



## *Unemployment and Taxes*

**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.

The 1099-G form is used to report unemployment compensation on your tax return. Box 1 of the 1099-G Form shows your total unemployment compensation payments for the year.

NOTE: The 1099-G shows benefits BEFORE taxes, not benefits actually received by the claimant. The 1099-G includes benefits from all programs, including the weekly \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Payments from last Spring, Lost Wage Assistance, and the one-time \$600 Pandemic Relief payment in December.

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

The form will also be available electronically in your ReEmployME account, under Correspondences, as well as the “View and Print 1099” tab located on your ReEmployME Home page.

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 “Unemployment Claim” for the Division, and then ‘1099-G’ from the ‘Reason for Request’ drop down menu, to be sure your message is routed properly.**

### **Where can I find my 1099?**

To find the electronic version of your 1099G, log into your ReEmployMe unemployment account and click on your “Correspondences” tab or the “View and Print 1099” tab, from your ReEmployME Home page.

### **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 1099G.

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

If you receive a 1099G 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 “Unemployment Claim” for the Division, and then ‘1099-G’ from the ‘Reason for Request’ drop down menu, to be sure your message is routed properly.**

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

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

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### **I think my 1099 is incorrect. What do I do?**

It is important to note that the 1099-G shows benefits BEFORE taxes, not benefits actually received by the claimant. The 1099-G includes benefits from all programs, including the weekly \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Payments from last Spring, Lost Wage Assistance, and the one-time \$600 Pandemic Relief payment in December.

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

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

1099G’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 1099Gs are sent in 2021).

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**I am being told, or have received, a 1099G 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 1099G from another state and did not file for benefits in that state, you will need to contact the state that sent you the 1099G directly to report this issue.

**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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