total on line 1 below. Otherwise, stop here and enter this total on Form W-4, line 5, page 1.

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**Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet** (See Two earners or multiple jobs on page 1.)

**Note:** Use this worksheet only if the instructions under line H on page 1 direct you here.

1. Enter the number from line H, page 1 (or from line 10 above if you used the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet).

2. Find the number in **Table 1** below that applies to the LOWEST paying job and enter it here. **However,** if you are married filing jointly and wages from the highest paying job are $65,000 or less, do not enter more than “3”.

3. If line 1 is more than or equal to line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the result here (if zero, enter “-0-”) and on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. **Do not** use the rest of this worksheet.

**Note:** If line 1 is less than line 2, enter “-0-” on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Complete lines 4 through 9 below to figure the additional withholding amount necessary to avoid a year-end tax bill.

4. Enter the number from line 2 of this worksheet.

5. Enter the number from line 1 of this worksheet.

6. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

7. Find the amount in **Table 2** below that applies to the HIGHEST paying job and enter it here.

8. Multiply line 7 by line 6 and enter the result here. This is the additional annual withholding needed.

9. Divide line 8 by the number of pay periods remaining in 2017. For example, divide by 25 if you are paid every two weeks and you complete this form on a date in January when there are 25 pay periods remaining in 2017. Enter the result here and on Form W-4, line 6, page 1. This is the additional amount to be withheld from each paycheck.

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If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.