

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM G-4

Enter your full name, address and social security number in boxes 1a through 2b.

Line 3: Write the number of allowances you are claiming in the brackets beside your marital status.

- A. Single - enter 1 if you are claiming yourself
- B. Married Filing Joint, both spouses working - enter 1 if you claim yourself or 2 if you claim yourself and your spouse
- C. Married Filing Joint, one spouse working - enter 1 if you claim yourself or 2 if you claim yourself and your spouse
- D. Married Filing Separate - enter 1 if you claim yourself or 2 if you claim yourself and your spouse
- E. Head of Household - enter 1 if you claim yourself but the individual(s) for whom you maintain a home does not qualify as a dependent; or 2 if you claim yourself and a qualified dependent for whom you maintain a home

Do not claim a deduction on Line 4 for a dependent used to qualify you as head of household

Line 4: Enter the number of dependent allowances you are entitled to claim.

Line 5: Complete the worksheet on Form G-4 if you claim additional allowances. Enter the number from Line H here.

Failure to complete and submit the worksheet will result in automatic denial of your claim.

Line 6: Enter a specific dollar amount that you authorize your employer to withhold in addition to the tax withheld based on your marital status and number of allowances.

Line 7: Enter the letter of your marital status from Line 3. Enter total of the numbers on Lines 3 - 5.

Line 8: Check the box if you qualify to claim exempt from withholding. You can claim exempt if you filed a Georgia income tax return last year and the amount on Line 4 of Form 500EZ or Line 16 of Form 500 was zero, **and** you expect to file a Georgia tax return this year and will not have a tax liability. You can not claim exempt if you did not file a Georgia income tax return for the previous tax year. **Receiving a refund for the previous tax year does not qualify you to claim exempt.**

Do not complete Lines 3 - 7 if claiming exempt.

EXAMPLES: Your employer withheld \$500 of Georgia income tax from your wages. The amount on Line 4 of Form 500EZ or Line 16 of Form 500 was \$100. Your tax liability is the amount on Line 4 or Line 16; therefore, **you do not qualify** to claim exempt.

Your employer withheld \$500 of Georgia income tax from your wages. The amount on Line 4 of Form 500EZ or Line 16 of Form 500 was \$0 (zero) and you filed a prior year income tax return. Your tax liability is the amount on Line 4 or Line 16; therefore, **you qualify** to claim exempt.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2003, the deduction allowed for the dependents increased from \$2,700 to \$3,000. This does not apply to the deduction allowed for you or your spouse.

O.C.G.A. § 48-7-102 requires you to complete and submit Form G-4 to your employer in order to have tax withheld from your wages. By correctly completing this form, you can adjust the amount of tax withheld to meet your tax liability. Failure to submit a properly completed Form G-4 will result in your employer withholding tax as though you are single with zero allowances.

Employers are required to mail any Form G-4 claiming more than 14 allowances or exempt from withholding to the Georgia Department of Revenue for approval. Employers will honor the properly completed form as submitted pending notification from the Withholding Tax Unit. Upon approval, such forms remain in effect until changed or until February 15 of the following year. Employers who know that a G-4 is erroneous should not honor the form and should withhold as if the employee is single claiming zero allowances until a corrected form has been received.