

2026 Wisconsin Form PW-ES Instructions

General Instructions

Pass-through withholding estimated tax payments are required to be made electronically, unless the pass-through entity 1) requests a [waiver](#) from electronic payment and 2) the department approves the request. For electronic payment options, go to www.revenue.wi.gov/Pay.

If the department approves your electronic payment waiver request, you may download [Form PW-ES](#), *Wisconsin Pass-Through Entity Withholding Estimated Tax Voucher*, to make estimated pass-through withholding tax payments. **Note:** Do not use this voucher to submit a payment for any return other than Form PW-1, *Wisconsin Nonresident Income or Franchise Tax Withholding on Pass-Through Entity Income*.

Pass-through entities must make estimated pass-through withholding payments if the total pass-through withholding tax for the taxable year beginning in 2026 is \$500 or more. In general, the first estimated pass-through withholding payment is due on the 15th day of the 3rd month of the taxable year and is equal to 1/4 of the total estimated pass-through withholding due. The second, third, and fourth estimated payments are generally due on the 15th days of the 6th, 9th, and 12th months of the taxable year. For short taxable years, see the table on page 3 of the most current available version of the Form PW-U instructions. For taxable years that are a full 12 months, each estimated payment should be equal to 1/4 of the total estimated pass-through withholding due unless you are using the annualized income installment method. Refer to the PW-U instructions for more information about the annualized income installment method.

If a required installment is not paid by the due date, 12% annual interest will be imposed. The interest is computed on the underpayment of each installment for the period of the underpayment. Use Wisconsin Form PW-U to compute underpayment interest. Underpayment interest will not be due if each required installment is for the correct amount and is timely paid, and the total pass-through withholding paid meets one of the following:

- a. Is at least equal to 90% of the amount of pass-through withholding shown on the 2026 Form PW-1 filed.
- b. Is at least equal to 100% of the amount of pass-through withholding shown on the 2025 Form PW-1 filed, provided the 2025 return covered an entire 12-month period.
- c. Is at least equal to 90% of the amount of pass-through withholding figured by annualizing the taxable income earned for the months ending before the due date of the installment. See the Form PW-U instructions for details.

The withholding rate varies depending on the type of taxpayer that is being passed income from the withholding entity. For income passed to tax-option (S) corporations, C corporations, and partnerships, the withholding rate is 7.9% of the Wisconsin source income. For income passed to individuals and fiduciaries, the withholding rate is 7.65% of the Wisconsin source income. In calculating the net estimated withholding required for each partner, shareholder, or beneficiary, the withholding entity may reduce the total withholding by any estimated credits and/or withholding passed to the withholding entity from lower tiers.

Resources:

- [Fact Sheet 1117](#), *Pass-Through Withholding and Composite Returns*
- [Pass-through withholding common questions](#)
- [Form PW-1](#) and related instructions
- [Form PW-U](#), *Underpayment of Estimated Withholding Tax by Pass-Through Entities*, and related instructions

Applicable Laws and Rules

This document provides statements or interpretations of the following laws and regulations enacted as of January 8, 2026: sec. [71.775](#), Wis. Stats., and sec. [Tax 1.12](#), Wis. Adm. Code.