

W-9 form; request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

For joint accounts, each account holder must complete a separate form. The form W-9 must be completed correctly without any alterations. If you make a mistake, please start again with a new form. Do not use liquid paper or any other correctional tool.

All W Forms must be completed in English

Form W-9
Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes:
 Individual/sole proprietor or single member LLC
 C Corporation
 S Corporation
 Partnership
 Trust/estate
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C-C corporation, S-S corporation, P-partnership) in the box below for the tax classification of the single member owner.
 Other (see instructions)

4 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) _____
 (Apply to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) _____ Requestor's name and address (optional) _____

6 City, state, and ZIP code _____

7 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 resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN on page 3.
 Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification
 Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:
 1. 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
 2. 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
 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Sign Here _____ **C** _____ **D** _____
 Signature of U.S. person Date

General Instructions
 Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.
Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/efile.

Purpose of Form
 An individual or entity (Form W-9 requestor) 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-INT (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 broker)
 • Form 1099-G (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 • Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

• Form 1088 (home mortgage interest), 1088-E (student loan interest), 1088-T (tuition)
 • Form 1089-C (canceled debt)
 • Form 1089-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
 • Form 1089-B only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
 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 requestor with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.
 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 partner 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? on page 2 for further information.

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- Line 1** Insert the full name as shown on your income tax return form
- Line 2** Insert your business name/disregarded entity name **only** if the answer is different to your answer for Line 1
- Line 3** Only check **one** box in this section. If you are a limited liability company, check the LLC box and enter your tax classification as C (corporation), S (S Corporation) or P (partnership)
- Line 4** (if applicable) Write down the 'Exempt Payee Code' and 'Exemption from FATCA reporting code' in the fields indicated
Note: if you have any queries regarding these codes, please seek independent tax advice
- Line 5** Enter your full street address
- Line 6** Enter your city/town, country and/or state, post code/ZIP
- Line 7** We recommend that you **do not** list any account numbers as you may have to provide forms for accounts you have not included

PART 1 Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

- A** For individuals or sole proprietors: enter your social security number (SSN)
- B** For entities (ie businesses) enter your employer identification number (EIN)

Note: A valid US Tax identification number will always

- include numbers (no letters or other characters)
- be made up of nine digits
- and never
- consist of nine of the same number
- be made up of nine sequential numbers either ascending or descending

If you have applied for a TIN or are about to, please enter **Applied** for in either the SSN or TIN boxes. You will have 60 days to provide us with the TIN

Part 11 Certification

C and D Please sign and date the form. If you are signing on behalf of an entity, please be sure you are authorised to do so.

Note: This form can only be signed under a Power of Attorney (POA) if the PAO specifically states that the agent/attorney is able to sign on tax matters or tax forms and a copy is provided or held, alternatively if an IRS Form 2848 is provided

HSBC is unable to provide tax advice. For tax advice please refer to an independent tax advisor.

