



## *Unemployment and Taxes*

**NOTE: Unemployment 1099-G's will be available by the end of January 2021.**

**By the end of January 2021, everyone who received unemployment benefits during 2020 will be sent a 1099-G form by mail.**

You can view and print your 1099-G form from your ReEmployME account. You can find it in the "View and Print 1099" tab and in your View Correspondence tab.

Your physical copy of your 1099-G is on its way to you via regular postal mail. If you do not receive your physical copy by *February 15, 2021*, please report this to the Department by leaving an online message here: [Contact Us Form](#). **Be sure to select 1099-G from the Reason for Request drop down menu, to be sure your message is routed properly.**

### **Unemployment insurance payments are taxable.**

When you file for unemployment, you have the option to choose to have taxes taken out at the time benefits are paid. **If you opt to have the deductions taken out of your unemployment benefits**, the standard deduction used is 10% for Federal Taxes and 5% for State Taxes.

### **When completing my taxes, it asks for the State ID number on the 1099G I received from Unemployment. Where do I find the number to use?**

Use the number shown in the field marked "PAYER'S Federal Identification No" on your 1099-G.

### **What if I receive a 1099-G and did not file for unemployment insurance in 2020?**

If you receive a 1099-G for benefits you did not file for, please let the Department know immediately, as this could be a case of identity theft and fraud.

You can report this to the Department by leaving an online message here, [Contact Us Form](#). **Be sure to select 1099-G from the Reason for Request drop down menu, to be sure your message is routed properly.**

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**What if I filed for and received unemployment benefits in 2020 and did not receive a 1099-G?**

If you filed for and received unemployment benefits in 2020 and did not receive a 1099-G, please let the Department know immediately.

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**I think my 1099-G is incorrect. What do I do?**

If you do not think your 1099-G is correct, please let the Department know immediately.

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**I need a copy of my 1099-G from previous years. How can I get them?**

1099-G's from the past 3 years are available in your ReEmployME account under the "Correspondences" tab. Make sure you select the correct year (for example, 2020 1099-Gs are sent in 2021).

**I am being told, or have received, a 1099-G showing unemployment benefits paid to me by another state, not Maine. I did not file for benefits in that state. What do I do?**

If you received a 1099-G from another state and did not file for benefits in that state, you will need to contact the state that sent you the 1099-G directly to report this issue.

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**What if I received unemployment benefits in 2020 from a state other than Maine?**

Please contact that state's Labor department or unemployment office for assistance.

**How do unemployment benefits impact my taxes?**

For information on how unemployment benefits impact your taxes, we recommend visiting <https://www.irs.gov/> or consulting with your tax professional. A recent IRS news release further explains that unemployment is taxable income.

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-unemployment-compensation-is-taxable-have-tax-withheld-now-and-avoid-a-tax-time-surprise>

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