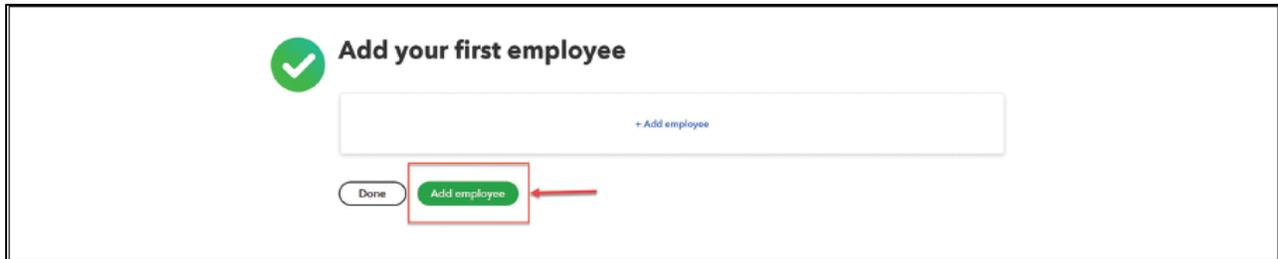


Ch12 Step 3 – New Process for Adding Employee

After your textbook was printed, Intuit changed the process for adding employees in QBO. The information required is the same, but the screens and the order of entry have changed

Steps 1 and 2 in Chapter 12 have not changed. This is the new Step 3:

You will be adding two employees: Shaniya Montero and Abe Martin.



Once you click **Add employee** (Figure 12.17), you'll see the following:

Enter the name of your first employee (Shaniya Montero) and turn off the **Employee self-setup** option.

BEHIND THE SCENES **Employee self-setup** is a tool allowing employees to enter personal, tax, and banking information directly into QBO. We will not be using that tool.

Add a new employee ? X



Shaniya Montero
Active

QuickBooks Workforce [Send invite](#)

Employee self-setup

Profile Documents Notes

Personal info ⓘ Edit

Name	Email	Birth date
Shaniya Montero	-	-
Home address	Social security number	Gender
-	-	-
Phone number		
-		

Tax withholding Start

Payment method ⓘ Start

Choose paper check to get started and come back later to switch to direct deposit.

Employment details ⓘ Start

Fill out the pay schedule, hire date, and other job-related info.

Pay types ⓘ Start

Set up pay rate and pay types like time off and overtime

Deductions & contributions Start

Include paycheck deductions and company contributions for healthcare and retirement. Garnishments too.

The **Profile** tab in Shaniya's **Add a new employee** screen will open.

You will be entering information in each of the six sections. Click **Edit** to complete the **Personal info** section.

Add personal info ? ×

Tell us more about Shaniya

First name M.I. Last name

Turn this on if you want this employee to enter their personal, tax, and banking info in Workforce.

Birth date

Street address

City State ZIP code

Social security number
[What if they only have an ITIN?](#)

Gender

Mobile phone number ext.

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

Enter Shaniya’s birth date, contact information, and social security number in the appropriate fields (as shown above) and click **Save** to return to the **Add a new employee** screen.

Click **Edit** in the **Tax Withholding** section.

When did you hire Shaniya?

We'll choose the right form W-4.

2019 or earlier 2020 or later

Click **2020 or later**.

BEHIND THE SCENES IRS Form W-4 changed significantly in 2020. Federal withholding amounts are no longer determined by the number of allowances claimed by employees. Instead, the withholding amounts are determined by filing status and answers to questions about additional income, etc.

Shaniya's federal and state tax filing statuses are entered next. The information entered in the **What are Shaniya's withholdings?** screen is taken from the employee-completed W-4 form and, if applicable, the employee-completed state withholding form. Shaniya provided the following information:

- Federal filing status: **Single or Married Filing Separately**
 - Shaniya has no dependents and does not want any additional monies withheld.
- California filing status: **Single or Married (with two or more incomes)**, 1 allowance, no additional monies withheld

The screenshot shows the 'Add withholdings' interface. Under 'Federal withholding', the 'Filing status (Step 1c)' dropdown is set to 'Single or Married Filing Separately'. Under 'State withholding', the 'CA state taxes' section is active. The 'Filing status' dropdown is set to 'Single Or Married (with two or more inco...', the 'Withholding allowances' field is '1', and the 'Additional amount to withhold' field is '\$0'. A red arrow points to the 'Save' button at the bottom right.

Only the fields highlighted in the screenshot above need to be completed.

Click **Save** to return to the **Add a new employee** screen.

Click **Start** in the **Payment method** section.

Select **Paper check** in the dropdown menu.

BEHIND THE SCENES QBO can be set up to handle direct deposit of employee checks. This would require the company to be connect a bank account to its QBO file.

Click **Save** to return to the **Add a new employee** screen.

Click **Start** in the **Employment details** section.

Enter the first day of the current month as the **Hire date**. (The current month is the month you're completing the homework.) If you see an **Update tax withholding for Shaniya** message, click X to close the box. You don't need to update withholdings.

BEHIND THE SCENES QBO uses the hire date in determining whether a paycheck should be created for an employee during a particular payroll period.

Because Shaniya is the first employee, you'll need to create a company **pay schedule** first.

Select **+ Add pay schedule** in the **Pay schedule** dropdown menu.

Select **Twice a Month** in the **Pay frequency** dropdown menu.

Toggle **Custom schedule** to on.

Select **15th** as the **First payday** of the month and **End of month** as the **Second payday** of the month. The **End dates** of the first and second pay periods are the **15th** and **End of month**, respectively.

Enter "Twice a Month" as the **Pay schedule name** and check the **Use this pay schedule for employees you add after this one** box.

BEHIND THE SCENES Companies might pay groups of employees on different schedules (e.g., weekly for hourly employees, semi-monthly for salaried employees). Multiple pay schedules can be created in a QBO company file.

Click **Save** to return to the **Employment details** screen.

Leave the company address as the **Work location**.

Click **Save** to return to the **Add a new employee** screen.

Click **Start** in the **Pay Types** section.

Pay types

How much do you want to pay Shaniya?

Supported pay types?

Pay type **Select Hourly** Rate per hour **Enter 30**

Default hours (optional)

Set default hours if this employee will work the same number of hours every pay period. This saves you time and may make you eligible for Auto Payroll. You can always update hours when running payroll. [Learn About Auto Payroll](#)

Hours per day Days per week

> Common pay types

> Time off pay policies

> Additional pay types

Cancel Save

Shaniya is paid \$30 per hour, so select **Hourly** in the **Pay type** dropdown menu and enter “30” in the **Rate per hour** box.

BEHIND THE SCENES If an hourly employee normally works a set schedule (same hours and days per week), defaults can be entered in the employee record. Default hours will automatically be included in payroll processing. The hours can be changed before paychecks are created.

Open the **Common pay types** section.

Common pay types

- Overtime Pay
- Double Overtime Pay
- Holiday Pay
- Bonus
- Commission

[+ Another Commission type](#)

Check the **Overtime Pay** box. (QBO will automatically calculate overtime pay using 1.5 times the hourly rate.) If you're prompted to identify the First day of the work week, select Monday.

Open the **Time off pay policies** section.

In the **Paid time off** dropdown menu, select **Add new paid time off policy**. A sidebar (panel) will open on the right.

Create paid time off policy

Hours are accrued:

Hours per year:

Maximum allowed (optional):

Companies typically accrue paid time off each pay period or at the beginning of the year. For Shaniya, select **At beginning of year** in the **Hours are accrued** dropdown menu and enter "80" in the **Hours per year** box. You can ignore any **Description** field.

BEHIND THE SCENES Instead of a paid-time off (PTO) policy, some companies may separate sick and vacation pay. Under any of those policies, companies may elect to accrue hours at the beginning of the year, per pay period, per hour worked, or on the employee’s anniversary date (date of hire). Companies may have different leave policies for different employees. QBO will track available leave time based on the pay policy identified in the employee’s record.

Click **Save** to close the sidebar.

Time off pay policies

Paid time off

80 hours/year (accrued at start of year) [edit icon]

Current balance

80.00

Unpaid time off

No unpaid time off policy

Sick pay

No sick pay policy

Vacation pay

No vacation pay policy

> Additional pay types

Cancel Save

Enter 80 if not autofilled

After verifying that “80” shows in the **Current balance** box (for paid time off), click **Save** to return to the **Add a new employee** screen.

Click **Start** in the **Deductions & contributions** section.

The only deductions (other than payroll taxes) in your payroll company will be a 401(k) plan administered by “Employee First” (the provider). Both the employee and the company contribute 3% of gross pay per pay period to the plan.

Deductions & contributions

Any deductions or contributions for Shaniya?

Deductions/contributions

Deductions may include health insurance, retirement plans, loan repayments, and so on.
[Learn more](#)

+ Add deduction/contribution

Garnishments

A garnishment is a court order to withhold wages from an employee and send the money to an agency or creditor.
[Learn more](#)

+ Add garnishment

Cancel Done

Click + **Add deduction/contributions**. A sidebar (panel) will open on the right. The fields will appear as you complete the form.

Add deduction /contribution

Deduction/contribution type
 Retirement plans

Type ⓘ
 401(k)

Description (appears on paycheck)
 Employee First (401k)

Employee deduction

Calculated as
 Percent of gross pay

Percent per paycheck
 3.00%

Annual maximum
 \$20,500.00

Company contribution ⓘ

Calculated as
 Percent of gross pay

Percent per paycheck
 3.00%

Annual maximum
 \$0

Cancel Save

Complete all fields as shown

Use the screenshot above as a guide when completing the sidebar.

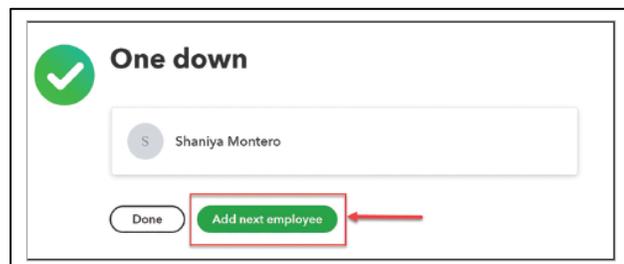
BEHIND THE SCENES 401(k) plans can be solely funded by employees, solely funded by employers, or jointly funded. Contributions may be calculated as a per-centage of wages or as a fixed amount per pay period. Employer contribution amounts are often capped by the company at a certain annual amount. The maximum annual contribution amount for employees is set by law. In 2022, the maximum was set at \$20,500 (\$27,000 for employees over age 50). If you're doing your work in 2023, the 2023 maximum will be displayed.

Click **Save**.

Click **Done** to exit the **Deductions & Contributions** screen.

All sections for Shaniya are now completed.

Click **Done**.



Click **Add next employee**. If you don't see the above message, you should be on the Employees Center screen. Click **Add an employee**.

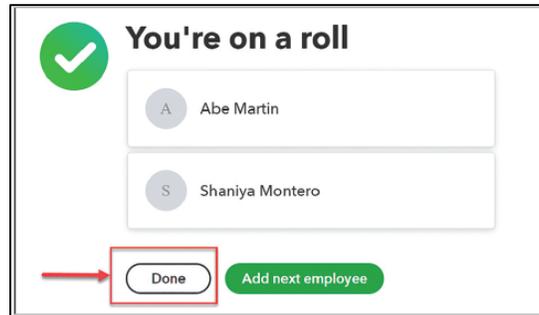
You will now go through the same sections for Abe Martin. This time, however, you will be able to use certain options (like **pay schedules**) that you created in the setup for Shaniya.

Use the following information to complete the sections:

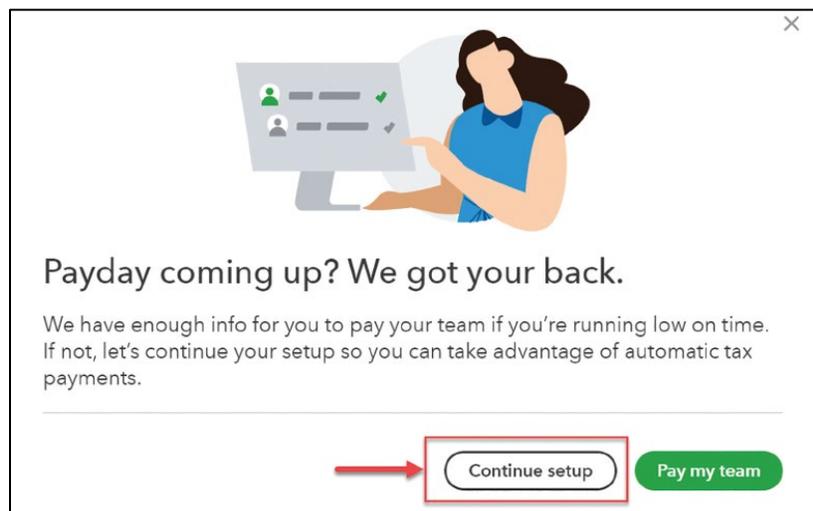
Personal info	The second employee's name is Abe Martin. You will not be using the Employee self-setup feature for Abe. Abe's birthdate is 07/23/1991. His address is 4560 Del Rio Rd, Sacramento, CA 95822. His social security number is 222-79-8765.
Tax withholding	His federal filing status is Single or Married Filing Separately . Abe has no dependents. His California filing status is Single or Married (with two or more incomes) . California allowances are: 1 No additional monies are to be withheld for federal or state income taxes.
Payment method	Abe will be paid with a paper check.
Employment details	Abe was hired on the first day of the current month. (The month in which you're doing your homework.) He's on the same Twice a month pay schedule as Shaniya.
Pay types	Abe is paid a salary of \$55,000 per year. You can leave the default hours/days. He is not eligible for overtime.

	He is eligible for 80 hours of paid time off per year (accrued at the beginning of the year). Verify that 80 shows in the Current balance field.
Deductions and contributions	Abe has one deduction: Employee First (401k). His 3% contribution is matched by a 3% employer contribution.

Click **Done** when all sections are completed for Abe.



Click **Done**. If you don't see the above message, click **Payroll** on the navigation bar and open the **Overview** tab. You will not see the next message. Click **Start** next to **Add a workers' comp policy**. You should see the screenshot at the top of the next page of this PDF (Page 12).



Click **Continue setup**.

California requires workers' comp insurance for employees

Our partner, AP Intego, offers coverage that complies with California regulations while protecting your business from on-the-job injuries. Get a quote for affordable, integrated workers' comp within 1 business day.

Workers' comp with QuickBooks means:

- Set it and forget it**
Payments are automatic and calculated using your payroll info.
- Pay As You Go**
Free up your cash by avoiding paying one large, lump sum.
- Tailored quotes**
Get coverage that fits your needs and your budget.

[I'm already covered](#) [Request a quote](#)

Click **I'm already covered** on the workers' compensation information screen.

BEHIND THE SCENES California requires most employers to either have a Workers' Compensation insurance policy or be self-insured to cover cash benefits and/or the cost of medical care for employees who are injured or become ill as a direct result of the work they perform.

Click **Next**.

You should now be on the **Overview** tab of the Payroll Center.

You can continue with the instructions in the textbook for Step 4, starting on page 12-25.