

Casual Hire Information Sheet

Payment Processing at the CPC

When the CPC receives the OF-288 from the Agency/Region, it takes up to 5 business days to process in our office. If there are questions on your timesheet needing clarification from your Agency, the process may take longer. Once processed, allow up to 5 business days to receive a Direct Deposit payment or up to 10 business days through the US mail for a Treasury Check (with EFT Waiver).

You may call to inquire about the status of your payment at any time. It would be helpful if you could provide your Agency's batch number to help us track your payment within our office.



To Update your Information

In order to change your name, address, taxes, direct deposit, or any other information pertaining to your profile, we need your signed consent (we cannot take the information over the phone). You can obtain the needed forms from your agency or from our website listed above.

Note: Vendor Payment forms and voided checks are not acceptable for Direct Deposit information. The information must be written on the Direct Deposit form.



Mandatory EFT

The U.S. Treasury (31 CFR Part 208) has stated that paper checks will no longer be issued unless a valid waiver is in place for an individual. This means that anyone receiving funds from the federal government (with the exception of the IRS) will need to set up a direct deposit account.

If you cannot get a bank account, you have two options:

- Obtain an Electronic Transfer Account (ETA) <https://eta-find.gov/eta> -or-
 - Complete an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) waiver request.
- You may apply for a waiver if an EFT would impose a hardship because of your inability to manage an account at a bank due to:
- Mental impairment, -or-
 - Live in a remote location lacking the infrastructure to support electronic financial transactions.

Direct Deposit

Ensure the Direct Deposit form SF-1199A is completed correctly with the information required:

- Name of person entitled to payment (this is you)
- Social Security Number/Claim number/Payroll ID (we must have your SSN to process your request)
- Type of account, (choose **only one**, checking or savings)
- 9 digit routing number
- Account number
- Certification (sign and date)

Note: In the event your Direct Deposit has not been received within 5 business days of the payment processed date, contact our office to verify the account information.



Check Mail Address

If you have an EFT Waiver, and are requesting payment to go to a physical mail address, ensure the address you provide can receive mail.

If you have a Post Office box, your name must be listed as an owner of the box to receive mail. Contact your local Post Office if you are unsure.

Note: In the event your Treasury Check has not been received within 10 business days of the payment process date, contact our office to verify the payment destination on file.

If it is determined the payment is a Lost Check, Treasury requires us to wait 30 days to track the missing payment to allow for adequate delivery time by the US Postal Service.

W-4 Federal Tax

The following information must be complete and legible for processing. If information is incomplete or illegible, the form may be sent back to you or your agency without updating your profile.

- Your name exactly as it is on your Social Security Card
- Your complete 9 digit Social Security Number
- Complete mail address including city, state & zip (**this must be an address that can receive mail**)
- Marital status
- Number of exemptions (if you are claiming)
- Additional dollar amount (optional)
- Sign and date the form (to claim exempt, the signature date must be of the current year for processing)

Note: If you are exempt, you must indicate your marital status (Block 3) and write EXEMPT (Block 7). If block 7 is filled out, then block 5 must be left blank.

State Taxes

State taxes must be withheld for the state in which you are hired, unless there is a reciprocal agreement in place for that state. You may request withholding for a second state, by submitting the appropriate state form. Keep in mind that your current tax information is printed on every Wage and Earning Statement. Please review this information and call us, or your agency, if you need to make corrections.

Acceptable forms that may be used to update state taxes:

- Specific State Tax form
- W-4 Federal form with the words "State only" or "Federal and State" written on it (if "State only" is indicated, nothing but tax information will be updated).
- Tribal Exemption form
- State Tax Removal form

All requested information on a Tribal Exemption form must be legible, complete, the form signed, dated



Boot Stipend

The payment of a \$100.00 per year stipend is authorized for casuals holding a valid Incident Qualification Card with a Fitness Rating of moderate or arduous, and who, as a condition of employment, are required to purchase wildland fire boots that satisfy the standards set forth by their agency.

The boot stipend is taxable, and will appear as a one-time entitlement of \$100.00 on the casual's Wage and Earning Statement (WES).



For Federal or State Tax questions, please see your tax consultant.

Contact us at: NIFC, Casual Payment Center MS 270, 3833 S Development Ave, Boise, ID 83705

Toll Free: 877-471-2262 or (208) 387-5760, FAX: (208) 433-6405 Email: casualpay@blm.gov

Find forms and other valuable information at:

http://www.nifc.gov/programs/programs_PaymentCenter.html

Ensure the information on the forms you submit to the CPC are legible, correct, signed and dated!