

## ***Unemployment Compensation 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.

### **What is a 1099-G form?**

- 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.
- If you opted to have State or Federal Taxes withheld, the amount in Box 1 shows your total benefit amount, BEFORE taxes.
- Box 1 of your 1099-G includes benefit payments from all programs paid to you, including the weekly \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment (FPUC) payments, Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) payments, Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) payments and Dependency payments.

### **What if I have moved?**

- **If your mailing address has changed you need to update your mailing address in your ReEmployME account no later than December 31, 2021, to ensure proper delivery.**

### **When will my 1099-G be sent to me?**

- **By the end of January 2022, everyone who received unemployment benefit payments during 2021, will be sent a 1099-G form by regular postal mail.**
- Your 1099-G form will also be available through your ReEmployME account. Select the Correspondence tab, or the View and Print 1099 tab on your ReEmployME Home page.
- If you do not receive your physical copy by February 11, 2022, please report this to the Department by leaving an online message here: [Contact Us](#). **Be sure to select 1099-G from the Reason for Request drop down menu, to ensure your message is received by the correct benefits team.**

### **Where can I find my 1099-G form in ReEmployME?**

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**When completing my taxes, it asks for the State ID number on the 1099-G 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.

**Where do I find my 2021 total Repayments, Offsets, & Credits?**

You will be able to view your 2021 total Repayments, Offsets, & Credits by logging into your ReEmployME account and selecting the **Summary for Income Verification Screen**. You have the option to print this screen for your records.

**What if I receive a 1099-G and did not file for or receive unemployment insurance payments in 2021?**

If you receive a 1099-G for benefits you did not file for, or receive payments for, in 2021, please let the Department know immediately. 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](#). **Be sure to select 1099-G from the Reason for Request drop down menu, to ensure your message is received by the correct benefits team.**

**What if I filed for and received unemployment benefit payments in 2021 and did not receive a 1099-G in my mail by February 11, 2022?**

If you filed for and received unemployment benefit payments in 2021 and did not receive a 1099-G in the mail by February 11, 2022, please let the Department know immediately.

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

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

It is important to note, if you opted to have State or Federal Taxes withheld, the amount in Box 1 shows your total benefit amount, BEFORE taxes.

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Also, Box 1 of your 1099-G includes benefit payments from all programs paid to you, including the weekly \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment (FPUC) payments, Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) payments, Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) payments and Dependency payments.

**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 through your ReEmployME account under the Correspondences tab. Make sure you select the correct year (for example, 2020 1099-Gs were 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.

**What if I received unemployment benefits in 2021 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. The below 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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**Example:**

This is the "State ID Number" when completing your taxes.

The number in this box is the overall amount of unemployment insurance benefits paid during the year, BEFORE taxes - not the amount actually received by the claimant.

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PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no. <b>Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Unemployment Compensation 47 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0047</b>		1. Unemployment compensation <b>\$0.00</b>	OMB No. 1545-0120 <b>2021</b> Form 1099-G	
PAYER'S federal identification number <b>01-0371164</b>	RECIPIENT'S identification number [REDACTED]	3. Box 2 amount is for tax year <b>2021</b>	4. Federal income tax withheld <b>\$0.00</b>	<b>Copy 2</b> <small>To be filled with recipient's state income tax return, when required.</small>
RECIPIENT'S name [REDACTED]		5. RTAA payments <b>\$0.00</b>	6. Taxable grants	
Street address (including apt. number) [REDACTED]		7. Agriculture payments	8. Check if box 2 is trade or business income <input type="checkbox"/>	
City, state, and ZIP code [REDACTED]		9. Market gain		
Account number (see instructions)		10a. State <b>ME</b>	10b. State Identification number [REDACTED]	11. State Income Tax Withheld <b>\$0.00</b>

Form 1099-G

[www.irs.gov/form1099g](http://www.irs.gov/form1099g)

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