

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**.

The screenshot shows the 'History' tab selected in the Claimant Portal. The page displays a table of unemployment benefit claims for 2017 and 2016. For 2017, a claim is listed for December, starting on 12/9/2017, with a status of 'New Claim - Benefit Year End' and 'Monetarily Eligible'. To the right, there is a 'Work Search Status' section showing 'Work Seeking' with a link to 'View Work Search Status and Contacts'. Below that, a '1099-G Reporting' section prompts the user to 'View the total benefit payments reported on your annual 1099-Gs.' with 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 on the Claimant Portal.

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 repaid 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' interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: ACCOUNT, APPLY FOR BENEFITS, MANAGE CLAIMS (highlighted), HISTORY, and HELP. Below the navigation bar, the 'Manage Claims' section displays two summary boxes. The first box, 'Current Claim', shows 'No Current Claim' with a link to 'View Your Claims'. The second box, 'Benefit Overpayments', shows 'Balance Remaining: \$0.00' with a link to 'View Overpayments'. Below these boxes is a section for 'Weekly Certifications' with a note to view weekly certifications and benefit payments. A link to the 'Weekly Certifications FAQ' is provided. 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

Visit labor.idaho.gov to make an appointment with a navigator for help using or understanding the unemployment insurance system. You can also view the department's FAQs to find answers to common questions related to unemployment insurance.