

# Withholding Tax Changes Taxpayer Will Pay No More Than Heretofore

WASHINGTON. — Your next pay check will probably be from a dime to several dollars different from your last.

The reason lies in taxes:

1. Income taxes. The amount withheld may go up or it may go down. In many cases you'll feel the difference on your first pay-day of 1945, even if the money is paid for work done in 1944.

2. Social security taxes. Most employes making more than \$3,000 a year have been enjoying a little vacation from the one per cent deduction for old age and survivors insurance. This deduction now starts again.

The social security tax was supposed to increase to two per cent January 1, but Congress wouldn't allow it. The deduction stays at one per cent.

As for income taxes, whether the amount withheld goes up or down depends on several things.

In the first place, Congress has made some changes designed to bring the withholding tax more in line with the actual income tax finally paid.

At the end of 1945 the average employe won't owe the government so much, or be owed so much by the government, as in 1944. The total amount received by the government isn't expected to change much.

Suppose Jones and Smith are paid by the week and each claims credit for a wife and one child.

Jones earns \$50 a week. Smith earns \$59. Up to now, their withholding tax has been the same, \$5. From now on, Jones will pay only \$4.40. Smith will pay \$6.30. It's all in more precise tables drawn up by the lawmakers.

Congress also fixed the tables so that several million persons who have been paying only part of their income tax by withholding now will pay approximately all of it by that method.

Income tax rates are graduated, so that the more you earn, the higher the rate. But heretofore, all withholding has been at the minimum rate. That means many persons earning good salaries had to make large supplementary payments in addition to their withholding.

Under the new tables, withholding will take care of the full tax on a single persons income up to \$5,000, or a married person's income up to \$5,500 with \$500 additional for each dependent.

For everybody affected by that change, the withholding tax will go up, but he won't pay any more tax in the long run. He simply goes on a complete pay-as-you-go basis.

That's not all Congress did. It set up a new system of giving credit for dependents. This will change the amount of income tax for a lot of people.

In general, exemption are more liberal. For example, exemption can be claimed for dependents over 18. On the other hand, each dependent now must be closely related to you. Your cousin or your uncle's wife won't count. Nobody having \$500 of his own income will count, either.

The amount of the exemption is different, too. Up to now, it has been \$500 for a single person or \$1,200 for a married couple, plus \$350 for each dependent.

Now it's straight \$500 a person. This means a man with a wife but no children suffers a \$200 cut in exemption, and his tax rises.

A man with a flock of children gets more exemption for each of them and his tax is pretty sure to be less.

WASHINGTON. — The following table shows the new 1945 income tax withholdings for employes who are paid once a week.

The columns numbered 1 through 5 refer to the number of exemptions claimed. No. 1 means you are claiming exemption only for yourself. No. 2 might mean a husband and wife, or a single person and one dependent. No. 3 could be a husband, his wife, and one child. And so on.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue

## Spends Leave Here



ROBERT GIFFORD, Seaman Second Class, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Anna Gifford, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, has returned to his post at Bainbridge, Md., after spending a nine-day leave here with his mother and sister, Miss Rowena Gifford.

has tables carrying this out to 10 or more exemptions — also tables for pay periods other than weekly.

Wage at	One	Two	Three	Four	Five
\$11	.20	—	—	—	—
\$12	.40	—	—	—	—
\$13	.60	.10	—	—	—
\$14	.80	.10	.10	—	—
\$15	1.00	.10	.10	.10	—
\$16	1.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
\$17	1.40	.20	.20	.20	.20
\$18	1.60	.20	.20	.20	.20
\$19	1.80	.20	.20	.20	.20
\$20	2.00	.30	.30	.30	.30
\$21	2.20	.30	.30	.30	.30
\$22	2.40	.30	.30	.30	.30
\$23	2.70	.40	.40	.40	.40
\$24	2.90	.40	.40	.40	.40
\$25	3.10	.40	.40	.40	.40
\$26	3.30	.40	.40	.40	.40
\$27	3.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
\$28	3.70	.50	.50	.50	.50
\$29	3.90	.50	.50	.50	.50
\$30	4.10	.50	.50	.50	.50
\$31	4.30	.60	.60	.60	.60
\$32	4.50	.60	.60	.60	.60
\$33	4.70	.60	.60	.60	.60
\$34	4.90	.60	.60	.60	.60
\$35	5.10	.70	.70	.70	.70
\$36	5.30	.70	.70	.70	.70
\$37	5.50	.70	.70	.70	.70
\$38	5.80	.80	.80	.80	.80
\$39	6.00	.80	.80	.80	.80
\$40	6.20	.80	.80	.80	.80
\$41	6.40	.80	.80	.80	.80
\$42	6.60	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$43	6.80	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$44	7.00	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$45	7.20	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$46	7.40	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$47	7.60	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$48	7.80	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$49	8.00	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$50	8.20	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$51	8.40	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$52	8.70	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$53	8.90	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$54	9.10	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$55	9.30	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$56	9.50	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$57	9.80	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$58	10.00	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$59	10.20	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$60	10.50	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$61	11.00	.90	.90	.90	.90
\$62	12.40	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$63	12.80	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$64	13.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$65	13.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$66	14.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$67	14.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$68	15.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$69	15.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$70	16.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$71	16.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$72	17.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$73	17.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$74	18.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$75	18.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$76	19.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$77	19.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$78	20.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$79	20.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$80	21.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$81	21.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$82	22.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$83	22.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$84	23.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$85	23.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$86	24.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$87	24.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$88	25.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$89	25.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$90	26.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$91	26.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$92	27.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$93	27.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$94	28.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$95	28.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$96	29.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$97	29.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$98	30.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$99	30.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
\$100	31.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

If the wage is \$200 or over, the

## U. S. Employment Service Defines Veterans

A "veteran of World War II", as defined in the War Manpower Commission's employment stabilization program, means a person who served in the active service of the armed forces of the United States subsequent to December 7, 1941, and who has been discharged or released therefrom under other than dishonorable, it was announced this week by Mrs. Edith P. Alley, manager of the local office.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, State WMC director, calls attention to this definition, which applies also to any individual who was released or assigned to the inactive reserve after a period of active service subsequent to December 7, 1941, because of the confusion that has arisen relative to hiring veterans.

A veteran of World War II, under this definition, is not subject to hiring controls under the employment stabilization program, and may select the job of his choice without restriction. Individuals released from the armed forces prior to December 7, 1941, are not veterans of World War II and are subject to the same hiring restrictions that apply to other individuals under the employment stabilization program, it was learned from Mrs. Alley.

The date, December 7, 1941 separates the two classes of veterans, and employes are asked to note the distinction.

## Sarah Ferguson Enrolled At Naval Training School

Miss Sara Elizabeth Ferguson, daughter of Mrs. Fannie J. Ferguson, of Soco Gap Road, Waynesville, was recently enrolled at the Naval Training School, (Yeoman-W) of the Iowa State Teachers College Campus, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

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When Wave Ferguson successfully completes her theoretical course she will be sent to other duty stations where, after actual experience in a practical Navy job, she will have the opportunity to qualify for a petty officer rate.

withholding is \$41.80 for one exemption, \$39.70 for two, \$37.60 for three, \$35.50 for four, \$33.40 for five, and \$31.30 for six, plus in each case 22.5 per cent of the excess over \$200.

## Returns To Pacific



THOMAS H. CALDWELL, SPV, Second Class, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andy Caldwell, of Waynesville, has reported to the Naval Air Station at Allia Meta, Calif., after spending several days leave here with his wife, the former Miss Mae Trammell.

He has had 13 months service in the Pacific war theatre and is returning to that area. He enlisted in the service in April, 1943, and was first trained at Bainbridge, Md. From the latter he transferred to San Francisco, was sent to Norfolk, Va., and then Calif., where he was assigned to sea duty.

At the time he entered the service he was employed at the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company.

## S/Sgt. John Best Home On Furlough

Staff Sgt. John Best, son of Mrs. John B. Best, of the Crabtree section of the county, is spending a 38 day furlough with his wife in Asheville and his mother in Crabtree.

Sgt. Best recently returned to the States after serving 29 months overseas. He has been with the armed forces in England, Africa,

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