

**(2) Direct seller**

The term “direct seller” means any person if—

(A) such person—

(i) is engaged in the trade or business of selling (or soliciting the sale of) consumer products to any buyer on a buy-sell basis, a deposit-commission basis, or any similar basis which the Secretary prescribes by regulations, for resale (by the buyer or any other person) in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment,

(ii) is engaged in the trade or business of selling (or soliciting the sale of) consumer products in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment, or

(iii) is engaged in the trade or business of the delivering or distribution of newspapers or shopping news (including any services directly related to such trade or business),

(B) substantially all the remuneration (whether or not paid in cash) for the performance of the services described in subparagraph (A) is directly related to sales or other output (including the performance of services) rather than to the number of hours worked, and

(C) the services performed by the person are performed pursuant to a written contract between such person and the person for whom the services are performed and such contract provides that the person will not be treated as an employee with respect to such services for Federal tax purposes.

**(3) Coordination with retirement plans for self-employed**

This section shall not apply for purposes of subtitle A to the extent that the individual is treated as an employee under section 401(c)(1) (relating to self-employed individuals).

(Added Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §269(a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 551; amended Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1118(a), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1764.)

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-188 added cl. (iii).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-188, title XI, §1118(b), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1764, provided that: “The amendments made by this section shall apply to services performed after December 31, 1995.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §269(e), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 553, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending section 410 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] shall apply to services performed after December 31, 1982.

“(2) SUBSECTION (c).—The amendments made by subsection (c) [amending provisions set out as a note under section 3401 of this title] shall take effect on July 1, 1982.”

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §269(c)(3), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 553, provided that: “Nothing in section 530 of the Revenue Act of 1978 [set out as a note under section 3401 of

this title] shall be construed to prohibit the implementation of the amendments made by this section [enacting this section, amending section 410 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 3401 of this title].”

**§ 3509. Determination of employer’s liability for certain employment taxes****(a) In general**

If any employer fails to deduct and withhold any tax under chapter 24 or subchapter A of chapter 21 with respect to any employee by reason of treating such employee as not being an employee for purposes of such chapter or subchapter, the amount of the employer’s liability for—

**(1) Withholding taxes**

Tax under chapter 24 for such year with respect to such employee shall be determined as if the amount required to be deducted and withheld were equal to 1.5 percent of the wages (as defined in section 3401) paid to such employee.

**(2) Employee social security tax**

Taxes under subchapter A of chapter 21 with respect to such employee shall be determined as if the taxes imposed under such subchapter were 20 percent of the amount imposed under such subchapter without regard to this subparagraph.

**(b) Employer’s liability increased where employer disregards reporting requirements****(1) In general**

In the case of an employer who fails to meet the applicable requirements of section 6041(a), 6041A, or 6051 with respect to any employee, unless such failure is due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, subsection (a) shall be applied with respect to such employee—

(A) by substituting “3 percent” for “1.5 percent” in paragraph (1); and

(B) by substituting “40 percent” for “20 percent” in paragraph (2).

**(2) Applicable requirements**

For purposes of paragraph (1), the term “applicable requirements” means the requirements described in paragraph (1) which would be applicable consistent with the employer’s treatment of the employee as not being an employee for purposes of chapter 24 or subchapter A of chapter 21.

**(c) Section not to apply in cases of intentional disregard**

This section shall not apply to the determination of the employer’s liability for tax under chapter 24 or subchapter A of chapter 21 if such liability is due to the employer’s intentional disregard of the requirement to deduct and withhold such tax.

**(d) Special rules**

For purposes of this section—

**(1) Determination of liability**

If the amount of any liability for tax is determined under this section—

(A) the employee’s liability for tax shall not be affected by the assessment or collection of the tax so determined,

(B) the employer shall not be entitled to recover from the employee any tax so determined, and

(C) section 3402(d) and section 6521 shall not apply.

**(2) Section not to apply where employer deducts wage but not social security taxes**

This section shall not apply to any employer with respect to any wages if—

(A) the employer deducted and withheld any amount of the tax imposed by chapter 24 on such wages, but

(B) failed to deduct and withhold the amount of the tax imposed by subchapter A of chapter 21 with respect to such wages.

**(3) Section not to apply to certain statutory employees**

This section shall not apply to any tax under subchapter A of chapter 21 with respect to an individual described in subsection (d)(3) of section 3121 (without regard to whether such individual is described in paragraph (1) or (2) of such subsection).

(Added Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §270(a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 553; amended Pub. L. 100-647, title II, §2003(d), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3598; Pub. L. 101-508, title V, §5130(a)(4), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-289; Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(a)(218), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1194.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (d)(1)(C). Pub. L. 115-141 substituted “section 3402(d)” for “sections 3402(d)”.

1990—Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “subsection (d)(3)” for “subsection (d)(4)”.

1988—Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 100-647 substituted “subsection (d)(4)” for “subsection (d)(3)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-508 effective as if included in the enactment of Pub. L. 100-647, §2003(d), see section 5130(b) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 1402 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §270(c), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 554, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [enacting this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Sept. 3, 1982], except that such amendments shall not apply to any assessment made before January 1, 1983.”

**§ 3510. Coordination of collection of domestic service employment taxes with collection of income taxes**

**(a) General rule**

Except as otherwise provided in this section—

(1) returns with respect to domestic service employment taxes shall be made on a calendar year basis,

(2) any such return for any calendar year shall be filed on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the employer’s taxable year which begins in such calendar year, and

(3) no requirement to make deposits (or to pay installments under section 6157) shall apply with respect to such taxes.

**(b) Domestic service employment taxes subject to estimated tax provisions**

**(1) In general**

Solely for purposes of section 6654, domestic service employment taxes imposed with respect to any calendar year shall be treated as a tax imposed by chapter 2 for the taxable year of the employer which begins in such calendar year.

**(2) Employers not otherwise required to make estimated payments**

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any employer for any calendar year if—

(A) no credit for wage withholding is allowed under section 31 to such employer for the taxable year of the employer which begins in such calendar year, and

(B) no addition to tax would (but for this section) be imposed under section 6654 for such taxable year by reason of section 6654(e).

**(3) Annualization**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, appropriate adjustments shall be made in the application of section 6654(d)(2) in respect of the amount treated as tax under paragraph (1).

**(c) Domestic service employment taxes**

For purposes of this section, the term “domestic service employment taxes” means—

(1) any taxes imposed by chapter 21 or 23 on remuneration paid for domestic service in a private home of the employer, and

(2) any amount withheld from such remuneration pursuant to an agreement under section 3402(p).

For purposes of this subsection, the term “domestic service in a private home of the employer” includes domestic service described in section 3121(g)(5).

**(d) Exception where employer liable for other employment taxes**

To the extent provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary, this section shall not apply to any employer for any calendar year if such employer is liable for any tax under this subtitle with respect to remuneration for services other than domestic service in a private home of the employer.

**(e) General regulatory authority**

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section. Such regulations may treat domestic service employment taxes as taxes imposed by chapter 1 for purposes of coordinating the assessment and collection of such employment taxes with the assessment and collection of domestic employers’ income taxes.

**(f) Authority to enter into agreements to collect State unemployment taxes**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with any State to collect, as the agent of such State, such State’s unemployment taxes imposed on remuneration paid for domestic service in a private home of the