

Iowa Withholdings Tax Information

Who Qualifies for Exemption?

An employee who does not expect to owe tax during the year may file the Iowa W-4 claiming exemption from tax.

Persons below the annual income levels shown below are eligible to claim exemption from Iowa withholding:

- A married couple or a head of household with a total income of \$13,500 or less.
- A single person with income of \$9,000 or less.
- A single person with income of less than \$5,000 who is claimed as a dependent on someone else's Iowa return.

Exemption for persons age 65 or older

- Starting with the **2009** tax year, a married couple or a head of household with a total income for the year of \$32,000 or less may file for exemption, if at least one spouse (in the case of a married couple) or the head of household is 65 years or older as of December 31 of the year.
- Starting with the **2009** tax year, a single person who is 65 years or older as of December 31 of the tax year may file for exemption if their income is \$24,000 or less.

Federal Withholdings Tax Information

Who Qualifies for Exemption?

If you claim exemption from withholding, your employer will not withhold federal income tax from your wages. The exemption applies only to income tax, not to Social Security or Medicare tax.

You can claim exemption from withholding for the current year only if both the following situations apply.

- For the prior year, you had a right to a refund of all federal income tax withheld because you had no tax liability.
- For the current year, you expect a refund of all federal income tax withheld because you expect to have no tax liability.

Student. If you are a student, you are not automatically exempt. If you work only part time or only during the summer, you may qualify for exemption from withholding.