

Claiming unemployment insurance benefits on your taxes

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ABOUT YOUR 1099-G TAX FORM

Why did I get a 1099-G tax form from the Idaho Department of Labor?

A 1099-G form is a summary of your unemployment insurance benefit payments. You were mailed this form if you collected or repaid benefits the prior year. The 1099-G form shows you the total taxable amount on the benefits you were paid in that calendar year.

Are unemployment insurance benefits taxable?

Yes, unemployment insurance benefits are taxable. Benefit payments are reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

How do I request a 1099-G if I lost it?

First, verify your identity with ID.me. Then, you can access the last two years of your 1099-G forms on the Claimant Portal. To access and download these documents, click on the *HISTORY* tab. Then select *Details* in the 1099-G Reporting tile.

The screenshot shows the 'History' page of the Claimant Portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: ACCOUNT, APPLY FOR BENEFITS, MANAGE CLAIMS, HISTORY (highlighted in blue), and HELP. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'History'. On the left, there is a timeline for the years 2017 and 2016. Under 2017, there is a table with one row: '12/9/2017' | 'New Claim - Benefit Year End' | 'Monetarily Eligible'. To the right of the timeline, there are two tiles. The top tile is 'Work Search Status' with 'Work Seeking' and a link 'View Work Search Status and Contacts'. The bottom tile is '1099-G Reporting' with the text 'View the total benefit payments reported on your annual 1099-Gs.' and a red-bordered button labeled 'Details'.

Note: You must verify your identity through ID.me. First, set up an ID.me account if you don't have one. There is a link to an ID.me guide on the Claimant Portal.

How do I request a 1099-G for past years?

You can view 1099-Gs for the past two years online at labor.idaho.gov/claimantportal.

Can I change my tax withholdings on my unemployment insurance payments?

You may choose to have 10% of your benefit payment withheld for federal taxes. Idaho Labor can't withhold state taxes.

What if I re-paid an overpayment?

A 1099-G was mailed to you. This will include any repayments you made in the past year, *excluding* penalties and interest. Penalties and interest are not included because they are not *paid* benefits.

What if I did not get a W-2 from my employer? Can you give me that information?

Idaho Labor is not allowed to give out employer tax identification numbers. For help obtaining your W-2, please contact the IRS at 800-829-1040.

What if I disagree with the amount listed on my 1099-G?

Benefits are reported based on the date the payment is sent, not the week ending dates. Before contacting us, view your payments by logging in to the Claimant Portal. Click on *MANAGE CLAIMS*. Then view payment information in the *Weekly Certifications* table. Review your payment summary. If you still disagree with your 1099-G or you didn't apply for benefits, call us at 208-332-8942.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Claims' page with a navigation bar at the top containing links for ACCOUNT, APPLY FOR BENEFITS, MANAGE CLAIMS (highlighted), HISTORY, and HELP. Below the navigation bar, the 'Manage Claims' section displays two summary boxes: 'Current Claim' showing 'No Current Claim' with a 'View Your Claims' link, and 'Benefit Overpayments' showing a 'Balance Remaining: \$0.00' with a 'View Overpayments' link. Below these boxes is a 'Weekly Certifications' section with a brief instruction and a link to the 'Weekly Certifications FAQ'. A note states: 'If your Status is "Pending Issue Stopping Payment," we will contact you. You don't need to call.' Below this is a table of weekly certifications.

Certification ID	Week Ending Date	Certification Date	Certification Amount	Deductions	Child Support	Federal Tax	Net Amount	Additional Credits	Total Payment	Status
710134	1/28/2017	2/4/2017	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$205.00	Full Payment - With Earnings
• Direct Deposit payment released 2/15/2017										
71013	1/21/2017	1/25/2017	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$205.00	Full Payment - With Earnings
• Direct Deposit payment released 2/15/2017										

What if I have already filed my taxes when I receive my 1099-G form?

Idaho Labor is not allowed to instruct you on how unemployment insurance affects your taxes. Please contact the Idaho State Tax Commission. Go online or contact them locally at 208-334-7660. Call toll-free at 800-972-7660. Or call the Internal Revenue Service at 800-829-1040.

What if I have other questions about my taxes?

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I thought I paid into unemployment through taxes already. Why am I being taxed again?

Employers pay for unemployment insurance benefits for their former employees through quarterly payroll taxes. Employees don't pay these taxes. Your benefits are considered income and are taxable.

I owe a balance for unemployment insurance benefits that were overpaid. Will my refund be taken?

If you have an overpayment balance, part or all of your state and/or federal tax refunds may be taken. The amount you owe will go toward paying your overpayment. If you have questions about your overpayment, please contact the Collections Enforcement Unit at 208-332-3573.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Have questions? Take a look at the department's [FAQs](#) to find answers to common questions.

Make an appointment with an unemployment insurance navigator for help using or understanding the unemployment insurance system. Visit the local or mobile office directory for dates, times and locations at labor.idaho.gov/officedirectory.