



# Did You Receive Unemployment Benefits?

## Have the right tax withheld for 2020



### Unemployment benefits are taxable

Unemployment benefits must be reported on your federal tax return. A record number of Americans are applying for unemployment compensation due to the COVID-19 Outbreak. If you received unemployment benefits, as well as the additional \$600 per week in coronavirus relief any time during the year, your tax return may be affected.

- **Do I have to report unemployment benefits on my federal income tax return?**

Yes, any unemployment compensation received during the year must be reported on your federal tax return.

- **How will I know how much unemployment compensation I received?**

If you received unemployment compensation during the year, you should receive Form 1099-G from your state's unemployment office.

- **How will unemployment compensation affect my tax return?**

If you do not have taxes withheld from your unemployment compensation, it could result in a tax liability.

- **Can I have federal income tax withheld from my unemployment compensation?**

Yes, you can choose to have federal income tax withheld from your unemployment benefits by submitting a Form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request, to your state's unemployment office.

- **If I am no longer collecting unemployment benefits, how can I pay the tax due?**

You can make estimated tax payments at [www.irs.gov/Form 1040-ES](http://www.irs.gov/Form1040-ES) and/or increase your withholding once you have a new job. You can check your estimated withholding using the calculator at [www.irs.gov/W4app](http://www.irs.gov/W4app). See [www.irs.gov/payments](http://www.irs.gov/payments) for more payment options.

According to The Bureau of Labor Statistics, over 23 million U.S. workers have filed for unemployment this year nationwide.

For the first time, some self-employed workers qualified for unemployment benefits.



For more information, contact your state's unemployment office and visit:

**[www.irs.gov/UC](http://www.irs.gov/UC)**