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Unemployment Insurance 2011 Tax Statements Available Online

DWD Secretary Newson reminds UI claimants of their filing obligations for federal and state tax purposes

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today reminded state residents who received Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits during 2011 that they are required to file the benefits as taxable income, and the agency's website provides them with convenient and secure access to their individual tax statements.

"Providing Unemployment Insurance claimants with easy access to important tax information is one more way our agency delivers services efficiently and cost-effectively," Secretary Newson said.

UI benefits are considered taxable income for both federal and state income taxes, and the 1099-G form reports the amount claimants were paid during the year. DWD mails 1099-G forms to the last known address of claimants, who must have the statements to complete their federal and state tax returns. For additional convenience, however, DWD also makes the forms available electronically from the UI Division's website at <http://ucclaim-wi.org>.

"We can make the information available online before all the forms are printed and mailed out, and those who have changed addresses since they last filed a claim won't face any delays," Secretary Newson said. "Statements are available online for the previous six years, which can be particularly helpful if claimants need to file amended tax returns."

Users can click on "Get your 1099-G," then enter their Social Security Number and Personal Identification Number (PIN), the same PIN used for the UI telephone and Internet claim systems. If necessary, claimants can also access and receive copies of the 1099-G for each of the past six years.

"The PIN provides additional security for claimants who are looking for immediate access to their information," Secretary Newson said.

DWD's UI Division is required to send the 1099-G information to the Internal Revenue Service and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue provides 1099-G information online, as well as free electronic income tax return filing on its website. Go to www.revenue.wi.gov and click on the *Individuals* tab for a variety of online services.