

**Withholding Exemption Certificate****2010**

(This form can only be used to certify exemption from nonresident withholding under California R&amp;TC Section 18662. Do not use this form for exemption from wage withholding.)

**590****File this form with your withholding agent.** (Please type or print)

Withholding agent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor/Payee's name \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor/Payee's  SSN or ITIN  
 SOS file no.  CA corp. no.  FEIN

Address (number and street, PO Box, or PMB no.) \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. no./ Ste. no. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Read the following carefully and check the box that applies to the vendor/payee.

I certify that for the reasons checked below, the entity or individual named on this form is exempt from the California income tax withholding requirement on payment(s) made to the entity or individual.

 **Individuals — Certification of Residency:**

I am a resident of California and I reside at the address shown above. If I become a nonresident at any time, I will promptly notify the withholding agent. See instructions for General Information D, Who is a Resident, for the definition of a resident.

 **Corporations:**

The above-named 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 and withhold on payments of California source income to nonresidents when required. 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 F, What is a Permanent Place of Business, for the definition of permanent place of business.

 **Partnerships or Limited Liability Companies (LLC):**

The above-named 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 and will withhold on foreign and domestic nonresident partners or members when required. 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 above-named entity is exempt from tax under California R&amp;TC Section 23701 \_\_\_\_\_ (insert letter) or Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number). The tax-exempt entity will withhold on payments of California source income to nonresidents when required. If this entity ceases to be exempt from tax, I will promptly notify the withholding agent. Individuals cannot be tax-exempt entities.

 **Insurance Companies, IRAs, or Qualified Pension/Profit Sharing Plans:**

The above-named entity is an insurance company, IRA, or a federally qualified pension or profit-sharing plan.

 **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 and will withhold on foreign and domestic nonresident beneficiaries when required. If the trustee 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. The decedent was a California resident at the time of death. The estate will file a California fiduciary tax return and will withhold on foreign and domestic nonresident beneficiaries when required.

 **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:** Please complete and sign below.

Under penalties of perjury, I hereby certify that the information provided in this document is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. If conditions change, I will promptly notify the withholding agent.

Vendor/Payee's name and title (type or print) \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor/Payee's signature ► \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Instructions for Form 590

## Withholding Exemption Certificate

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

### What's New

**Backup Withholding** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, with certain limited exceptions, payers that are required to withhold and remit backup withholding to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are also required to withhold and remit to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB). The California backup withholding rate is 7% of the payment. For California purposes, dividends, interests, and any financial institutions release of loan funds made in the normal course of business are exempt from backup withholding. For additional information on California backup withholding, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **backup withholding**.

#### **Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA)**

– The MSRRA amended the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, a nonmilitary spouse of a military servicemember shall neither lose nor acquire a residence or domicile for purposes of taxation by reason of being absent from or present in California to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with the servicemember's military orders if the servicemember and spouse have the same domicile. 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, get FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel.

### General Information

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.

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

**Foreign Address** – Enter the information in the following order: City, Country, Province/Region, and Postal Code. Follow the country's practice for entering the postal code. **Do not** abbreviate the country's name.

### A Purpose

Use Form 590, Withholding Exemption Certificate, to certify an exemption from nonresident withholding. California residents or entities should complete and present Form 590 to the withholding agent. 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 told by the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) that the form should not be relied upon.

**Important** – This form cannot be used for exemption from wage withholding. If you are an employee, any wage withholding questions should be directed to the FTB General Information number, 800.852.5711. Employers should direct their calls to the California Employment Development Department (EDD) at 888.745.3886 or go to [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov).

Sellers of California real estate use Form 593-C, Real Estate Withholding Certificate, not Form 590.

### B Requirement

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 S corporation shareholders, partners and members 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 for the right to use natural resources located in California.
- Distributions of California source income to nonresident beneficiaries from an estate or trust.
- 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 and waiver requests, get FTB Pub. 1017, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Guidelines. To get a withholding publication see General Information H, Publications, Forms, and Additional Information.

### C Who can Execute this Form

Form 590 can be executed by the entity or individual listed on this form.

If an entertainer (a person or a 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 vendor/payee for withholding purposes. Therefore, if the vendor/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 Who is a Resident

A California resident is any individual who is in California for other than a temporary or transitory purpose or any individual domiciled in California who is absent for a temporary or transitory purpose.

An individual domiciled in California who is absent from California for an uninterrupted period of at least 546 consecutive days under an employment-related contract is considered outside California for other than a temporary or transitory purpose.

An individual is still considered outside California for other than a temporary or transitory purpose if return visits to California do not total more than 45 days during any taxable year covered by an employment contract.

This provision does not apply if an individual has income from stocks, bonds, notes, or other intangible personal property in excess of \$200,000 in any taxable year in which the employment-related contract is in effect.

A spouse/RDP absent from California for an uninterrupted period of at least 546 days to accompany a spouse/RDP under an employment-related contract is considered outside of California for other than a temporary or transitory purpose.

Generally, an individual who comes to California for a purpose which will extend over a long or indefinite period will be considered a resident. However, an individual who comes to perform a particular contract of short duration will be considered a nonresident.

For assistance in determining resident status, get FTB Pub. 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status, and FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel, or call the FTB at 800.852.5711 or 916.845.6500.

### E Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA)

Generally, for tax purposes you are considered to maintain your existing residence or domicile. However, under newly enacted MSRRA, 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 (Note: 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 ).

For assistance in determining whether the applicant meets the MSRRA requirements, get FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel.

## F What is a 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 if it is a foreign corporation qualified to transact intrastate business by the California SOS. 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.

## G Withholding Agent

Keep Form 590 for your records. Do **not** send this form to the FTB unless it has been specifically requested.

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

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

- The individual vendor/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.

The withholding agent must then withhold and report the withholding using Form 592, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Statement, and remit the withholding using Form 592-A, Payment Voucher for Foreign Partner or Member Withholding. Form 592-B, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement, is retained by the withholding agent and a copy is given to the payee.

## H Publications, Forms, and Additional Information

You can download, view, and print California tax forms and publications at [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov).

To have publications or forms mailed to you or to get additional nonresident withholding information, contact the Withholding Services and Compliance.

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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](http://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

### Asistencia Por Internet y Teléfono

Sitio web: [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov)  
Teléfono: 800.852.5711 dentro de los Estados Unidos  
916.845.6500 fuera de los Estados Unidos

TTY/TDD: 800.822.6268 personas con discapacidades auditivas y del habla