

# Canadian Comedian's Guide to Filling Out W-BEN for SoundExchange

(and Other Royalty Payments from US)

# Explanation of Form

## PART I

**Lines 1 – 4 :** Self explanatory. If name and address are tripping you up, filling out forms isn't for you.

**Line 5:** US Taxpayer Identification Number - This is a number the IRS gives you if you are required to file taxes in the US but do not have a US Social Insurance Number. If you are a Canadian living in Canada YOU DO NOT NEED THIS.

**Line 6:** Foreign Tax Identification Number – This is your Canadian Social Insurance Number (SIN)

**Line 7:** Reference Number – Not required

**Line 8:** Date of Birth – Self explanatory but remember to fill it out.

## PART II – Claim of Tax Treaty Benefits

**Line 9:** “Canada” – Normally any payments from the United States would be subject to a 30% withholding tax- essentially an income tax deduction. Claiming a treaty benefit allows you to not have 30% deducted in the US because you are going to pay income tax in Canada. If for some reason a payment is subjected to a 30% withholding don't worry! You can claim “foreign tax paid” on your Canadian taxes later – Make sure whoever does your taxes knows about it.

**Line 10:** Not Required

## Part III – Certification

Sign, date and print your name.

**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.  
► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW8BEN](http://www.irs.gov/FormW8BEN) for instructions and the latest information.  
► 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

**Note:** If you are resident in a FATCA partner jurisdiction (i.e., a Model 1 IGA jurisdiction with reciprocity), certain tax account information may be provided to your jurisdiction of residence.

**Part I Identification of Beneficial Owner** (see instructions)

<b>1</b> Name of individual who is the beneficial owner	<b>2</b> Country of citizenship
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**3** Permanent residence address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route). **Do not use a P.O. box or in-care-of address.**

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.	Country
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**4** Mailing address (if different from above)

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.	Country
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<b>5</b> U.S. taxpayer identification number (SSN or ITIN), if required (see instructions)	<b>6</b> Foreign tax identifying number (see instructions)
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<b>7</b> Reference number(s) (see instructions)	<b>8</b> Date of birth (MM-DD-YYYY) (see instructions)
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**Part II Claim of Tax Treaty Benefits** (for chapter 3 purposes only) (see instructions)

**9** I certify that the beneficial owner is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ within the meaning of the income tax treaty between the United States and that country.

**10 Special rates and conditions** (if applicable—see instructions): The beneficial owner is claiming the provisions of Article and paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ of the treaty identified on line 9 above to claim a \_\_\_\_\_ % rate of withholding on (specify type of income):

Explain the additional conditions in the Article and paragraph the beneficial owner meets to be eligible for the rate of withholding: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information on this form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I further certify under penalties of perjury that:

- I am the individual that is the beneficial owner (or am authorized to sign for the individual that is the beneficial owner) of all the income to which this form relates or am using this form to document myself for chapter 4 purposes,
- The person named on line 1 of this form is not a U.S. person,
- The income to which this form relates is:
  - (a) not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States,
  - (b) effectively connected but is not subject to tax under an applicable income tax treaty, or
  - (c) the partner's share of a partnership's effectively connected income,
- The person named on line 1 of this form is a resident of the treaty country listed on line 9 of the form (if any) within the meaning of the income tax treaty between the United States and that country, and
- For broker transactions or barter exchanges, the beneficial owner is an exempt foreign person as defined in the instructions.

Furthermore, I authorize this form to be provided to any withholding agent that has control, receipt, or custody of the income of which I am the beneficial owner or any withholding agent that can disburse or make payments of the income of which I am the beneficial owner. **I agree that I will submit a new form within 30 days if any certification made on this form becomes incorrect.**

**Sign Here**

Signature of beneficial owner (or individual authorized to sign for beneficial owner)	Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
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Print name of signer	Capacity in which acting (if form is not signed by beneficial owner)
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