



## Withholding Certificate for IRA Distributions

**Purpose** - The Withholding Election or Change of Withholding Election section on this form is for U.S. citizens, resident aliens, or their estates who are recipients of IRA distributions. You may use this form to choose (a) not to have any income tax withheld from the IRA distributions (except for IRA distributions to U.S. citizens delivered outside the United States or its possessions) or (b) to have an additional amount of tax withheld.

**Your previously filed Withholding Election will remain in effect if you do not complete the Withholding Election or Change of Withholding Election section on this form.**

**Sign this form:** The Withholding Election or Change of Withholding Election indicated on this form is not valid unless you sign it.

### Additional Instructions

*Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.*

**Other income:** If you have a large amount of income from other sources not subject to withholding (such as interest, dividends, or capital gains), consider making estimated tax payments using **Form 1040-ES**, Estimated Tax for Individuals. Call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) to get Form 1040-ES and **Pub. 505**, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax. You can also get forms and publications from the IRS Web Site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**Withholding From IRA Distributions:** Generally, Federal income tax withholding applies to the taxable part of payments made from IRAs. However, **qualified** distributions from a Roth IRA are nontaxable and, therefore, not subject to withholding.

**IRA Distributions:** Your payer must withhold a flat 10% from your IRA distributions unless you choose not to have income tax withheld. You can choose not to have income tax withheld from your distribution by checking the first line in the Withholding Election or Change of Withholding Election section on this form. Generally, your choice not to have income tax withheld will apply to any later distribution from the same IRA. You may specify an additional amount you want withheld by checking the second line and indicating the amount you want withheld.

**Choosing Not to Have Income Tax Withheld:** You (or in the event of death, your beneficiary or estate) can choose not to have income tax withheld from your IRA distributions by checking the first line in the Withholding Election or Change of Withholding Election section on this form. For an estate, the election to have no income tax withheld may be made by the executor or personal representative of the decedent, using the estate's EIN. This choice does not apply to certain recipients who have payments delivered outside the United States or its possessions. See **Payments Outside the United States** at the top of the next column.

**Caution:** *There are penalties for not paying enough tax during the year, either through withholding or estimated tax payments. New retirees, especially, should see Pub 505. It explains your estimated tax requirements and describes penalties in detail. You may be able to avoid quarterly estimated tax payments by having enough tax withheld from your IRA distribution using the Withholding Election or Change of Withholding Election section on this form.*

**Payments Outside the United States:** If you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien receiving IRA distributions that are delivered outside the United States or its possessions, withholding is required. You **cannot** choose not to have income tax withheld on line 1 of the Withholding Election or Change of Withholding Election section of this form.

Other recipients, such as nonresident aliens, who have these distributions delivered outside the United States or its possessions may choose not to have income tax withheld only if an individual certifies to the payer that the individual is **not** (a) a U.S. citizen or resident alien or (b) an individual to whom section 877 applies (concerning expatriation to avoid tax). The certification must be made in a statement to the payer under penalties of perjury. A nonresident alien who chooses not to have income tax withheld under section 3405 is subject to withholding under section 1441 and should complete Form **W-8BEN**, Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding, if applicable.

**Revoking Your "No Withholding" Choice:** If you previously chose not to have income tax withheld and you now want withholding, check the second line in the Withholding Election or Change of Withholding Election section on this form.

**Statement of Income Tax Withheld from Your IRA:** By January 31 of next year, your payer will furnish a statement to you on **Form 1099-R**, Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc., showing the total amount of your IRA distribution and the total income tax withheld during the year

**Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice:** We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to provide this information only if you want to (a) request additional Federal income tax withholding from your IRA distribution, (b) choose not to have income tax withheld, when permitted, or (c) change or revoke a previous withholding election. To do any of the aforementioned, you are required by sections 3405(e) and 6109 and their regulations to provide the information requested on this form. Failure to provide this information may result in inaccurate withholding on your payment(s).

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