

# Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Individuals)

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

- ▶ For use by individuals. Entities must use Form W-8BEN-E.
- ▶ Information about Form W-8BEN and its separate instructions is at [www.irs.gov/formw8ben](http://www.irs.gov/formw8ben).
- ▶ Give this form to the withholding agent or payer. Do not send to the IRS.

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**Do NOT use this form if:**

**Instead, use Form:**

- You are NOT an individual . . . . . W-8BEN-E
- You are a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person, including a resident alien individual . . . . . W-9
- You are a beneficial owner claiming that income is effectively connected with the conduct of trade or business within the U.S. (other than personal services) . . . . . W-8ECI
- You are a beneficial owner who is receiving compensation for personal services performed in the United States . . . . . 8233 or W-4
- You are a person acting as an intermediary . . . . . W-8IMY