

REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS FOR
SMALL BUSINESSES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

1. Effect of rule: Small businesses, within the meaning of the State Administrative Procedure Act, which are currently subject to the New York State, City of Yonkers, and City of New York withholding requirements will continue to be subject to these requirements. This rule should, therefore, have little or no effect on small businesses other than the requirement of conforming to the new withholding tables and other methods. All small businesses that are subject to the withholding requirements must comply with the provisions of this rule.

2. Compliance requirements: This rule requires small businesses and local governments that are already subject to the New York State, City of Yonkers, and City of New York withholding requirements to continue to deduct and withhold amounts from employees using the revised New York State, City of Yonkers, and City of New York withholding tables and other methods. The promulgation of this rule will not require small businesses or local governments to submit any new information, forms or other paperwork.

3. Professional services: Many small businesses currently utilize bookkeepers, accountants and professional payroll services in order to comply with existing withholding requirements. This rule will not encourage or discourage the use of any of such services.

4. Compliance costs: Small businesses and local governments are already subject to the New York State, City of Yonkers, and City of New York withholding requirements. Therefore, small businesses and local governments are accustomed to withholding revisions, including minor programming changes for federal, state, City of New York and City of Yonkers purposes. As such, these changes should place no additional burdens on small businesses and local governments. See, also, section 4(a) of the Regulatory Impact Statement for this rule.

5. Economic and technological feasibility: This rule does not impose any economic or technological compliance burdens on small businesses or local governments.

6. Minimizing adverse impact: Sections 671(a)(1) of the Tax Law mandates that New York State withholding tables and other methods be promulgated. Section 1332 of the Tax Law mandates, in part, that the City of Yonkers withholding of tax on wages shall be administered and collected by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance in the same manner as the tax imposed by Article 22 of the Tax Law. Section 11-1771(a) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York mandates that City of New York withholding tables and other methods be promulgated. There are no provisions in the Tax Law that exclude small businesses and local governments from the withholding requirements. The regulation provides some relief to small businesses and local governments with respect to the methods allowed to comply with the withholding requirements by continuing to provide employers with more than one method of computing the amount to withhold from their employees. Look-up tables are provided for employers who prepare their payrolls manually, and an exact calculation method is provided for employers with computer-based systems.

7. Small business and local government participation: The following organizations were notified that the Department was in the process of developing this rule and were given an opportunity to participate in its development: the New York Conference of Mayors, the Association of Towns of New York State, the New York State Association of Counties, the Deputy Secretary of State for Local Government and Community Services, the Small Business Council of the New York State Business Council, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Division for Small Business of Empire State Development and the Retail Council of New York State.