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Form **2555-EZ** 

## **Foreign Earned Income Exclusion**

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (99)

► See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to Form 1040. OMB No. 1545-0074 2010 Attachment Sequence No. **34A** 

Name shown on Form 1040 Your social security number

You May Use **This Form** If You:

Part I

- Are a U.S. citizen or a resident alien.
- Earned wages/salaries in a foreign country.
- Had total foreign earned income of \$91,500 or less.
- Are filing a calendar year return that covers a 12-month period.

- Do not have self-employment income.
- Do not have business/moving expenses. **And You:** 
  - Do not claim the foreign housing exclusion or deduction.

## Tests To See If You Can Take the Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

1	Bona Fide Residence Test							
а	Were you a bona fide resident of a foreign country or countries for a period that includes an entire tax year							
	(see page 2 of the instructions)?							
	• If you answered "Yes," you meet this test. Fill in line 1b and then go to line 3.							
	• If you answered "No," you do not meet this test. Go to line 2 to see if you meet the Physical Presence Test.							
b	Enter the date your bona fide residence began ▶, and ended (see instructions) ▶							
2	Physical Presence Test							
a	The state of the s							
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	any other period of 12 months in a row starting or ending in 2010?							
	• If you answered "Yes," you meet this test. Fill in line 2b and then go to line 3.							
	<ul> <li>If you answered "No," you do not meet this test. You cannot take the exclusion unless you meet the</li> </ul>							
	Bona Fide Residence Test above.							
b	The physical presence test is based on the 12-month period from ► through ► .							
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3	Tax Home Test. Was your tax home in a foreign country or countries throughout your period of bona fide residence or physical presence, whichever applies?							
Par	t II General Information							
<b>4</b> Y	our foreign address (including country) 5 Your occupation							
6 E	Employer's name 7 Employer's U.S. address (including ZIP code) 8 Employer's foreign address							
9	Employer is (check any that apply):							
а	A U.S. business							
b	A foreign business							
C	Other (specify) ►							
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b	If you did not file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ after 1981, check here ▶ □ and go to line 11a now.							
C	Have you ever revoked the foreign earned income exclusion?							
d	If you answered "Yes," enter the tax year for which the revocation was effective. ▶							
-	List your tax home(s) during 2010 and date(s) established. ▶							
11a	List your tax normally during 2010 and data(s) obtablished.							
h	Of what country are you a citizen/national? ▶							
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Part III Days Present in the United States — Complete this part if you were in the United States or its possessions during 2010.										
12	(a) Date arrived in U.S.	(b) Date left U.S. (c) Number of days in U.S. on business on			(d) Income earned in U.S.  n business (attach computation)					
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Par	t IV Figure You	r Foreign Earned Inco	me Excl	usion						
13	Maximum foreign earned i	ncome exclusion				13	\$91,500	00		
14	Enter the number of days	in your qualifying period that fall wi	thin 2010 .	14	days					
15	Did you enter 365 on line									
	<ul> <li>☐ Yes. Enter "1.000."</li> <li>☐ No. Divide line 14 by 365 and enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places).</li> </ul>					15	× .			
16	Multiply line 13 by line 15					16				
17	7 Enter, in U.S. dollars, the total foreign earned income you earned and received in 2010 (see instructions). Be sure to include this amount on Form 1040, line 7									
18		exclusion. Enter the smaller of line								
		ext to the amount enter "2555-EZ." at total income on Form 1040, line				18				

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