2016 Withholding Exemption Certificate

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The payee completes this form and submits it to the withholding agent. The withholding a	gent keeps	this fo	rm with their records.
Withholding Agent			
Name			
Payee Name			
☐ SSN or ITIN ☐ FEIN ☐ CA Corp no. ☐ CA SOS file			EIN L CA Corp no. L CA SOS file no.
Address (apt./ste., room, PO box, or PMB no.)			
City (If you have a foreign address, see instructions.)		State	ZIP code
Exemption Reason			
Check only one reason box below that applies to the payee.			
By checking the appropriate box below, the payee certifies the reason for the exemption from requirements on payment(s) made to the entity or individual.	m the Califo	rnia ir	ncome tax withholding
Individuals — Certification of Residency: I am a resident of California and I reside at the address shown above. If I become a notify the withholding agent. See instructions for General Information D, Definitions		ent at a	any time, I will promptly
Corporations: The corporation has a permanent place of business in California at the address shown above or is qualified through the California Secretary of State (SOS) to do business in California. The corporation will file a California tax return. If this corporation ceases to have a permanent place of business in California or ceases to do any of the above, I will promptly notify the withholding agent. See instructions for General Information D, Definitions.			
Partnerships or Limited Liability Companies (LLCs): The partnership or LLC has a permanent place of business in California at the address shown above or is registered with the California SOS, and is subject to the laws of California. The partnership or LLC will file a California tax return. If the partnership or LLC ceases to do any of the above, I will promptly inform the withholding agent. For withholding purposes, a limited liability partnership (LLP) is treated like any other partnership.			
Tax-Exempt Entities: The entity is exempt from tax under California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (insert number). If this entity ceases the withholding agent. Individuals cannot be tax-exempt entities.			
Insurance Companies, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), or Qualified P The entity is an insurance company, IRA, or a federally qualified pension or profit-s			aring Plans:
California Trusts: At least one trustee and one noncontingent beneficiary of the above-named trust is a California resident. The trust will file a California fiduciary tax return. If the trustee or noncontingent beneficiary becomes a nonresident at any time, I will promptly notify the withholding agent.			
Estates — Certification of Residency of Deceased Person: I am the executor of the above-named person's estate or trust. The decedent was a California resident at the time of death. The estate will file a California fiduciary tax return.			
Nonmilitary Spouse of a Military Servicemember: I am a nonmilitary spouse of a military servicemember and I meet the Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA) requirements. See instructions for General Information E, MSRRA.			
CERTIFICATE OF PAYEE: Payee must complete and sign below.			
To learn about your privacy rights, how we may use your information, and the consequence go to ftb.ca.gov and search for privacy notice . To request this notice by mail, call 800.852.		oviding	the requested information,
Under penalties of perjury, I hereby certify that the information provided in this document is, correct. If conditions change, I will promptly notify the withholding agent.	to the best	of my	knowledge, true and
Type or print payee's name and title		Telepl	none ()
Payee's signature ▶		Date ₋	

2016 Instructions for Form 590

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References in these instructions are to the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC).

General Information

Registered Domestic Partners (RDP) - For purposes of California income tax, references to a spouse, husband, or wife also refer to a Registered Domestic Partner (RDP) unless otherwise specified. For more information on RDPs, get FTB Pub. 737, Tax Information for Registered Domestic Partners.

A Purpose

Use Form 590, Withholding Exemption Certificate, to certify an exemption from nonresident withholding.

Form 590 does not apply to payments of backup withholding. For more information, go to ftb.ca.gov and search for backup withholding.

Form 590 does not apply to payments for wages to employees. Wage withholding is administered by the California Employment Development Department (EDD). For more information, go to edd.ca.gov or call 888.745.3886.

Do not use Form 590 to certify an exemption from withholding if you are a Seller of California real estate. Sellers of California real estate use Form 593-C, Real Estate Withholding Certificate, to claim an exemption from the real estate withholding requirement.

The following are excluded from withholding and completing this form:

- . The United States and any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- · A state, a possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any of its political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities.

B Income Subject to Withholding

California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 18662 requires withholding of income or franchise tax on payments of California source income made to nonresidents of California.

Withholding is required on the following, but is not limited to:

- Payments to nonresidents for services rendered in California.
- Distributions of California source income made to domestic nonresident partners, members, and S corporation shareholders and allocations of California source income made to foreign partners and members.
- Payments to nonresidents for rents if the payments are made in the course of the withholding agent's business.

- · Payments to nonresidents for royalties from activities sourced to California.
- Distributions of California source income to nonresident beneficiaries from an estate or trust.
- Endorsement payments received for services performed in California.
- Prizes and winnings received by nonresidents for contests in California.

However, withholding is optional if the total payments of California source income are \$1,500 or less during the calendar year.

For more information on withholding get FTB Pub. 1017, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Guidelines. To get a withholding publication, see Additional Information.

Who Certifies this Form

Form 590 is certified by the payee. California residents or entities exempt from the withholding requirement should complete Form 590 and submit it to the withholding agent before payment is made. The withholding agent is then relieved of the withholding requirements if the agent relies in good faith on a completed and signed Form 590 unless notified by the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) that the form should not be relied upon.

An incomplete certificate is invalid and the withholding agent should not accept it. If the withholding agent receives an incomplete certificate, the withholding agent is required to withhold tax on payments made to the payee until a valid certificate is received. In lieu of a completed exemption certificate, the withholding agent may accept a letter from the payee as a substitute explaining why they are not subject to withholding. The letter must contain all the information required on the certificate in similar language, including the under penalty of perjury statement and the payee's taxpayer identification number. The withholding agent must retain a copy of the certificate or substitute for at least four years after the last payment to which the certificate applies, and provide it upon request to the FTB.

If an entertainer (or the entertainer's business entity) is paid for a performance, the entertainer's information must be provided. **Do not** submit the entertainer's agent or promoter information.

The grantor of a grantor trust shall be treated as the payee for withholding purposes. Therefore, if the payee is a grantor trust and one or more of the grantors is a nonresident, withholding is required. If all of the grantors on the trust are residents, no withholding is required. Resident grantors can check the box on Form 590 labeled "Individuals -Certification of Residency."

D Definitions

For California non-wage withholding purposes, nonresident includes all of the following:

- Individuals who are not residents of California.
- Corporations not qualified through the California Secretary of State (CA SOS) to do business in California or having no permanent place of business in California.
- Partnerships or limited liability companies (LLCs) with no permanent place of business in California.
- Any trust without a resident grantor. beneficiary, or trustee, or estates where the decedent was not a California resident.

Foreign refers to non-U.S.

For more information about determining resident status, get FTB Pub. 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status. Military servicemembers have special rules for residency. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel.

Permanent Place of Business:

A corporation has a permanent place of business in California if it is organized and existing under the laws of California or it has qualified through the CA SOS to transact intrastate business. A corporation that has not qualified to transact intrastate business (e.g., a corporation engaged exclusively in interstate commerce) will be considered as having a permanent place of business in California only if it maintains a permanent office in California that is permanently staffed by its employees.

E Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA)

Generally, for tax purposes you are considered to maintain your existing residence or domicile. If a military servicemember and nonmilitary spouse have the same state of domicile, the MSRRA provides:

- A spouse shall not be deemed to have lost a residence or domicile in any state solely by reason of being absent to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with military orders.
- A spouse shall not be deemed to have acquired a residence or domicile in any other state solely by reason of being there to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with military orders.

Domicile is defined as the one place:

- Where you maintain a true, fixed, and permanent home.
- To which you intend to return whenever you are absent.

A military servicemember's nonmilitary spouse is considered a nonresident for tax purposes if the servicemember and spouse have the same domicile outside of California and the spouse is in California solely to be with the servicemember who is serving in compliance with Permanent Change of Station orders.

California may require nonmilitary spouses of military servicemembers to provide proof that they meet the criteria for California personal income tax exemption as set forth in the MSRRA.

Income of a military servicemember's nonmilitary spouse for services performed in California is not California source income subject to state tax if the spouse is in California to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with military orders, and the servicemember and spouse have the same domicile in a state other than California.

For additional information or assistance in determining whether the applicant meets the MSRRA requirements, get FTB Pub. 1032.

Specific Instructions

Payee Instructions

Enter the withholding agent's name.

Enter the payee's information, including the taxpayer identification number (TIN) and check the appropriate TIN box.

You must provide an acceptable TIN as requested on this form. The following are acceptable TINs: social security number (SSN); individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN); federal employer identification number (FEIN); California corporation number (CA Corp no.); or CA SOS file number.

Private Mail Box (PMB) – Include the PMB in the address field. Write "PMB" first, then the box number. Example: 111 Main Street PMB 123.

Foreign Address – Follow the country's practice for entering the city, county, province, state, country, and postal code, as applicable, in the appropriate boxes. **Do not** abbreviate the country name.

Exemption Reason – Check the box that reflects the reason why the payee is exempt from the California income tax withholding requirement.

Withholding Agent Instructions

Keep Form 590 for your records. The certification remains valid for 5 years or until the payee's status changes. **Do not** send this form to the FTB unless it has been specifically requested.

For more information, contact Withholding Services and Compliance, see Additional Information.

The payee must notify the withholding agent if any of the following situations occur:

- The individual payee becomes a nonresident.
- The corporation ceases to have a permanent place of business in California or ceases to be qualified to do business in California.
- The partnership ceases to have a permanent place of business in California.
- The LLC ceases to have a permanent place of business in California.
- The tax-exempt entity loses its tax-exempt status.

If any of these situations occur, then withholding may be required. For more information, get Form 592, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Statement, Form 592-B, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement, and Form 592-V, Payment Voucher for Resident and Nonresident Withholding.

Additional Information

For additional information or to speak to a representative regarding this form, call the Withholding Services and Compliance telephone service at:

Telephone: 888.792.4900

916.845.4900 Fax: 916.845.9512

OR write to:

WITHHOLDING SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE MS F182 FRANCHISE TAX BOARD PO BOX 942867 SACRAMENTO CA 94267-0651

You can download, view, and print California tax forms and publications at **ftb.ca.gov**.

OR to get forms by mail write to:

TAX FORMS REQUEST UNIT FRANCHISE TAX BOARD PO BOX 307 RANCHO CORDOVA CA 95741-0307

For all other questions unrelated to withholding or to access the TTY/TDD numbers, see the information below.

Internet and Telephone Assistance

Website: ftb.ca.gov

Telephone: 800.852.5711 from within the

United States

916.845.6500 from outside the

United States

TTY/TDD: 800.822.6268 for persons with

hearing or speech impairments

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Sitio web: ftb.ca.gov

Teléfono: 800.852.5711 dentro de los

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916.845.6500 fuera de los Estados

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