

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
1545-0120
Form 1099-G
Certain Government Payments

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

IRC sections 6041, 6050B, 6050D, and 6050E require payers to report taxable grants, unemployment compensation, state and local income tax refunds, and agricultural payments. It may also be used as a nominee return by persons receiving agricultural payments on behalf of others.

2. USE OF DATA

IRS uses Form 1099-G to verify that taxable payments from each of these sources are reported on the recipient's income tax return.

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

We estimate that 99% of Forms 1099-G are filed electronically.

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible.

5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

Not applicable.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

Not applicable.

7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

Not applicable.

8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

Periodic meetings are held between IRS personnel and representatives of the American Bar Association, the National Society of Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and other professional groups to discuss tax law and tax forms. During these meetings, there is an opportunity for those attending to make comments regarding Form 1099-G.

In response to the **Federal Register Notice** dated May 12, 2014 (**79 FR 27048**), we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 1099-G.

9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

Not applicable.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the "Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE)" system and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under:

- 1 IRS 22.026--Form 1042-S Index by Name of Recipient
- 2 IRS 22.061--Wage and Information Returns Processing
- 2 IRS 42.021--Compliance Programs and Projects Files
- 3 IRS 34.037--IRS Audit Trails & Security Records System

The Department of Treasury PIAs can be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/privacy/PIAs/Pages/default.aspx>

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such

returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

Form	<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>Time per Response</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
1099-G			82,364,600
			.30
			24,709,380

Estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens shown above are not available at this time.

The following regulations impose no additional burden. Please continue to assign OMB number 1545-0120 to these regulations.

1.6041-1(a)(2)	1.6050D-1(a)
1.6050B-1	1.6050E-1(c), (d)

We have reviewed the regulations and have determined that the reporting requirements contained in them are entirely reflected on the form. The justification appearing in item 1 of the supporting statement applies both to these regulations and to the form.

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

As suggested by OMB, our **Federal Register Notice** dated May 12, 2014 (79 FR 27048), requested public comments on estimates of cost burden that are not captured in the estimates of burden hours, i.e., estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. However, we did not receive any responses from taxpayers on this subject. As a result, estimates of these cost burdens are not available at this time.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The primary cost to the government consists of the cost of printing this form. We estimate that the cost of printing the form is \$8,475.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

The Department has updated the burden associated with the ICR based on updated filing projections and previous year filings. We estimate an increase of 21,364,600 filings (from 61,000,000 to 82,364,600). The Form 1099-G remains the same and there are no additional changes that will affect the burden. This change in the estimated number of responses results in overall annual burden hour increase of 7,629,380 hours (from 17,080,000 hours to 24,709,380)._____

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

Not applicable.

17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

See below.

18. EXCEPTION TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Not applicable.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

OMB EXPIRATION DATE

We believe the public interest will be better served by not printing an expiration date on the form(s) in this package.

Printing the expiration date on the form will result in increased costs because of the need to replace inventories that become obsolete by passage of the expiration date each time OMB approval is renewed. Without printing the expiration date, supplies of the form could continue to be used.

The time period during which the current edition of the form(s) in this package will continue to be usable cannot be predicted. It could easily span several cycles of review and OMB clearance renewal. In addition, usage fluctuates unpredictably. This makes it necessary to maintain a substantial inventory of forms in the supply line at all times. This includes supplies owned by both the Government and the public. Reprinting of the form cannot be reliably scheduled to coincide with an OMB approval expiration date. This form may be privately printed by users at their own expense. Some businesses print complex and expensive marginally punched continuous versions, their expense, for use in their computers. The form may be printed by commercial printers and stocked for sale. In such cases, printing the expiration date on the form could result in extra costs to the users.

Not printing the expiration date on the form(s) will also avoid confusion among taxpayers who may have identical forms with different expiration dates in their possession.

For the above reasons we request authorization to omit printing the expiration date on the form(s) in this package.