

Claiming Unemployment Benefits on Your Taxes

ABOUT YOUR 1099-G TAX FORM

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

A. 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.

Q. Are unemployment insurance benefits taxable?

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

Q. Are unemployment benefits provided by the CARES Act taxable as income?

A. Yes, CARES Act benefits are taxable income. You will owe taxes on these benefits to the IRS and Idaho. For more details, visit the Idaho Tax Commission website at <https://tax.idaho.gov>.

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

A. Go to the Claimant Portal at <https://www2.labor.idaho.gov/ClaimantPortal>. Verify your identity with ID.me. Then, you can access the last 5 years of your 1099-G forms. 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 in 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'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column shows a timeline for the year 2017, with a section for December. A table entry is highlighted with a red border, showing '12/9/2017' with columns for 'New Claim - Benefit Year End' and 'Monetarily Eligible'. The right column contains two tiles. The top tile is 'Work Search Status' with 'Work Seeking' and a link to '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 'Details' button.

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.

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

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

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

- A.** 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.

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Current Claim
No Current Claim
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Benefit Overpayments
Balance Remaining:
\$0.00
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Weekly Certifications

View your weekly certifications and benefit payments below. If available, click a Certification ID number to view claim details.

Questions? Find answers in the [Weekly Certifications FAQ](#).

If your Status is "Pending Issue Stopping Payment," we will contact you. You don't need to call.

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										

Q. What if I re-paid an overpayment?

- A.** 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.

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

- A.** You can view 1099-Gs for the past 5 years online on the Claimant Portal.

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

- A.** The Idaho Department of 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.

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

- A.** We are 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.

Q. What if I have other questions about my taxes?

- A.** We are 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.

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

- A.** Employers pay for former employee unemployment insurance benefits through quarterly payroll taxes. Employees don't pay these taxes. Your benefits are considered income and are taxable.

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

- A.** 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 to paying your overpayment. If you have questions about your overpayment, please contact the Collections Enforcement Unit at (208) 332-3573 ext. 2896.

Find answers to common questions on the [FAQ page](#) at www.labor.idaho.gov.

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 www.labor.idaho.gov/officedirectory.

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