

# Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding

OMB No. 1545-1621

▶ **Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code. ▶ See separate instructions.**  
 ▶ **Give this form to the withholding agent or payer. Do not send to the IRS.**

**Do not use this form for:**

- A U.S. citizen or other U.S. person, including a resident alien individual . . . . . **W-9**
- A person claiming that income is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States . . . . . **W-8ECI**
- A foreign partnership, a foreign simple trust, or a foreign grantor trust (see instructions for exceptions) . . . . . **W-8ECI or W-8IMY**
- A foreign government, international organization, foreign central bank of issue, foreign tax-exempt organization, foreign private foundation, or government of a U.S. possession that received effectively connected income or that is claiming the applicability of section(s) 115(2), 501(c), 892, 895, or 1443(b) (see instructions) . . . . . **W-8ECI or W-8EXP**

**Instead, use Form:**

**Note:** These entities should use Form W-8BEN if they are claiming treaty benefits or are providing the form only to claim they are a foreign person exempt from backup withholding.

- A person acting as an intermediary . . . . . **W-8IMY**

**Note:** See instructions for additional exceptions.

**Part I Identification of Beneficial Owner** (See instructions.)

<b>1</b> Name of individual or organization that is the beneficial owner	<b>2</b> Country of incorporation or organization
<b>3</b> Type of beneficial owner:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Disregarded entity <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Simple trust <input type="checkbox"/> Grantor trust <input type="checkbox"/> Complex trust <input type="checkbox"/> Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> International organization <input type="checkbox"/> Central bank of issue <input type="checkbox"/> Tax-exempt organization <input type="checkbox"/> Private foundation	
<b>4</b> Permanent residence address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route). <b>Do not use a P.O. box or in-care-of address.</b>	
City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.	Country (do not abbreviate)
<b>5</b> Mailing address (if different from above)	
City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.	Country (do not abbreviate)
<b>6</b> U.S. taxpayer identification number, if required (see instructions)	<b>7</b> Foreign tax identifying number, if any (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> SSN or ITIN <input type="checkbox"/> EIN	
<b>8</b> Reference number(s) (see instructions)	

**Part II Claim of Tax Treaty Benefits** (if applicable)

**9 I certify that (check all that apply):**

**a**  The beneficial owner is a resident of .....within the meaning of the income tax treaty between the United States and that country.

**b**  If required, the U.S. taxpayer identification number is stated on line 6 (see instructions).

**c**  The beneficial owner is not an individual, derives the item (or items) of income for which the treaty benefits are claimed, and, if applicable, meets the requirements of the treaty provision dealing with limitation on benefits (see instructions).

**d**  The beneficial owner is not an individual, is claiming treaty benefits for dividends received from a foreign corporation or interest from a U.S. trade or business of a foreign corporation, and meets qualified resident status (see instructions).

**e**  The beneficial owner is related to the person obligated to pay the income within the meaning of section 267(b) or 707(b), and will file Form 8833 if the amount subject to withholding received during a calendar year exceeds, in the aggregate, \$500,000.

**10 Special rates and conditions** (if applicable—see instructions): The beneficial owner is claiming the provisions of Article ..... of the treaty identified on line 9a above to claim a .....% rate of withholding on (specify type of income): .....  
 Explain the reasons the beneficial owner meets the terms of the treaty article: .....

**Part III Notional Principal Contracts**

**11**  I have provided or will provide a statement that identifies those notional principal contracts from which the income is **not** effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States. I agree to update this statement as required.

**Part IV Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information on this form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I further certify under penalties of perjury that:

**1** I am the beneficial owner (or am authorized to sign for the beneficial owner) of all the income to which this form relates,

**2** The beneficial owner is not a U.S. person,

**3** The income to which this form relates is (a) not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, (b) effectively connected but is not subject to tax under an income tax treaty, or (c) the partner's share of a partnership's effectively connected income, **and**

**4** For broker transactions or barter exchanges, the beneficial owner is an exempt foreign person as defined in the instructions.

Furthermore, I authorize this form to be provided to any withholding agent that has control, receipt, or custody of the income of which I am the beneficial owner or any withholding agent that can disburse or make payments of the income of which I am the beneficial owner.

**Sign Here** ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of beneficial owner (or individual authorized to sign for beneficial owner)      Date (MM-DD-YYYY)      Capacity in which acting



**Certificate of Foreign Government or Other Foreign Organization for United States Tax Withholding**

(For use by foreign governments, international organizations, foreign central banks of issue, foreign tax-exempt organizations, foreign private foundations, and governments of U.S. possessions.)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**Do not use this form for:**

- Any foreign government or other foreign organization that is not claiming the applicability of section(s) 115(2), 501(c), 892, 895, or 1443(b). . . . . W-8BEN or W-8ECI
- A beneficial owner solely claiming foreign status or treaty benefits . . . . . W-8BEN
- A foreign partnership or a foreign trust . . . . . W-8BEN or W-8IMY
- A person claiming that income is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States . . . . . W-8ECI
- A person acting as an intermediary . . . . . W-8IMY

**Instead, use Form:**

**Part I Identification of Beneficial Owner** (See instructions before completing this part.)

1 Name of organization		2 Country of incorporation or organization	
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3 Type of entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign government	<input type="checkbox"/> International organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign central bank of issue (not wholly owned by the foreign sovereign)	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign tax-exempt organization
	<input type="checkbox"/> Government of a U.S. possession			<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign private foundation

4 Permanent address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route). **Do not use a P.O. box.**

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.	Country (do not abbreviate)
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5 Mailing address (if different from above)

City or town, state or province. Include postal or ZIP code where appropriate.	Country (do not abbreviate)
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6 U.S. taxpayer identification number, if required (see instructions)	7 Foreign tax identifying number, if any (optional)
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8 Reference number(s) (see instructions)

**Part II Qualification Statement**

**9 For a foreign government:**

- a  I certify that the entity identified in Part I is a foreign government within the meaning of section 892 and the payments are within the scope of the exemption granted by section 892.  
Check box 9b or box 9c, whichever applies:
- b  The entity identified in Part I is an integral part of the government of .....
- c  The entity identified in Part I is a controlled entity of the government of .....

**10 For an international organization:**

- I certify that:
- The entity identified in Part I is an international organization within the meaning of section 7701(a)(18) **and**
  - The payments are within the scope of the exemption granted by section 892.

**11 For a foreign central bank of issue (not wholly owned by the foreign sovereign):**

- I certify that:
- The entity identified in Part I is a foreign central bank of issue,
  - The entity identified in Part I does not hold obligations or bank deposits to which this form relates for use in connection with the conduct of a commercial banking function or other commercial activity, **and**
  - The payments are within the scope of the exemption granted by section 895.

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