



# Certificate of Exemption from Withholding

New York State • New York City • Yonkers

# IT-2104-E

This certificate will expire on April 30, 2022.

To claim exemption from withholding for New York State personal income tax (and New York City and Yonkers personal income tax, if applicable), you must meet the conditions in either Group A or Group B:

**Group A**

- you must be under age 18, or over age 65, or a full-time student under age 25; **and**
- you did not have a New York income tax liability for 2020; **and**
- you do not expect to have a New York income tax liability for 2021 (for this purpose, you have a tax liability if your return shows tax before the allowance of any credit for income tax withheld).

**Group B**

- you meet the conditions set forth under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), as amended by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act and the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act. See *Military spouses*.

If you **do not meet all** of the conditions in either Group A or Group B above, **stop**; you cannot claim exemption from withholding (see *Note* below).

First name and middle initial	Last name	Social Security number	Filing status: Mark an <b>X</b> in only one box
Mailing address ( <i>number and street or PO box</i> )	Apartment number	Date of birth ( <i>mmdyyy</i> )	<b>A</b> Single <input type="checkbox"/> <b>B</b> Married <input type="checkbox"/>
City, village, or post office	State	ZIP code	<b>C</b> Qualifying widow(er) or head of household with qualifying person..... <input type="checkbox"/>

Are you a full-time student?..... Yes  No

Are you a military spouse exempt under the SCRA? ..... Yes  No

I certify that the information on this form is correct and that, for the year 2021, I expect to qualify for exemption from withholding of New York State income tax under section 671(a)(3) of the Tax Law or under the SCRA. I will notify my employer within 10 days of any change requiring revocation of the exemption from withholding as explained in the instructions.

Employee's signature (*give the completed certificate to your employer*)

Date

**Employer: complete this section only if you must send a copy of this form to the NYS Tax Department (see instructions).**

Employer name and address	Employer identification number
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Mark an **X** in the box if a newly hired employee or a rehired employee .....

First date employee performed services for pay (*mmdyyy*) (*see instructions*):

Are dependent health insurance benefits available for this employee? ..... Yes  No

If Yes, enter the date the employee qualifies (*mmdyyy*): .....

## Instructions

### Employee

**Who qualifies** – To claim exemption from withholding for New York State personal income tax (and New York City and Yonkers personal income tax, if applicable), you must meet the conditions in either Group A or Group B:

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- you do not expect to have a New York income tax liability for 2021 (for this purpose, you have a tax liability if your return shows tax before the allowance of any credit for income tax withheld).

**Group B**

- you meet the conditions set forth under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), as amended by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act and the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act. See *Military spouses*.

If you meet the conditions in Group A or Group B, file this certificate, Form IT-2104-E, with your employer. Otherwise, your employer

must withhold New York State income tax (and New York City and Yonkers personal income tax, if applicable) from your wages. Do not send this certificate to the Tax Department.

Generally, as a resident, you are required to file a New York State income tax return if you are required to file a federal income tax return, or if your federal adjusted gross income plus your New York additions is more than \$4,000, regardless of your filing status. However, if you are single and can be claimed as a dependent on another person's federal return, you must file a New York State return if your federal adjusted gross income plus your New York additions is more than \$3,100.

If you are a nonresident and have income from New York sources, you must file a New York return if the sum of your federal adjusted gross income and New York additions to income is more than your New York standard deduction.

A penalty of \$500 may be imposed for furnishing false information that decreases your withholding amount.

**Note:** If you do not qualify for exemption, or you want New York State, New York City, or Yonkers personal income tax withheld from your pay, file Form IT-2104, *Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate*, with your employer. Follow the instructions

on Form IT-2104 to determine the correct number of allowances to claim for withholding tax purposes.

**When to claim exemption from withholding** – File this certificate with your employer if you meet the conditions listed in Group A or Group B above. **You must file a new certificate each year if you wish to continue to claim the exemption.**

**Military spouses** – Under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), as amended by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act and the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act, you may be exempt from New York income tax (and New York City and Yonkers personal income tax, if applicable) on your wages if: 1) your spouse is a member of the armed forces present in New York in compliance with military orders; 2) you are present in New York solely to be with your spouse; and 3) you are domiciled in another state.

**Liability for estimated tax** – If, as a result of this exemption certificate, your employer does not withhold income tax from your wages and you later fail to qualify for exemption from tax, you may be required to pay estimated tax and be subject to penalty if it is not paid. For further information, see Form IT-2105, *Estimated Tax Payment Voucher for Individuals*.

**Multiple employers** – If you have more than one employer, you may claim exemption from withholding with each employer as long as your total expected income will not cause you to incur a New York income tax liability for the year 2021 and you had no liability for 2020.

**Revocation by employee** – You must revoke this exemption certificate (1) within 10 days from the day you expect to incur a New York income tax liability for the year 2021, (2) on or before December 1, 2021, if you expect to incur a tax liability for 2022, or (3) when you no longer qualify for exemption under the SCRA.

If you are required to revoke this certificate, if you no longer meet the age requirements for claiming exemption, or if you want income tax withheld from your pay (because, for example, you expect your income to exceed \$3,100), you **must** file Form IT-2104, *Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate*, with your employer. Follow the instructions on Form IT-2104 to determine the correct number of allowances to claim for withholding tax purposes.

**Filing status** – Mark an **X** in one box on Form IT-2104-E that shows your present filing status for federal purposes.

## Employer

Keep this certificate with your records. If an employee who claims exemption from withholding on Form IT-2104-E usually earns more than \$200 per week, you **must** send a copy of that employee's Form IT-2104-E to: **NYS Tax Department, Income Tax Audit Administrator, Withholding Certificate Coordinator, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227-0865**. See Publication 55, *Designated Private Delivery Services*, if not using U.S. Mail. If the employee is also a new hire or rehire, see **Note** below.

The Tax Department will not accept this form if it is incomplete. We will review these certificates and notify you of any adjustments that must be made.

Due dates for sending certificates received from employees who claim exemption and earn more than \$200 per week are:

Quarter	Due date	Quarter	Due date
January – March	April 30	July – September	October 31
April – June	July 31	October – December	January 31

**Revocation by employer** – You must revoke this exemption within 10 days if, on any day during the calendar year, the date of birth stated on the certificate filed by the employee indicates the employee no longer meets the age requirements for exemption. The revocation must be in the form of a written notice to the employee.

**New hires and rehires** – Mark an **X** in the box if you are submitting a copy of this form to comply with New York State's New Hire Reporting Program. A newly hired or rehired employee means an employee previously not employed by you, or previously employed by you but separated from such employment for 60 or more consecutive days. Enter the first day any services are performed for which the employee will be paid wages, commissions, tips and any other type of compensation. For services based solely on commissions, this is the first day an employee working for commissions is eligible to earn commissions. Also, mark an **X** in the *Yes* or *No* box indicating if dependent health insurance benefits are available to this employee. If *Yes*, enter the date the employee qualifies for coverage. Mail the completed form, within 20 days of hiring, to:

**NYS TAX DEPARTMENT  
NEW HIRE NOTIFICATION  
PO BOX 15119  
ALBANY NY 12212-5119**

To report newly hired or rehired employees online go to <https://www.nynewhire.com>.

**Note:** If the newly hired or rehired employee has also claimed exemption from withholding but usually earns more than \$200 per week, mail Form IT-2104-E to the Tax Department at the New Hire Notification address above.

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## Privacy notification

See our website or Publication 54, *Privacy Notification*.

## Need help?

- Information and forms are available on the Tax Department's website (at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov)).
- For help completing this form, **employees** may call 518-457-5181, and **employers** may call 518-485-6654.