

***Answers to frequently asked questions about 1099-G forms are below. Official 1099-G instructions from the IRS are on the reverse of this page.***

## What to know about your 1099-G

### Why is Paid Leave issuing 1099-G forms to customers?

We issued a 1099-G form to anyone who received family leave benefits in 2020 so that you have all the information you need as you prepare to file your taxes. We will also send information about the family leave benefits you received to the IRS.

### Do I have to pay taxes on Paid Leave benefits?

We asked the IRS to give us guidance, but they have not done so; this means we can't tell you if your benefit payments will be taxed by the federal government, because we don't know. How you report this income for tax purposes is up to you and your tax professional, and we cannot provide you with any tax advice or additional guidance. It's possible the IRS will give us guidance in the future, and if that happens, we will update you.

### What does the information on the form mean?

The 1099-Gs issued by Paid Leave show our agency contact and tax identification information (Employment Security Department, listed on the form as the "Payer"), your name, SSN, address (listed on the form as the "Payee"), your Paid Leave account number, and the amount of family leave benefits you received in 2020 (listed in Box 1 on the form).

### Where can I get more information?

If you have questions about your 1099-G:

- Visit the Help Center on our website at [paidleave.wa.gov/help-center/individuals-and-families/payments](https://paidleave.wa.gov/help-center/individuals-and-families/payments)
- Call our Customer Care Team at 833-717-2273. But remember, our Customer Care Specialists cannot provide tax advice or give additional guidance on how you should file your taxes.

## Instructions for Recipient

**Recipient's taxpayer identification number (TIN).** For your protection, this form may show only the last four digits of your TIN (social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN)). However, the issuer has reported your complete TIN to the IRS.

**Account number.** May show an account or other unique number the payer has assigned to distinguish your account.

**Box 1.** Shows the total unemployment compensation paid to you this year. Combine the box 1 amounts from all Forms 1099-G and report the total as income on the unemployment compensation line of your tax return. Except as explained below, this is your taxable amount. If you are married filing jointly, each spouse must figure his or her taxable amount separately. If you expect to receive these benefits in the future, you can ask the payer to withhold federal income tax from each payment. Or you can make estimated tax payments. For details, see Form 1040-ES. If you made contributions to a governmental unemployment compensation program or to a governmental paid family leave program and received a payment from that program, the payer must issue a separate Form 1099-G to report this amount to you. If you itemize deductions, you may deduct your contributions on Schedule A (Form 1040 or 1040-SR) as taxes paid. If you do not itemize, you only need to include in income the amount that is in excess of your contributions.

**Box 2.** Shows refunds, credits, or offsets of state or local income tax you received. It may be taxable to you if you deducted the state or local income tax paid on Schedule A (Form 1040 or 1040-SR). Even if you did not receive the amount shown, for example, because (a) it was credited to your state or local estimated tax, (b) it was offset against federal or state debts, (c) it was offset against other offsets, or (d) you made a charitable contribution from your refund, it is still taxable if it was deducted. If you received interest on this amount, you may receive Form 1099-INT for the interest. However, the payer may include interest of less than \$600 in the blank box next to box 9 on Form 1099-G.

Regardless of whether the interest is reported to you, report it as interest income on your tax return. See your tax return instructions.

**Box 3.** Identifies the tax year for which the box 2 refunds, credits, or offsets shown were made. If there is no entry in this box, the refund is for 2019 taxes.

**Box 4.** Shows backup withholding or withholding you requested on unemployment compensation, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loans, or certain crop disaster payments. Generally, a payer must backup withhold on certain payments if you did not give your TIN to the payer. See Form W-9 for information on backup withholding. Include this amount on your income tax return as tax withheld.

**Box 5.** Shows reemployment trade adjustment assistance (RTAA) payments you received. Include on the "Other income" line of Schedule 1 (Form 1040 or 1040-SR).

**Box 6.** Shows taxable grants you received from a federal, state, or local government.

**Box 7.** Shows your taxable Department of Agriculture payments. If the payer shown is anyone other than the Department of Agriculture, it means the payer has received a payment, as a nominee, that is taxable to you. This may represent the entire agricultural subsidy payment received on your behalf by the nominee, or it may be your pro rata share of the original payment. See Pub. 225 and the Schedule F (Form 1040 or 1040-SR) instructions for information about where to report this income. Partnerships, see Form 8825 for how to report.

**Box 8.** If this box is checked, the amount in box 2 is attributable to an income tax that applies exclusively to income from a trade or business and is not a tax of general application. If taxable, report the amount in box 2 on Schedule C or F (Form 1040 or 1040-SR), as appropriate.

**Box 9.** Shows market gain on CCC loans whether repaid using cash or CCC certificates. See the Schedule F (Form 1040 or 1040-SR) instructions.

**Boxes 10a–11.** State income tax withheld reporting boxes.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form 1099-G and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/Form1099G](http://www.irs.gov/Form1099G).