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## DETR advises regarding 1099-G forms; encourages claimants to notify agency upon receipt of fraudulent or incorrect 1099-Gs

CARSON CITY, NV - Today, the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) announced that 1099-G forms were sent out at the end of January as required by law. DETR is aware of and understands the concerns and questions claimants may have regarding receipt of an inaccurate 1099 form due to potential fraud. Separate 1099-G forms were mailed for both UI and PUA benefits to the address on file. Claimants can update their address in both systems: ui.nv.gov for UI and EmployNV.gov for PUA. 1099-Gs will also be available in your EmployNV message center or UInv documents by mid-February 2021.

Individuals who believe they have received an incorrect 1099-G from DETR can file a report online with the agency by visiting <a href="www.detr.nv.gov">www.detr.nv.gov</a>, selecting the <a href="Unemployment Fraud tab">Unemployment Fraud tab</a> on the left under "Quick links" and then clicking on "1099-G Correction Request." Once a request is filed with the agency, nothing else is required by the reporting party. DETR will work as fast as it can to investigate inaccuracies and reissue corrected forms. If claimants do not receive a corrected 1099-G in time to file taxes, the IRS is recommending that individuals file their tax return with the correct amount and then have documentation ready if the IRS contacts the filer about the discrepancy.

"We know Nevadans are concerned and have questions regarding these 1099's. The IRS is aware of the magnitude of this issue. Our recommendation is for claimants to file their tax returns with their correct information. And we suggest all claims filers keep records of the payments they received, if any. We ask for the public's patience and cooperation as it will take time for our team to fix and reissue corrected forms to all impacted claimants," said Lynda Parven, Administrator of DETR's Employment Security Division.

Some helpful tips for those who receive an incorrect 1099:

- It is important you accurately report the income <u>actually received</u> on a tax return and keep a copy of the income notice sent to the IRS and all related records for the federal agency.
- To view a list of DETR recommended identification documents, visit https://detr.nv.gov/Page/Unemployment\_Fraud and click on "Additional Resources."
- Filers should make sure to keep documents as it may be a YEAR before the IRS contacts you.
- If you discover your tax return was incorrect after it is filed, you must file an amended return. The IRS may charge penalties and interest if you do not pay the correct amount to the IRS by April 15, 2021.
- Free tax preparation assistance (list of providers) is available to low income taxpayers on the IRS website at <a href="https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/">https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/</a>.
- Many taxpayers can also prepare and file their own tax returns online for free. More
  information is available at the IRS website: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free">https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free</a>

For additional information regarding 1099-Gs, visit <a href="www.detr.nv.gov">www.detr.nv.gov</a> and click on the center banner message. More details will be provided as additional information becomes available.

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ABOUT DETR: The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development agency. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through Nevada JobConnect career centers and in cooperation with its community partners.