Form W-2c

Corrected Wage and Tax Statement

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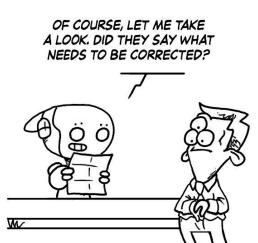
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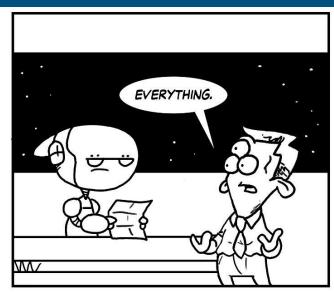
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Form W-2 review

Form W-2, also known as the Wage and Tax Statement, is the document an employer is required to send to each employee and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at the end of the year (no later than January 31st unless otherwise specified)

A W-2 reports employees' annual wages and the amount of taxes withheld from their paychecks.

A W-2 employee is someone whose employer deducts taxes from their paychecks and submits this information to the government.



What's on a W-2?

Boxes A through F

The lettered boxes on a W-2 include the name and address of EE and ER, Social Security number, and the ER's EIN

Boxes 1 and 2

Box 1 shows the taxable income, including wages, salary, tips, and bonuses, while Box 2 shows how much federal income tax was withheld.

Boxes 3 and 4

Box 3 details the earnings that were subject to Social Security tax and Box 4 the amount of Social Security tax that was withheld.

Boxes 5 and 6

Box 5 shows Medicare subject tax and Box 6 how much was withheld.

Boxes 7 and 8

If the employee received tips, these boxes show how much was reported in tips Box 7, and allocated tips Box 8.

What's on a W-2?

Box 9

This box was used to reflect a now-defunct tax perk, so it is left empty.

Box 10

Box 10 reports how much was received from your employer in dependent care benefits (if applicable).

Box 11

This box details how much deferred compensation the EE received from the ER in a non-qualified plan.

Box 12

Details other types of compensation or reductions from taxable income and a single or double letter code that corresponds to each. It might include, for example, contributions to a 401(k) plan (Code D)

Box 13

This box has three sub boxes designed to report pay that is not subject to federal income tax withholding, employer-sponsored retirement plan, or sick pay via a third-party, such as an insurance policy.



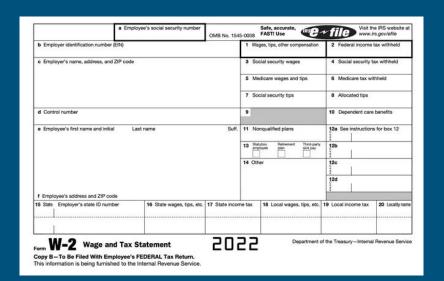
What's on a W-2?

Box 14

Used for reporting any other additional tax information that may not fit into the other sections of a W-2 form. A few examples are state disability insurance taxes withheld and union dues.

Boxes 15-20

The last six boxes on a W-2 all relate to state and local taxes, including how much pay is subject to these taxes and how much was withheld.



Form W-2

- Form W-2 reflects the employee's income earned and taxes withheld from the prior year.
- W-2's are reported with an employee's income tax returns
- The IRS also uses W-2 forms to track individuals' tax obligations.



Understanding Form W-2c

Form W-2c

Corrected Wage and Tax Statement

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a Employer's no	me, address, and ZIP cod	do.	c Tax year/Form corrected	d Employee's correct SSN
a Employer's na	me, address, and ZIP coc	De .	/ W-2	a Employee's correct SSN
			 Corrected SSN and/or name (Check g if incorrect on form previously filed 	
			Complete boxes f and/or g only if inco	rrect on form previously filed >
			f Employee's previously reported SSN	
b Employer's Fe	deral EIN		g Employee's previously reported name	
			h Employee's first name and initial	Last name Suff.
		at are being corrected (exception: for General Instructions for Forms W-2		
		for Form W-2c, boxes 5 and 6).	i Employee's address and ZIP code	
Previou	sly reported	Correct information	Previously reported	Correct information
	ther compensation	1 Wages, tips, other compensation	2 Federal income tax withheld	2 Federal income tax withheld
3 Social securi	ty wages	3 Social security wages	4 Social security tax withheld	4 Social security tax withheld
5 Medicare wa	ges and tips	5 Medicare wages and tips	6 Medicare tax withheld	6 Medicare tax withheld
7 Social securi	ty tips	7 Social security tips	8 Allocated tips	8 Allocated tips
9		9	10 Dependent care benefits	10 Dependent care benefits
11 Nonqualified		11 Nonqualified plans	12a See instructions for box 12	12a See instructions for box 12
13 Statutory Ret employee pla	n Sick pay	13 Statutory Retirement Third-party sick pay	12b	12b
14 Other (see ins	structions)	14 Other (see instructions)	12c	12c
			12d	12d
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		State Correction	n Information	
Braviou	sly reported	Correct information	Previously reported	Correct information
15 State	asiy reported	15 State	15 State	15 State
Employer's st	ate ID number	Employer's state ID number	Employer's state ID number	Employer's state ID number
16 State wages,	tips, etc.	16 State wages, tips, etc.	16 State wages, tips, etc.	16 State wages, tips, etc.
17 State income	tax	17 State income tax	17 State income tax	17 State income tax
		Locality Correct	ion Information	1
Previou	sly reported	Correct information	Previously reported	Correct information
18 Local wages,		18 Local wages, tips, etc.	18 Local wages, tips, etc.	18 Local wages, tips, etc.
19 Local income	tax	19 Local income tax	19 Local income tax	19 Local income tax
20 Locality name	,	20 Locality name	20 Locality name	20 Locality name

Copy 1-State, City, or Local Tax Department

Form W-2c (Rev. 8-2014)

Form W-2c Corrected Wage and Tax Statement is used to report a correction to an original W-2 form.

A W-2c is used:

- If the ER made an error in the EE's name or Social Security Number.
- If the ER made an error in the amount paid to the EE.



- Unlike Form W-2, Form W-2c is issued on as-needed basis.
 - After W-2s are issued and reported to the SSA, you need to use W-2c to make any and all changes to the original W-2.
- You can file W-2c for the current year and the three prior years.
- There is no specific deadline for filing W-2c.
 - BUT the employee will want it corrected ASAP so they can file or update their tax return.



Form W-2c includes the same 20 boxes from the Form W-2.

Each box is broken out to include a "Previously Reported" section and a "Correct Information" section.

Previously reported amounts are only included when correcting information.

Previously reported	Correct information
1 Wages, tips, other compensation	1 Wages, tips, other compensation
3 Social security wages	3 Social security wages
5 Medicare wages and tips	5 Medicare wages and tips
7 Social security tips	7 Social security tips



A W-2c contains the following sections:

- Personal Information
- Previously Reported Information
- Correct Information
- State Correction Information
- Locality Correction Information



Form W-2c breakdown:

- Copy A For Social Security Administration
- Copy 1 State, City, or Local Tax Department
- Copy B Employee's Federal Copy
- Copy C Employee Record Copy
- Copy 2 Employee State Copy
- Copy D For Employer



Form W-3c

Transmittal of Corrected Wage and Tax Statements

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55555	/	W	OMB	No. 1545-0008			
b Employer's na	ame, address, and ZIP c	ode	c Kind 941/941-SS	of Payer (Check one) Military 943 944 Hshld. Medicare emp. govt. emp.			
d Number of Fe	orms W-2c	e Employer's Federal EIN	i	f Establishment number		g Employer's st	ate ID number
Complete boxe incorrect on las	es h, i, or j only if st form filed.	h Employer's originally repor	ted Federal EIN	i Incorrect establishment n	umber	j Employer's inco	orrect state ID number
	s previously reported closed Forms W-2c.	Total of corrected amou shown on enclosed Forr		Total of amounts previously as shown on enclosed Form		Total of correct shown on enclo	ted amounts as osed Forms W-2c.
1 Wages, tips,	other compensation	1 Wages, tips, other com	pensation	2 Federal income tax withhe	eld	2 Federal incom	e tax withheld
3 Social securit	ty wages	3 Social security wages		4 Social security tax withhel	d	4 Social security	y tax withheld
5 Medicare wa	ges and tips	5 Medicare wages and tips		6 Medicare tax withheld		6 Medicare tax withheld	
7 Social securit	ty tips	7 Social security tips		8 Allocated tips		8 Allocated tips	
9		9		10 Dependent care benefits		10 Dependent ca	re benefits
11 Nonqualifie	ed plans	11 Nonqualified plans		12a Deferred compensation		12a Deferred com	pensation
14 Inc. tax w/h by	third-party sick pay payer	14 Inc. tax w/h by third-party	sick pay payer	12b		12b	
16 State wages,	tips, etc.	16 State wages, tips, etc.		17 State income tax		17 State income	tax
18 Local wages, tips, etc. 18 I		18 Local wages, tips, etc.		19 Local income tax		19 Local income tax	
Explain decre	ases here:			I.			
Has an adjust	tment been made o	on an employment tax re	eturn filed	with the Internal Revenue	Service?	☐ Yes ☐	No
If "Yes." give	date the return was	s filed ▶					
	of perjury, I declare that I		cluding accor	npanying documents, and, to the	best of my	knowledge and belie	f, it is true,
Signature ▶		Title ▶				Date ▶	
Employer's conta	ct person		Emp	Employer's telephone number For Official Use Onl			cial Use Only
Employer's fax nu	umber		Emi	Employer's email address			

Transmittal of Corrected Wage and Tax Statements

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Purpose of Form

Use this form to transmit Copy A of the most recent version of Form(s) W-2c, Corrected Wage and Tax Statement. Make a copy of Form W-3c and keep it with Copy D (For Employer) of Forms W-2c for your records. File Form W-3c even if only one Form W-2c is being filed or if those Forms W-2c are being filed only to correct an employee's name and social security number (SSN) or the employer identification number (EIN). See the General Instructions for Forms W-2 and W-3 for information on completing this form.

The SSA strongly suggests employers report Form W-3c and Forms W-2c Copy A electronically instead of on paper. The SSA provides two free e-filing options on its Business Services Online (BSO) website: . W-2c Online. Use fill-in forms to create, save, print, and submit up to 25 Forms

- W-2c at a time to the SSA.
- File Upload. Upload wage files to the SSA you have created using payroll or tax software that formats the files according to the SSA's Specifications for Filing Forms W-2c Electronically (EFW2C).

For more information, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/employer. First time filers, select "Go to Register"; returning filers select "Go To Log In." For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

File this form and Copy A of Form(s) W-2c with the Social Security Administration as soon as possible after you discover an error on Forms W-2, W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2CM, W-2VI, or W-2c. Provide Copies B, C, and 2 of Form W-2c to your employees as soon as nossible

Where To File

If you use the U.S. Postal Service, send Forms W-2c and W-3c to the following address:

Social Security Administration Data Operations Center P.O. Box 3333

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18767-3333

If you use a carrier other than the U.S. Postal Service, send Forms W-2c and W-3c to the following address:

Social Security Administration Data Operations Center 1150 E. Mountain Drive Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-7997

Cat. No. 10164R

Form W-2c MUST be accompanied by Form W-3c, Transmittal of Corrected Wage and Tax Statements when it is sent to the SSA.

Even when submitting only one Form W-2c to the SSA, it must also send in the Form W-3c transmittal.

Even when submitting only informational corrections, a Form W-3c must be filed.



When/How to create W-2c's

When to file Form W-2c

After original Form W-2's have been filed.

File Forms W-2c as soon as possible after you or your Employee discover an error.

Also, provide Form W-2c to employee(s) as soon as possible.

Pro Tip: Depending on the error, it might be a good time to review the entire company.



When to file From W-2c

Reasons for a W-2c

- Informational
 - An incorrect name or Social Security Number of an employee
 - An incorrect tax year or employer identification number (EIN)
- Monetary
 - An incorrect amount of an employee's earnings or tax withholdings.
- Administrative
 - Accidently filing two forms for an employee under an EIN when only one filing was necessary.
 - Mistakenly filing two forms for the same employee, but the wages on one were not correct.



For informational corrections use letter boxes a-i

a Employer's name, address, and ZIP code	c Tax year/Form corrected	d Employee's correct SSN	
	/ W-2		
	e Corrected SSN and/or name (Check g if incorrect on form previously filed		nd/or
	Complete boxes f and/or g only if incor	rect on form previously filed	•
	f Employee's previously reported SSN		
b Employer's Federal EIN	g Employee's previously reported name		
	h Employee's first name and initial	Last name	Suff.
Note. Only complete money fields that are being corrected (exception: for corrections involving MQGE, see the General Instructions for Forms W-2			
and W-3, under Specific Instructions for Form W-2c, boxes 5 and 6).	i Employee's address and ZIP code		

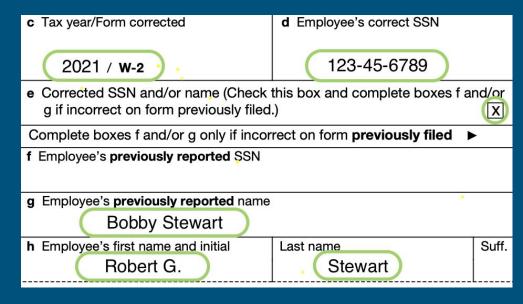
Correcting an employee's name and/or SSN

- Complete Form W-2c boxes d through i.
- Do not complete boxes 1 through 20.
- Advise your employee to correct the SSN and/or name on his or her original Form W-2.



Name Corrections:

- C. Put the year and Form type AS," "CM," "GU," "VI," or "c" to designate the form being corrected.
- D. You must enter the EE's correct SSN even if it was correct on the original Form W-2.
- E. Put an "x" to identify this is a SSN or Name change.
- G. Previously reported name
- H. Corrected name





SSN Corrections:

C. Put the year and Form type AS," "CM," "GU," "VI," or "c" to designate the form being corrected.

D. You must enter the EE's correct SSN even if it was correct on the original Form W-2.

E. Put an "x" to identify this is a SSN or Name change.

c Tax year/Form corrected

d Employee's correct SSN

2021 / W-2

123-45-6789

e Corrected SSN and/or name (Check this box and complete boxes f and/or g if incorrect on form previously filed.)

Complete boxes f and/or g only if incorrect on form previously filed

f Employee's previously reported SSN

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g Employee's previously reported name

F. Complete this box if you are correcting an employee's previously reported incorrect SSN and/or name. If the previous SSN was reported as blanks or not available, then box f should be all zeroes.



Informational change Tips:

- If the EE is given a new social security card following an adjustment to their resident status that shows a different name or SSN, file a Form W-2c for the most current year only.
- 2. If you need to correct an employee's name and SSN, and the SSN was reported as blanks or zeros and the employee's name was reported as blanks, do not use Form W-2c to report the corrections. You must contact the SSA at 800-772-6270 for instructions.

Tax Year/EIN corrections. An incorrect tax year or employer identification number (EIN) on Form W-2 - two Forms W-2c (and W-3c) should be filed for each employee:

- File one Form W-2c showing the incorrect tax year or EIN and reducing the previously reported money amounts to zero.
- File a second Form W-2c reporting the money amounts (showing zeros in the "previously reported" columns) in the correct year or with the correct EIN.

For monetary corrections use boxes 1-20

a Employer's name, address, and ZIP code	c Tax year/Form corrected	d Employee's correct SSN	
	/ W-2		
	e Corrected SSN and/or name (Check g if incorrect on form previously filed		nd/or
	Complete boxes f and/or g only if incor	rect on form previously filed	•
	f Employee's previously reported SSN		
b Employer's Federal EIN	g Employee's previously reported name		
	h Employee's first name and initial	Last name	Suff.
Note. Only complete money fields that are being corrected (exception: for corrections involving MQGE, see the General Instructions for Forms W-2			
and W-3, under Specific Instructions for Form W-2c, boxes 5 and 6).	i Employee's address and ZIP code	,	

Company Co. forgot to add the 2,500.00 Year End bonus paid on December 31st to the W-2 file. They discover this after W-2's have been filed.

Add the "taxable" bonus wages to the previously reported amount to create the correct information.

and	and W-3. under Specific Instructions for Form W-2c. boxes 5 and 6).					
	Previously reported			Correct information		
1	Wages, tips, other compensation 25,000.00		1	Wages, tips, other compensation 27,500.00		
3	Social security wages 25,000.00		3	Social security wages 27,500.00		
5	Medicare wages and tips 25,000.00		5	Medicare wages and tips 27,500.00		
7	Social security tips		7	Social security tips		

Next, the taxes withheld from the Bonus are then added to the previously reported amounts.

Repeat this process if state and local taxes were withheld from the bonus in boxes 15-20.

i E	i Employee's address and 7IP code						
	Previously reported			Correct information			
2	Federal income tax withheld 2,000.00		2	Federal income tax withheld 2,550.00			
4	Social security tax withheld 1,550.00		4	Social security tax withheld 1,705.00			
6	Medicare tax withheld 362.50		6	Medicare tax withheld 398.75			
8	Allocated tips		8	Allocated tips			

If there is no state impact, a completed W-2c would look as follows:

Previously reported	Correct information	Previously reported	Correct information
1 Wages, tips, other compensation	1 Wages, tips, other compensation	2 Federal income tax withheld	2 Federal income tax withheld
25,000.00	27,500.00	2,000.00	2,550.00
3 Social security wages	3 Social security wages	4 Social security tax withheld	4 Social security tax withheld
25,000.00	27,500.00	1,550.00	1,705.00
5 Medicare wages and tips	5 Medicare wages and tips	6 Medicare tax withheld	6 Medicare tax withheld
25,000.00	27,500.00	362.50	398.75
7 Social security tips	7 Social security tips	8 Allocated tips	8 Allocated tips
9	9	10 Dependent care benefits	10 Dependent care benefits
11 Nonqualified plans	11 Nonqualified plans	12a See instructions for box 12	12a See instructions for box 12
		o d e	o d e
13 Statutory Retirement Third-party employee plan Sick pay	13 Statutory Retirement Third-party sick pay	12b	12b
		o d e	o d e
14 Other (see instructions)	14 Other (see instructions)	12c	12c
		o d e	o d e
		12d °	12d
		o d e	o d e

Company Co. accidentally had 401k on their last paycheck. HR never made the deposits, but the EE wages need to be corrected. First we look at the wages.

Add the 401k amount to the federal wages, but note that SS/Med wages do not increase because they were already taxable for 401k.

Previously reported	Correct information		
1 Nages, tips, other compensation 29,000.00	1 Wages, tips, other compensation 30,000.00		
3 Social security wages	3 Social security wages		
5 Medicare wages and tips	5 Medicare wages and tips		
7 Social security tips	7 Social security tips		

Company Co. accidentally had 401k on their last paycheck. HR never made the deposits, but the EE wages need to be corrected. Now we look at taxes.

If no additional Federal Tax was withheld, the following boxes would remain blank.

Previously reported	Correct information
2 Federal income tax withheld	2 Federal income tax withheld
4 Social security tax withheld	4 Social security tax withheld
6 Medicare tax withheld	6 Medicare tax withheld
8 Allocated tips	8 Allocated tips

Company Co. accidentally had 401k on their last paycheck. HR never made the deposits, but the EE wages need to be corrected. Let's review deductions.

12a See instructions for box 12		
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12b		
o d e		
12c		
o d e		
12d		
C O d e		

Since 401k is a Box 12 item, the proper code will need to be adjusted as well.



Company Co. accidentally had 401k on their last paycheck. HR never made the deposits, but the EE wages need to be corrected. Finally the sub-boxes.

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11 Nonqualified plans	11 Nonqualified plans
13 Statutory employee plan Third-party sick pay	13 Statutory employee plan Third-party sick pay
14 Other (see instructions)	14 Other (see instructions)

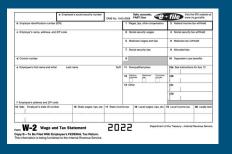
Retirement plan is also a Box 13 item, so be careful, this would also need to be updated.



Administrative corrections

Accidently filing two forms for an employee under an EIN when only one filing was necessary.







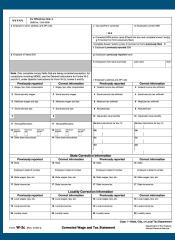


Administrative corrections

Mistakenly filing two forms for the same employee, but the wages on one were not correct.









Best Practices

Address issues

If the original W-2 reported an incorrect address for the employee, but all other information on the Form W-2 was correct, do not file Form W-2c with the SSA to correct the address.

However, if the address was incorrect on the Form W-2 furnished to the employee, the ER must do one of the following:

- 1. Issue a new, corrected Form W-2 to the employee that includes the new address. Indicate "REISSUED STATEMENT" on the new copies.
- Issue a Form W-2c to the employee that shows the correct address in box i and all other correct information.
- Reissue the Form W-2 with the incorrect address to the employee in an envelope showing the correct address or otherwise deliver it to the employee.

In all instances, the SSA does not need to be notified.



State changes

What happens when an employee has the wrong state/local taxes withheld?

Simple - If corrections are only for box 15 through 20—State/Local tax, do NOT send Copy A of Form W-2c to the SSA.

Send Form W-2c (Copy 1) to:

- 1. The appropriate state agency
- 2. The appropriate local agency
- 3. Copies to your impacted employees

The SSA guidance for correcting state information is to contact your state or locality for specific reporting information.



State changes

States that accept W-2c's

Alabama	Arizona	Arkansas	Colorado	Connecticut
Delaware	D.C.	Georgia	Hawaii	Idaho
Illinois	Indiana	Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana
Maryland	Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi
Missouri	Montana	New Jersey	Nebraska	New Mexico
North Carolina	North Dakota	Ohio	Oklahoma	Oregon
Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	South Carolina	Utah	Vermont
	Virginia	West Virginia	Wisconsin	



Box 12 changes

What happens when an employee has multiple Box 12 changes in excess of the 4 provided on the form?

Simple - If a single Form W-2c does not have enough blank boxes for corrections, use additional Forms W-2c.

12a See instructions for box 12	12a See instructions for box 12		
C o d e	0 d e		
12b	12b		
C o d e	C od e		
12c	12c		
C o d e	o d e		
12d	12d		
C o d e	C o d e		



E-Filing

- E-filing 250 or more Form(s) W-2c, you **must** file electronically.
- SSA W-2 Online service offers:
 - o Creation, save, print and submission of up to 50 Form(s) W-2c at a time.
- E-filing with the SSA, also requires no separate Form W-3c. An electronic Form W-3c will be created by the W-2 Online service.



Resources

Paper Forms W-2c and W-3c

Using Postal Service:

Social Security Administration Direct Operations Center P.O. Box 3333 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18767-3333 Non-U.S. Postal Service carrier:

Social Security Administration Direct Operations Center Attn: W-2c Process 1150 E. Mountain Drive Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-7997



Resources

- 1. SSA <u>www.socialsecurity.gov/employer</u>
- 2. SSA 1-800-772-6270
- 3. IRS General Instructions for Forms W-2 and W-3
- 4. www.track1099.com/
- 5. www.1099-etc.com/









Summary

5 key takeaways

- 1. W-2c's are not always needed
- 2. One W-2c request is a good time to do a full review
- W-2c changes rarely happen alone, be cognizant of other form changes
- 4. Only correct the boxes where changes occurred.
- File Forms W-2c (and W-3c) as soon as possible after you discover an error. Provide Form W-2c to the employee as soon as possible.



Thank you!

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