Unemployment Fraud: What to do if you receive a Form 1099G



I did not collect unemployment benefits in 2020. Why did I receive a Form 1099G?

If you receive a Form 1099G from the California Employment Development Department (EDD), and you did not file a claim for unemployment compensation in 2020, you may be a victim of fraud.

Someone may have illegally filed a claim under your name, address, or Social Security number.

Take action! File a fraud report with the EDD online or by phone.

If the Form 1099G was issued in error, the EDD will remove the claim from your Social Security number and you will receive a new, accurate Form 1099G.

These resources are available for people who received the form erroneously and need the issue corrected and for people who simply have questions about their Form 1099G.

Online: <u>https://askedd.edd.ca.gov/</u> (select the Form 1099G category)

https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/fraud.htm

Call: 1-866-401-2849, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on state holidays.

Some people may receive mailed forms that do not belong to them. Please write "Return to Sender' on the envelope and mail it back to the EDD. It does not need new postage.

What is a Form 1099G?

The Form 1099G is a record of the total income issued to people who receive unemployment compensation from the EDD in a calendar year. This includes:

- California unemployment compensation, including Paid Family Leave benefits.
- Compensation through federal unemployment programs, including additional payments on federal unemployment assistance provided during the pandemic.

Annual unemployment compensation must be reported to the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Form 1099G is provided to people who collected unemployment compensation from the EDD so they can report it as income on their federal tax return.

California unemployment compensation is exempt from California state income tax.



What to do if you haven't received a Form 1099G

I collected unemployment benefits in 2020, and I have not yet received a Form 1099G from the EDD.

Is it possible I may still receive a Form 1099G?

If you received unemployment benefits from the EDD in 2020 you will be issued a Form 1099G for federal tax reporting purposes. The Form 1099G is sent electronically or by postal mail to people who did not opt-in for an electronic copy only. The Form 1099G is also posted to recipients' California EDD Unemployment Insurance (UI) online accounts.

• To view or create an account, visit https://edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/UI_Online.htm

This year the EDD has through February to issue the Form 1099G, which is one month longer than typical years. The IRS extended the deadline for the EDD to process the Form 1099G because of the high volume of claims filed in 2020.

These resources are also available:

- Visit EDD's Tax Information webpage for more information <u>https://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment/Get_Tax_Information_</u> (Form_1099G).htm
- Read a one-page guide for what you need to know about the Form 1099G <u>https://edd.ca.gov/unemployment/pdf/1099G-info-sheet.pdf</u>
- View a helpful EDD how-to video on our YouTube channel https://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment/UI_Online_Videos.htm
- If you have a new mailing address, please change your contact information in your UI online account or create an
 account with the correct information. <u>https://edd.ca.gov/unemployment/UI_Online.htm</u>

You may also call the EDD to make an address change:

1-866-401-2849, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed on state holidays.)

For more information, visit <u>https://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment/Get_Tax_Information_(Form_1099G).htm</u>

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