trade or business within the United States and composed in whole or in part of nonresident aliens, shall (except in the cases provided for in section 1451 and except as otherwise provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary or his delegate under section 874) deduct and withhold from such items a tax equal to 30 percent thereof, except that in the case of any item of income specified in the second sentence of subsection (b), the tax shall be equal to 14 percent of such item.

- (b) Income Items.—The items of income referred to in subsection (a) are interest [(except interest on deposits with persons carrying on the banking business paid to persons not engaged in business in the United States)], dividends, rent, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensations, remunerations, emoluments, or other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains, profits, and income, [and amounts described in section 402(a)(2), section 403(a)(2), section 631 (b) and (c), and section 1235, which are considered to be gains from the sale or exchange of capital assets.] and gains described in section 402(a)(2), 403(a)(2), or 631 (b) or (c), and gains on transfers described in section 1235. The items of income referred to in subsection (a) from which tax shall be deducted and withheld at the rate of 14 percent are—
 - (1) that portion of any scholarship or fellowship grant which is received by a nonresident alien individual who is temporarily present in the United States as a nonimmigrant under subparagraph (F) or (J) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, and which is not excluded from gross income under section 117(a)(1), solely by reason of section 117(b)(2)(B); and
 - (2) amounts described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) of section 117(a)(2) which are received by any such non-resident alien individual and which are incident to a scholarship or fellowship grant to which section 117(a)(1) applies, but only to the extent such amounts are includible in gross income.

(c) Exceptions.—

[(1) DIVIDENDS OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS.—No deduction or withholding under subsection (a) shall be required in the case of dividends paid by a foreign corporation unless (A) such corporation is engaged in trade or business within the United States, and (B) more than 85 percent of the gross income of such corporation for the 3-year period ending with the close of its taxable year preceding the declaration of such dividends (or for such part of such period as the corporation has been in existence) was derived from sources within the United States as determined under part I of subchapter N of chapter 1.