

## Your standard deduction for line 13, Form 40S

Generally, your standard deduction is based on your filing status as follows:

| Single | $\$ 1,800$ |
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| Married filing jointly | 3,000 |
| Married filing separately | 1,500 |
| Head of household | 2,640 |
| Qualifying widow(er) | 3,000 |

If you can be claimed as a dependent on another person's return, your standard deduction is limited to the greater of:

1. Your earned income plus $\$ 250$, but no more than the maximum allowed for your filing status, as shown above, or

## 2. $\$ 700$

This limit applies even if the other person can, but does not, claim you as a dependent on his or her return.

Age 65 or older, or blind:
Each taxpayer and each spouse who is age 65 or older is allowed an additional deduction amount. Each taxpayer and each spouse who is blind is also allowed an additional deduction amount. The additional amount is based on your filing status:

Single or Head of household-\$1,200
All others- $\$ 1,000$
Example. Al and Amy Edwards are filing a joint return. Al is 70 years old and blind. Amy is 68 . Their standard deduction is figured as follows:

| Married filing jointly | $\$ 3,000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Additional amount due to Al's age | 1,000 |
| Additional amount due to |  |
| Amy's age | 1,000 |
| Additional amount due to |  |
| Al's blindness | $\underline{1,000}$ |
| Total standard deduction | $\underline{\underline{\$ 6000}}$ |

Fill in your total standard deduction on Form 40S, line 13.

