

Comparison of Nonresident Alien vs. Resident Alien for Tax Purposes

	Nonresident Aliens	Resident Aliens
Eligible	Resident of country other than U.S.	Permanent Resident (green card holder)
	Company organized under laws of foreign country	Meets "substantial presence test"
		Company organized under U.S. law
Tax Treaty Available	Yes - for some foreign nationals	No - limited exceptions for resident alien teachers
Tax Filing	• Taxed on U.S. source income only	Taxed on worldwide income
	Cannot file jointly with spouse	Can file jointly with spouse
	• Only one personal exemption allowed – except Canada, Mexico	Multiple personal exemptions allowed
	or South Korea	Eligible for standard deduction
	No standard deduction – except India	No limits on itemized deductions
	Limitations to itemized deductions	

