

Type or print your full name	Your social security number
Home address (number and street or rural route)	
City or town, state, and ZIP code	

Arizona Withholding Percentage Election Options

Choose only one:

- 1 I choose to have Arizona withholding at the rate of
(check only one box): 0.8% 1.3% 1.8% 2.7% 3.6% 4.2% 5.1% of my gross taxable wages.
 Additional amount to be withheld per paycheck \$ _____
- 2 I hereby elect an Arizona withholding percentage of zero, and I certify that I expect to have no Arizona tax liability for the current taxable year.

I certify that I have made the percentage election marked above.	
SIGNATURE _____	DATE _____

EMPLOYEE'S INSTRUCTIONS

Arizona law requires your employer to withhold Arizona income tax from your wages for work done in Arizona. This amount is applied to your Arizona income tax due when you file your tax return. The amount withheld is a percent of your gross taxable wages of every paycheck. You may also have your employer withhold an extra amount from each paycheck. Complete this form to select a percent and any extra amount to be withheld from each paycheck.

What are my "Gross Taxable Wages"?

For withholding purposes, your "gross taxable wages" are the wages that will generally be in box 1 of your federal Form W-2. It is your gross wages less any pretax deductions, such as your share of health insurance premiums.

New Employees

Complete this form in the first five days of employment to select an Arizona withholding percent. You may also have your employer withhold an extra amount from each paycheck. If you do not file this form, the department requires your employer to withhold 2.7% of your gross taxable wages.

Current Employees

If you want to change the current amount withheld, you must file this form to change the Arizona withholding percent or change the extra amount withheld.

What Should I do With A-4?

Give your completed Form A-4 to your employer.

Electing a Withholding Percent of Zero

You may elect an Arizona withholding percent of zero if you expect to have no Arizona income tax liability for the current year. Arizona tax liability is gross tax liability less any tax credits, such as the family tax credit, school tax credits, or credits for taxes paid to other states. If you make this election, your employer will not withhold Arizona income tax from your wages for payroll periods beginning after the date you file the form. Zero withholding does not relieve you from paying Arizona income taxes that might be due at the time you file your Arizona income tax return. If you have an Arizona tax liability when you file your return or if at any time during the current year conditions change so that you expect to have a tax liability, you should promptly file a new Form A-4 and choose a percent that applies to you.

Voluntary Withholding Election by Certain Nonresident Employees

Compensation earned by nonresidents while physically working in Arizona for temporary periods is subject to Arizona income tax. However, under Arizona law, compensation paid to certain nonresident employees is not subject to Arizona income tax withholding. These nonresident employees need to review their situations and determine whether they should elect to have Arizona income taxes withheld from their Arizona source compensation. Nonresident employees may request that their employer withhold Arizona income taxes by completing this form to elect an Arizona withholding percent.

Employee's Arizona Withholding Percentage Election

Voluntary Withholding Election by Certain Nonresident Employees

Compensation earned by nonresidents while physically performing work or services in Arizona for temporary periods is subject to Arizona income tax. However, under the provisions of ARS §43-403(A)(5), compensation paid to certain nonresident employees is not subject to Arizona income tax withholding. These nonresident employees need to review their situations and determine whether they should elect to have Arizona income taxes withheld from their wages or compensation. Nonresident employees may request that their employer withhold Arizona income taxes from their Arizona source compensation by completing this form to elect an Arizona withholding percentage.

How do I Determine Which Percentage to Elect?

In an effort to assist employees in electing a withholding percentage, the following simple examples are provided for general guidance. However, each employee must take into consideration the particular facts of their own situation and adjust their election accordingly.

If you want to keep your withholding approximately the same as last year, you can use your federal Form W-2 for 2009 or your last pay stub to calculate which withholding percentage to elect. For example, if box 1 of federal Form W-2 shows \$40,000 in wages and box 17 shows \$1,000 in state income tax withheld, divide box 17 by box 1 to determine your percentage ($1,000 / 40,000 = .025$ or 2.5%). In order to keep your withholding the same as 2009, choose 1.8% ($40,000 \times .018 = 720$) and an additional \$10.77 per biweekly pay period ($1,000 - 720 = 280 / 26 = 10.77$). Be sure to take into account any amount already withheld for 2010.

If you want to withhold more, choose one of the higher percentages or choose to have an additional amount withheld.

CAUTION: Underwithholding can result in payment of tax due when you file your Arizona return and/or underpayment penalties.

If you would rather more closely approximate your tax liability from last year, use your tax liability from your 2009 Arizona income tax return. Divide that number by the number of paydays in calendar year 2010. This will be the amount of withholding you will try to have withheld out of each paycheck. For instance, if your 2009 tax liability was \$1,500 and you are paid every two weeks (26 paydays a year) divide \$1,500 by 26 ($1,500 / 26 = 57.69$). This is your withholding goal per paycheck. Next, divide your withholding goal by your biweekly gross taxable wages, \$2,000 in this example, to determine the percentage of withholding to gross taxable wages ($57.69 / 2,000 = .028845$ or 2.88%). An election of 2.7% would result in \$54.00 ($2,000 \times 2.7\% = 54$) withheld for Arizona from each paycheck (\$1,404 annually), while electing 3.6% would result in \$72.00 ($2,000 \times 3.6\% = 72$) withheld for Arizona from each paycheck (\$1,872 annually). Be sure to take into account any amount already withheld for 2010.

Example: This example assumes these wages are your only income and your employment situation is the same as last year. If you are paid every two weeks and last year's federal Form W-2 shows \$52,000 in box 1 and \$1,800 in box 17, \$900 has already been withheld from your paychecks for 2010, there are 13 paychecks remaining in the calendar year, and you want to keep your withholding approximately the same, the following worksheet shows how to keep your Arizona withholding the same.

	Example:		Your Calculation:	
Line 1: Annual gross taxable wages.	\$52,000			
Line 2: Number of paychecks per year.	26			
Line 3: Divide line 1 by line 2. This is wages per paycheck.	$52000 / 26 =$	\$2,000	$/$	$=$
Line 4: Annual withholding goal.	\$1,800			
Line 5: Amount already withheld.	\$900			
Line 6: Balance of withholding for the calendar year.	$1800 - 900 =$	\$ 900	$-$	$=$
Line 7: Number of paychecks remaining in the calendar year.	13			
Line 8: Divide line 6 by line 7. This is your Arizona withholding goal per paycheck.	$900 / 13 =$	\$69.23	$/$	$=$
Line 9: Percentage: divide line 8 by line 3.	$69.23 / 2000 =$	3.4615%	$/$	$=$ %
Line 10: Withholding percentage that is less than line 9. Check this box on line 1 of Form A-4.	2.7%		Select Withholding Percent	
Line 11: Multiply line 10 by line 3.	$2.7\% \times 2000 =$	\$54.00	\times	$=$
Line 12: Subtract line 11 from line 8. Enter this amount in the additional amount space on line 1 of Form A-4.	$69.23 - 54.00 =$	\$15.23	$-$	$=$