



Department of Taxation and Finance

Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate

New York State • New York City • Yonkers

IT-2104

First name and middle initial	Last name	Your social security number						
Permanent home address (number and street or rural route)	Apartment number	Single or Head of household <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/>						
City, village, or post office	State	ZIP code						
Are you a resident of New York City? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Are you a resident of Yonkers? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Married, but withhold at higher single rate <input type="checkbox"/> Note: If married but legally separated, mark an X in the Single or Head of household box.						
Complete the worksheet on page 3 before making any entries. 1 Total number of allowances you are claiming for New York State and Yonkers, if applicable (from line 17) <table border="1"><tr><td>1</td><td></td></tr></table> 2 Total number of allowances for New York City (from line 28) <table border="1"><tr><td>2</td><td></td></tr></table>			1		2			
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Use lines 3, 4, and 5 below to have additional withholding per pay period under special agreement with your employer. 3 New York State amount <table border="1"><tr><td>3</td><td></td></tr></table> 4 New York City amount <table border="1"><tr><td>4</td><td></td></tr></table> 5 Yonkers amount <table border="1"><tr><td>5</td><td></td></tr></table>			3		4		5	
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I certify that I am entitled to the number of withholding allowances claimed on this certificate.

Employee's signature	Date
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Penalty – A penalty of \$500 may be imposed for any false statement you make that decreases the amount of money you have withheld from your wages. You may also be subject to criminal penalties.

Employee: detach this page and give it to your employer; keep a copy for your records.

Employer: Keep this certificate with your records.

Mark an **X** in box A and/or box B to indicate why you are sending a copy of this form to New York State (see instructions):

A Employee claimed more than 14 exemption allowances for NYS A

B Employee is a new hire or a rehire ... B First date employee performed services for pay (mm-dd-yyyy) (see instr.):

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

If Yes, enter the date the employee qualifies (mm-dd-yyyy):

Employer's name and address (Employer: complete this section only if you are sending a copy of this form to the NYS Tax Department.)	Employer identification number
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Instructions

Changes effective for 2016

Form IT-2104 has been revised for tax year 2016. The worksheet on page 3 and the charts beginning on page 4, used to compute withholding allowances or to enter an additional dollar amount on line(s) 3, 4, or 5, have been revised. If you previously filed a Form IT-2104 and used the worksheet or charts, you should complete a new 2016 Form IT-2104 and give it to your employer.

Who should file this form

This certificate, Form IT-2104, is completed by an employee and given to the employer to instruct the employer how much New York State (and New York City and Yonkers) tax to withhold from the employee's pay. The more allowances claimed, the lower the amount of tax withheld.

If you do not file Form IT-2104, your employer may use the same number of allowances you claimed on federal Form W-4. Due to differences in tax law, this may result in the wrong amount of tax withheld for New York State, New York City, and Yonkers. Complete Form IT-2104 each year and file it with your employer if the number of allowances you may claim

is different from federal Form W-4 or has changed. Common reasons for completing a new Form IT-2104 each year include the following:

- You started a new job.
- You are no longer a dependent.
- Your individual circumstances may have changed (for example, you were married or have an additional child).
- You moved into or out of NYC or Yonkers.
- You itemize your deductions on your personal income tax return.
- You claim allowances for New York State credits.
- You owed tax or received a large refund when you filed your personal income tax return for the past year.
- Your wages have increased and you expect to earn \$106,950 or more during the tax year.
- The total income of you and your spouse has increased to \$106,950 or more for the tax year.
- You have significantly more or less income from other sources or from another job.
- You no longer qualify for exemption from withholding.

- You have been advised by the Internal Revenue Service that you are entitled to fewer allowances than claimed on your original federal Form W-4, and the disallowed allowances were claimed on your original Form IT-2104.

Exemption from withholding

You cannot use Form IT-2104 to claim exemption from withholding. To claim exemption from income tax withholding, you **must** file Form IT-2104-E, *Certificate of Exemption from Withholding*, with your employer. You must file a new certificate each year that you qualify for exemption. This exemption from withholding is allowable only if you had no New York income tax liability in the prior year, you expect none in the current year, and you are over 65 years of age, under 18, or a full-time student under 25. You may also claim exemption from withholding if you are a military spouse and meet the conditions set forth under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act as amended by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act. If you are a dependent who is under 18 or a full-time student, you may owe tax if your income is more than \$3,100.

Withholding allowances

You may **not** claim a withholding allowance for yourself or, if married, your spouse. Claim the number of withholding allowances you compute in Part 1 and Part 3 on page 3 of this form. If you want more tax withheld, you may claim fewer allowances. **If you claim more than 14 allowances**, your employer **must send a copy of your Form IT-2104** to the New York State Tax Department. You may then be asked to verify your allowances. If you arrive at negative allowances (less than zero) on lines 1 or 2 and your employer cannot accommodate negative allowances, **enter 0** and see *Additional dollar amount(s)* below.

Income from sources other than wages – If you have more than \$1,000 of income from sources other than wages (such as interest, dividends, or alimony received), reduce the number of allowances claimed on line 1 and line 2 (if applicable) of the IT-2104 certificate by one for each \$1,000 of nonwage income. If you arrive at negative allowances (less than zero), see *Withholding allowances* above. You may also consider filing estimated tax, especially if you have significant amounts of nonwage income. Estimated tax requires that payments be made by the employee directly to the Tax Department on a quarterly basis. For more information, see the instructions for Form IT-2105, *Estimated Tax Payment Voucher for Individuals*, or see *Need help?* on page 6.

Other credits (Worksheet line 13) – If you will be eligible to claim any credits other than the credits listed in the worksheet, such as an investment tax credit, you may claim additional allowances.

Find your filing status and your New York adjusted gross income (NYAGI) in the chart below, and divide the amount of the expected credit by the number indicated. Enter the result (rounded to the nearest whole number) on line 13.

Single and NYAGI is:	Head of household and NYAGI is:	Married and NYAGI is:	Divide amount of expected credit by:
Less than \$214,000	Less than \$267,500	Less than \$321,050	66
Between \$214,000 and \$1,070,350	Between \$267,500 and \$1,605,650	Between \$321,050 and \$2,140,900	68
Over \$1,070,350	Over \$1,605,650	Over \$2,140,900	88

Example: You are married and expect your New York adjusted gross income to be less than \$321,050. In addition, you expect to receive a flow-through of an investment tax credit from the S corporation of which you are a shareholder. The investment tax credit will be \$160. Divide the expected credit by 66. $160/66 = 2.4242$. The additional withholding allowance(s) would be 2. Enter 2 on line 13.

Married couples with both spouses working – If you and your spouse both work, you should each file a separate IT-2104 certificate with your respective employers. Your withholding will better match your total tax if the higher wage-earning spouse claims all of the couple’s allowances and the lower wage-earning spouse claims zero allowances. **Do not** claim more total allowances than you are entitled to. If your combined wages are:

- less than \$106,950, you should each mark an **X** in the box *Married*, but withhold at higher single rate on the certificate front, and divide the

total number of allowances that you compute on line 17 and line 28 (if applicable) between you and your working spouse.

- \$106,950 or more, use the chart(s) in Part 4 and enter the additional withholding dollar amount on line 3.

Taxpayers with more than one job – If you have more than one job, file a separate IT-2104 certificate with each of your employers. Be sure to claim only the total number of allowances that you are entitled to. Your withholding will better match your total tax if you claim all of your allowances at your higher-paying job and zero allowances at the lower-paying job. In addition, to make sure that you have enough tax withheld, if you are a single taxpayer or head of household with two or more jobs, and your combined wages from all jobs are under \$106,950, reduce the number of allowances by seven on line 1 and line 2 (if applicable) on the certificate you file with your higher-paying job employer. If you arrive at negative allowances (less than zero), see *Withholding allowances* above.

If you are a single or a head of household taxpayer, and your combined wages from all of your jobs are between \$106,950 and \$2,248,076, use the chart(s) in Part 5 and enter the additional withholding dollar amount from the chart on line 3.

If you are a married taxpayer, and your combined wages from all of your jobs are \$106,950 or more, use the chart(s) in Part 4 and enter the additional withholding dollar amount from the chart on line 3 (Substitute the words *Higher-paying job for Higher earner’s wages* within the chart).

Dependents – If you are a dependent of another taxpayer and expect your income to exceed \$3,100, you should reduce your withholding allowances by one for each \$1,000 of income over \$2,500. This will ensure that your employer withholds enough tax.

Following the above instructions will help to ensure that you will not owe additional tax when you file your return.

Heads of households with only one job – If you will use the head-of-household filing status on your state income tax return, mark the *Single or Head of household* box on the front of the certificate. If you have only one job, you may also wish to claim two additional withholding allowances on line 14.

Additional dollar amount(s)

You may ask your employer to withhold an additional dollar amount each pay period by completing lines 3, 4, and 5 on Form IT-2104. In most instances, if you compute a negative number of allowances and your employer cannot accommodate a negative number, for each negative allowance claimed you should have an additional \$1.85 of tax withheld per week for New York State withholding on line 3, and an additional \$0.80 of tax withheld per week for New York City withholding on line 4. Yonkers residents should use 16.75% (.1675) of the New York State amount for additional withholding for Yonkers on line 5.

Note: If you are requesting your employer to withhold an additional dollar amount on lines 3, 4, or 5 of this allowance certificate, the additional dollar amount, as determined by these instructions or by using the chart(s) in Part 4 or Part 5, is accurate for a weekly payroll. Therefore, if you are not paid on a weekly basis, you will need to adjust the dollar amount(s) that you compute. For example, if you are paid biweekly, you must double the dollar amount(s) computed.

Avoid underwithholding

Form IT-2104, together with your employer’s withholding tables, is designed to ensure that the correct amount of tax is withheld from your pay. If you fail to have enough tax withheld during the entire year, you may owe a large tax liability when you file your return. The Tax Department must assess interest and may impose penalties in certain situations in addition to the tax liability. Even if you do not file a return, we may determine that you owe personal income tax, and we may assess interest and penalties on the amount of tax that you should have paid during the year.

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