

Please read the accompanying Management Information Circular and the instructions attached hereto carefully before completing this letter of transmittal.

**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF  
COMMON SHARES OF EQUINOX GOLD CORP.**

**For Use in Connection with the Arrangement Involving  
Equinox Gold Corp. and Solaris Copper Inc.**

This letter of transmittal (the “**Letter of Transmittal**”) is for use by registered holders of common shares (the “**Equinox Shares**”) of Equinox Gold Corp. (“**Equinox**”) in connection with a proposed arrangement (the “**Arrangement**”) involving, among other things, the distribution of no par value shares of Solaris Copper Inc. (“**Solaris Copper**”) to shareholders of Equinox on the basis of one-tenth of a Solaris Copper no par value share (each, a “**Solaris Copper Share**”) per each Equinox Share held and the distribution of common shares of Equinox following the closing of the Arrangement (each, a “**New Equinox Share**”) to each holder of Equinox Shares on the basis of one New Equinox Share per each Equinox Share, as described in the management information circular (the “**Circular**”) of Equinox dated June 20, 2018, which is to be considered at an annual and special meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of holders of securities of Equinox scheduled to be held on July 26, 2018 (or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof). Holders of Equinox Shares (the “**Shareholders**”) are referred to the Circular, including the schedules attached thereto that accompany this Letter of Transmittal. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Glossary of Defined Terms in the Circular. Shareholders whose Equinox Shares are registered in the name of a broker, investment dealer, bank, trust company or other nominee should contact that nominee for assistance in depositing those Equinox Shares.

TO: Equinox Gold Corp.  
AND TO: Solaris Copper Inc.  
AND TO: Computershare Investor Services Inc. (the “**Depository**”)

<p>The undersigned Shareholder hereby irrevocably deposits the Equinox Shares held by the undersigned. Each Shareholder will receive, for each one Equinox Share, one-tenth of one Solaris Copper Share and one New Equinox Share pursuant to the Arrangement.</p>
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No fractional Solaris Copper Shares will be issued to any Registered Shareholder in connection with the Arrangement. If a Registered Shareholder is entitled to receive a fractional Solaris Copper Share pursuant to the Arrangement, then the number of Solaris Copper Shares to which such Registered Shareholder is entitled shall be rounded down to the next whole number and such Registered Shareholder will not receive any consideration in lieu of such fractional share.

**Registered Shareholders who do not deliver their Equinox Share certificates or Direct Registration System advice statement (“DRS Advice”) and all other required documents to the Depository on or before the date which is six years after the Effective Date, which is expected to be 2 business days following the Arrangement, shall lose their right to receive New Equinox Shares and the Solaris Copper Shares for their Equinox Shares and cease to have any claim or interest of any kind or nature against Equinox, Solaris Copper or the Depository.**

This Letter of Transmittal is for use by registered holders of Equinox Shares only and is not to be used by non-registered, beneficial holders of Equinox Shares. A non-registered holder does not have Equinox Shares registered in its name; rather, such Equinox Shares are registered in the name of the brokerage firm, bank or trust company through which it purchased the Equinox Shares or in the name of a clearing agency (such as CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.) of which the intermediary is a participant. Nonregistered holders of Equinox Shares should contact their nominee (i.e., broker, trust company, bank or other registered holder) which holds the certificates representing Equinox Shares on their behalf for instructions and assistance in delivering those Equinox shares to the Depository under the arrangement.

Please read the Circular and the instructions set out below carefully before completing this Letter of Transmittal. Delivery of this Letter of Transmittal to an address other than as set forth herein will not constitute a valid delivery. If Equinox Shares are registered in different names, a separate Letter of Transmittal must be submitted for each different registered owner. See Instructions 2 and 5 on pages 6 and 7

**of this Letter of Transmittal. Any questions and requests for assistance may be directed by Shareholders to the Depositary at the telephone number or email address set out at the end of this Letter of Transmittal.**

The undersigned encloses herewith the following certificate(s) for those Equinox Shares registered in the name of the undersigned or duly endorsed for transfer to the undersigned:

**DESCRIPTION OF EQUINOX SHARES DEPOSITED**  
(please print)

Certificate Number(s)	Name(s) and Address(es) of Registered Holder(s)	Number of Equinox Shares Deposited
		<b>TOTAL:</b>

It is understood that, upon receipt of this Letter of Transmittal duly completed and signed and of the certificate(s)/DRS Advice representing the Equinox Shares deposited herewith (the “**Deposited Shares**”) and following the Effective Date, the Depositary will mail to the undersigned the certificate or DRS Advice representing the New Equinox Shares and the certificate or DRS Advice representing the Solaris Copper Shares that the undersigned is entitled to receive under the Arrangement, or hold such DRS Advice or certificate for pick-up in accordance with the instructions set out below. It is understood that all payments (including the delivery of New Equinox Shares and Solaris Copper Shares) will be net of any amounts required to be withheld by law including in respect of any applicable withholding taxes.

The undersigned holder of Equinox Shares represents and warrants in favour of Equinox and Solaris Copper that: (i) the undersigned is the registered holder of the Deposited Shares; (ii) such shares are owned by the undersigned free and clear of all mortgages, liens, charges, encumbrances, security interests and adverse claims; (iii) the undersigned has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Letter of Transmittal and to deposit, sell, assign, transfer and deliver the Deposited Shares and that, when the DRS Advices or certificates representing New Equinox Shares and Solaris Copper Shares are delivered, none of Equinox or Solaris Copper, or any successor thereto will be subject to any adverse claim in respect of such Deposited Shares; (iv) the Deposited Shares have not been sold, assigned or transferred, nor has any agreement been entered into to sell, assign or transfer any such Deposited Shares, to any other person; (v) the surrender of the Deposited Shares complies with all applicable laws; (vi) all information inserted by the undersigned into this Letter of Transmittal is complete, true and accurate, and (vii) unless the undersigned shall have revoked this Letter of Transmittal by notice in writing given to the Depositary prior to the Effective Date, the undersigned will not, prior to such time, transfer or permit to be transferred any of such Deposited Shares. These representations and warranties set forth herein shall survive the completion of the Arrangement.

Except for any proxy deposited with respect to the votes at the Meeting, the undersigned revokes any and all authority, other than as granted in this Letter of Transmittal, whether as agent, attorney-in-fact, proxy or otherwise, previously conferred or agreed to be conferred by the undersigned at any time with respect to the Deposited Shares and no subsequent authority, whether as agent, attorney-in-fact, proxy or otherwise, will be granted with respect to the Deposited Shares.

The undersigned will, upon request, execute any signature guarantees or additional documents deemed by the Depositary to be reasonably necessary or desirable to complete the transfer of the Deposited Shares.

The undersigned acknowledges that all authority conferred or agreed to be conferred by the undersigned in this Letter of Transmittal is, to the greatest extent permitted by Law, irrevocable and may be exercised during any subsequent legal incapacity of the undersigned and shall, to the greatest extent permitted by Law, survive the death or incapacity of the undersigned and any obligation of the undersigned hereunder shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the undersigned.

The undersigned instructs Equinox, Solaris Copper and the Depositary to mail the certificates or DRS Advices representing New Equinox Shares and Solaris Copper Shares, that the undersigned is entitled to receive under the Arrangement representing payment for the Deposited Shares promptly after the Effective Date, by first-class insured

mail, postage prepaid, to the undersigned, or to hold such DRS Advices or certificates for pick-up, in accordance with the instructions given below. If no such address is specified by the undersigned, the applicable DRS Advices or certificates will be sent to the address of the undersigned as shown on the register of Registered Shareholders maintained by the registrar and transfer agent of Equinox. The DRS Advices or certificates, mailed in accordance with this paragraph, will be deemed to be delivered at the time of mailing.

If the Arrangement is not completed or proceeded with, the enclosed certificate(s)/DRS Advice representing the Equinox Shares and all other ancillary documents will be returned forthwith to the undersigned at the address set out below in Box "D" or, failing such address being specified, to the undersigned at the last address of the undersigned as it appears on the securities register of Equinox.

The undersigned acknowledges that there shall be no duty or obligation on Equinox, Solaris Copper, the Depositary or any other person to give notice of any defect or irregularity in any deposit and no liability shall be incurred by any of them for failure to give such notice.

It is understood that under no circumstances will interest accrue or be paid on the New Equinox Shares or Solaris Copper Shares issuable in respect of the Deposited Shares in connection with the Arrangement.

By reason of the use by the undersigned of an English language Letter of Transmittal, the undersigned and each of you shall be deemed to have required that any contract in connection with the delivery of the New Equinox Shares and Solaris Copper Shares pursuant to the Arrangement through this Letter of Transmittal, as well as all documents related thereto, be drawn exclusively in the English language. En raison de l'utilisation d'une lettre d'envoi en langue anglaise par le soussigné, le soussigné et les destinataires sont présumés avoir requis que tout contrat attesté par ceci et son acceptation au moyen de la présente lettre d'envoi, de même que tous les documents qui s'y rapportent, soient rédigés exclusivement en langue anglaise.

**BOX A**  
**DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS**

New Equinox Shares and Solaris Copper Shares will be issued and mailed to your existing registration unless otherwise stated. If you would like your shares issued to a different name or address, please complete BOX B and refer to INSTRUCTION 2 & 3

- MAIL SHARES TO ADDRESS ON RECORD **(DEFAULT)**
- MAIL SHARES TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS (MUST COMPLETE BOX B)
- HOLD SHARES FOR PICKUP AT COMPUTERSHARE OFFICE (CHECK LOCATION)
- TORONTO**    **VANCOUVER**

SEE INSTRUCTION SECTION 8 FOR OFFICE ADDRESSES

**BOX B**  
**SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS\*:**

**CHECK BOX IF SAME AS EXISTING REGISTRATION (DEFAULT)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET NUMBER & NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY AND PROVINCE/STATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(COUNTRY AND POSTAL/ZIP CODE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TELEPHONE NUMBER (BUSINESS HOURS))

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SOCIAL INSURANCE/SECURITY NUMBER)

**\* IF THIS NAME OR ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR REGISTRATION, PLEASE PROVIDE SUPPORTING TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS (SEE INSTRUCTION SECTION 2 & 3)**

**BOX C**  
*RESIDENCY DECLARATION*

**ALL EQUINOX SHAREHOLDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A RESIDENCY DECLARATION. FAILURE TO COMPLETE A RESIDENCY DECLARATION MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN YOUR RECEIPT OF SOLARIS COPPER SHARES AND NEW EQUINOX SHARES.**

The undersigned represents that:

- The beneficial owner of the Equinox Shares deposited herewith **is** a U.S. Shareholder.
- The beneficial owner of the Equinox Shares deposited herewith **is not** a U.S. Shareholder.

A “**U.S. Shareholder**” is any Equinox shareholder who is either (i) providing an address in Box “A” that is located within the United States or any territory or possession thereof, or (ii) a “U.S. person” for the United States federal income tax purposes as defined in Instruction 7 below. If you are a U.S. person or acting on behalf of a U.S. person, then in order to avoid backup withholding of U.S. federal income tax you must provide a complete IRS Form W-9 (enclosed) below or otherwise provide certification that the U.S. person is exempt from backup withholding, as provided in the instructions (see Part VIII). If you are not a U.S. Shareholder as defined in (ii) above, but you provide an address that is located within the United States, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

**BOX D**  
**DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS**  
**(in the event the Arrangement is not completed)**

**To be completed by all Equinox Shareholders by selecting one box below.**

Mail certificate/DRS Advice to (please fill in address for mailing):

(Name)
(Street Address and Number)
(City and Province or State)
(Country and Postal (Zip) Code)

Or

Hold certificate/DRS Advice for pick-up at the office of the Depository where the Equinox Shares were deposited.

**SHAREHOLDER SIGNATURE(S)**

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Signature guaranteed by  
(if required under Instruction 3)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Guarantor (please print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Guarantor (please print or type)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Shareholder or authorized representative  
(see Instructions 2 and 4)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Shareholder (please print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of authorized representative, if applicable  
(please print or type)

## INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Use of the Letter of Transmittal

To receive the Solaris Copper Shares and the New Equinox Shares upon completion of the Arrangement, Shareholders must deposit with the Depository (at any of the offices specified below), on or before the sixth anniversary of the closing of the Arrangement (the “Effective Date”), a duly completed Letter of Transmittal together with the certificate(s) representing their Equinox Shares.

**Pursuant to the terms of the Arrangement, any certificates formerly representing Equinox Shares that are not deposited with the Depository together with a duly completed Letter of Transmittal and any other documents the Depository reasonably requires, on or before the sixth anniversary of the Effective Date, shall cease to represent a right or claim of any kind or nature and the right of the holder of certificates of Equinox Shares to receive the Solaris Copper Shares and the New Equinox Shares for such Equinox Shares shall be deemed to be surrendered together with all dividends or distributions thereon held for such holder (less any applicable withholding tax).**

The method used to deliver this Letter of Transmittal and any accompanying certificates representing the Equinox Shares is at the option and risk of the holder, and delivery will be deemed effective only when such documents are actually received by the Depository. Equinox and Solaris Copper recommends that the necessary documentation be hand delivered to the Depository, at any of the offices specified below, and a receipt obtained; otherwise the use of registered mail with return receipt requested, properly insured, is recommended.

### 2. Signatures

This Letter of Transmittal must be filled in, dated and signed by the holder of the Equinox Shares described above or by such holder’s duly authorized representative (in accordance with Instruction 4).

- (a) If this Letter of Transmittal is signed by the registered holder(s) of the accompanying certificate(s), such signature(s) on this Letter of Transmittal must correspond with the name(s) as registered or as written on the face of such certificate(s) without any change whatsoever, and the certificate(s) need not be endorsed. If such deposited certificate(s) is/are held of record by two or more joint holders, all such holders must sign this Letter of Transmittal.
- (b) If this Letter of Transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered holder(s) of the accompanying certificate(s), or if certificate(s) representing the Solaris Copper Shares and the New Equinox Shares are to be issued to a person other than the registered holder(s);
  - (i) such deposited certificate(s) must be endorsed or be accompanied by appropriate share transfer power(s) of attorney duly and properly completed by the registered holder(s); and
  - (ii) the signature(s) on such endorsement or share transfer power(s) of attorney must correspond exactly to the name(s) of the registered holder(s) as registered or as appearing on the certificate(s) and must be guaranteed as noted in Instruction 3 below.

### 3. Guarantee of Signatures

No signature guarantee is required on this Letter of Transmittal if it is signed by the registered holder(s) of the Equinox Shares deposited therewith, unless that Shareholder has completed the box entitled “Special Registration Instructions”.

Where the Shareholder has completed the box entitled “Special Registration Instructions”, all signatures on this Letter of Transmittal must be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution (as defined below) or in some other manner satisfactory to the Depository (except that no guarantee is required if the signature is that of an Eligible Institution). See also Instruction 2.

An “Eligible Institution” means a Canadian Schedule I chartered bank, a major trust company in Canada, a member of the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program (STAMP), a member of the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program (SEMP) or a member of the New York Stock Exchange Inc. Medallion Signature Program (MSP).

Members of these programs are usually members of a recognized stock exchange in Canada and the United States, members of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada, members of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority or banks and trust companies in the United States.

#### **4. Fiduciaries, Representatives and Authorizations**

Where this Letter of Transmittal is executed by a person as an executor, administrator, trustee or guardian or on behalf of a corporation, partnership or association or is executed by any other person acting in a representative or fiduciary capacity, this Letter of Transmittal must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of their proof of appointment and authority to act. Equinox, Solaris Copper, and the Depository may, at their discretion, require additional evidence of appointment or authority or additional documentation.

#### **5. Miscellaneous**

- (a) If the space on this Letter of Transmittal is insufficient to list all certificates for Equinox Shares, additional certificate numbers and numbers of Equinox Shares may be included on a separate signed list affixed to this Letter of Transmittal.
- (b) If Equinox Shares are registered in different forms (e.g., “John Doe” or “J. Doe”) a separate Letter of Transmittal should be signed for each different registration.
- (c) No alternative, conditional or contingent deposits will be accepted.
- (d) Additional copies of this Letter of Transmittal may be obtained from the Depository at any of its offices at the addresses listed below.
- (e) Equinox and Solaris Copper reserves the right, if they so elect, in their absolute discretion, to instruct the Depository to waive any defect or irregularity contained in any Letter of Transmittal received by the Depository.
- (f) This Letter of Transmittal will be construed in accordance with, and be governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.
- (g) The parties hereto confirm that it is their wish that this Letter of Transmittal as well as all other documents relating hereto, including notices, have been and shall be drawn up in English. *Les parties aux présentes confirment leur consentement à ce que cette lettre d’envoi de même que tous les documents, ainsi que tout avis s’y rattachant, soient rédigés en anglais.*

#### **6. Lost Certificates**

If a share certificate has been lost or destroyed, this Letter of Transmittal should be completed as fully as possible and forwarded, together with a letter describing the loss, to the Depository. The Depository will respond with the replacement requirements, which must be properly completed and submitted in good order to the Depository on or prior to the sixth anniversary of the Effective Date.

#### **7. Return of Certificates**

If the Arrangement does not proceed for any reason, any certificate(s)/DRS Advice for Equinox Shares received by the Depository will be returned to you forthwith in accordance with your delivery instructions in Box “D” on this Letter of Transmittal, or failing such address being specified, to the undersigned at the last address of the undersigned as it appears on the securities register of Equinox.

#### **8. Privacy Notice**

The Depository is committed to protecting personal information. In the course of providing services, the Depository receives non-public personal information about shareholders from transactions the Depository performs, forms a shareholder may send to the Depository or other communications the Depository may have with a shareholder and its representatives. This information could include a shareholder’s name, address, social insurance number, securities holdings and other financial information. The Depository uses this to administer a shareholder’s account, to better serve client needs and for other lawful purposes relating to its services. The Depository has prepared a Privacy Code to tell shareholders more about its information practices and how their privacy is protected. It is available at the

Depository's website, at [www.computershare.com](http://www.computershare.com), or by writing to the Depository at 100 University Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1. The Depository will use any information a Shareholder provides with this Letter of Transmittal in order to process a Shareholder's request and will consider a Shareholder's submission of this Letter of Transmittal as its consent to the above.

**8. Payment Entitlement Pickup Locations**

Entitlements may be picked up at applicable Computershare office locations with Counter services. Pick-up instructions must be selected in Box A. Below are the applicable Computershare office locations:

<b>Toronto</b>	<b>Vancouver</b>
100 University Ave 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor, North Tower Toronto ON M5J 2Y1	510 Burrard Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vancouver, BC V6C 3B7



**OFFICES OF THE DEPOSITARY,  
COMPUTERSHARE INVESTOR SERVICES INC.**

***By Mail***

P.O. Box 7021  
31 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5C 3H2

Attention: Corporate Actions

***By Registered Mail, Hand or by Courier to the attention of Corporate Actions as follows:***

***Toronto:***

100 University Ave.  
8th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5J 2Y1

***Inquiries***

Toll Free: 1-800-564-6253 (North America)  
Phone: 1-514-982-7555 (Overseas)  
E-mail: [corporateactions@computershare.com](mailto:corporateactions@computershare.com)

**Any questions and requests for assistance may be directed by Shareholders to the Depositary at the telephone number or email address set out above.**

**APPENDIX A – FORM W-9**

(See attached.)

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<b>1</b> Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	<b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	<b>3</b> Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____ <b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is <b>not</b> disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ► _____	<b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	<b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	<b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code	
	<b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)	

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

<b>Social security number</b>									
				-			-		
<b>or</b>									
<b>Employer identification number</b>									
					-				

## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ►	Date ►
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

## Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends or interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

**Note:** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

## Backup Withholding

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

## What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note: ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a “disregarded entity.” See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner’s name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity’s name on line 2, “Business name/disregarded entity name.” If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

### Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

### Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

### Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

#### Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

**Note:** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

## Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

## Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

## Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note:** See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at [www.SSA.gov](http://www.SSA.gov). You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/Businesses](http://www.irs.gov/Businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to [www.irs.gov/Forms](http://www.irs.gov/Forms) to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to [www.irs.gov/OrderForms](http://www.irs.gov/OrderForms) to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note:** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.



**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.**

You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.**

You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.**

You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**What Name and Number To Give the Requester**

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

\***Note:** The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

**Note:** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

**Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.**

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or report them at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). You can contact the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov) and Pub. 5027.

Visit [www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft](http://www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.