LEGAL UI How-To: Make Sure EDD HID AT Has Your Earnings History

You may be eligible for unemployment insurance if the company you worked for paid you as an independent contractor or did not pay payroll taxes on your claim. Many workers who are classified as "Independent Contractors," including gig workers, delivery workers, janitors, nail technicians, and workers who work scheduled shifts, are often employees under California law. If you are an employee under California law, you can access unemployment insurance, even if your employer paid you as a contractor. **But you will need to take a few extra steps to make sure you receive the benefits you are entitled.**

How to add wages to your UI claim

Once you have filed your Unemployment Insurance Claim and have received a Notice of Unemployment Insurance Award, follow the below steps to intiate an investigation of the wages you have earned, so you can get all the benefits you deserve. A video describing steps 4-7 is available at bit.ly/EDD-ADD-WAGES.

- Step 1. Gather evidence of your wage information, including 1099s, 1099-Ks, and 1099-MISCs you received from 2019 and 2018. If your 1099s do not show your monthly earnings, or you did not receive 1099s or 1099-Ks, gather other evidence of your earnings, such as pay stubs, bank deposits, or screen captures from the company app showing how much you earned.
- Step 2. Cross out the incorrect information oun your Notice of Award, and write in the correct amount for each of the four quarters in the table of the Notice of Award, using the information from your 1099s and other evidence. (See visual instructions on next page.)
- **Step 3.** Mail copies of the wage information to EDD by sending them to the address listed at the top left corner of your "Notice of Unemployment Insurance Award" letter.
- **Step 4.** Log onto UI Online at uio.edd.ca.gov, click the UI Online button, and then click the "Contact Us" tab on the right side of the webpage.
- **Step 5.** Select "Claim Questions" under the Question Category dropdown menu. Then select "Missing Wages from Claims" from the Question Topic dropdown menu.
- **Step 6.** Briefly state why EDD does not have your wage information. If you drive for Uber, you can write the following (filling in the appropriate information):

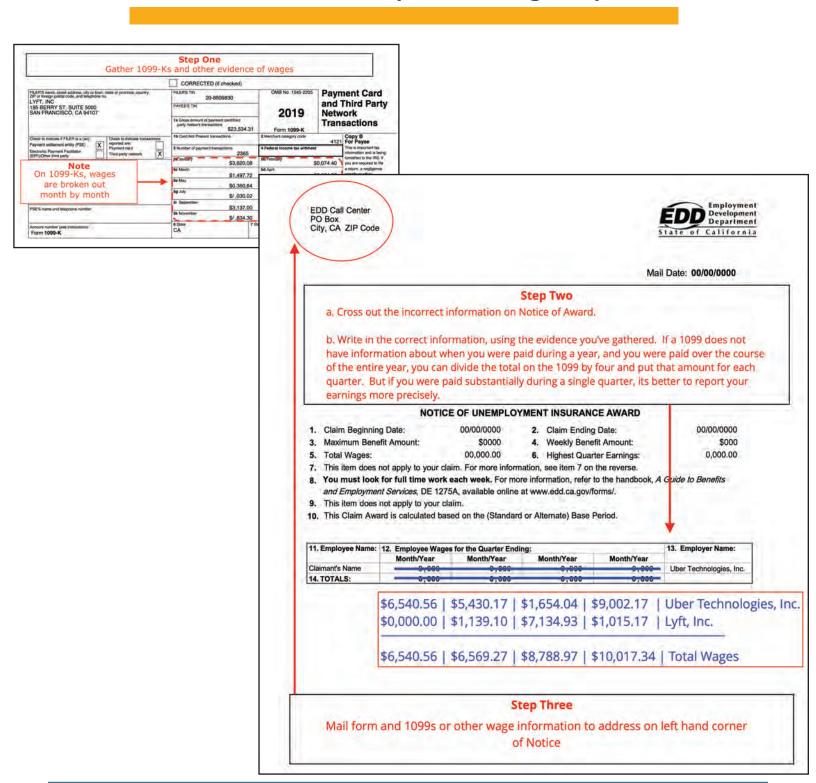
I was misclassified by Uber as an independent contractor, and my notice of award does not reflect the wages I earned while working for Uber. According to the 1099-K I received from Uber, I earned \$XX,XXX between January and March, earned \$XX,XXX between April and June, earned \$XX,XXX between July and September, and earned \$XX,XXX between October and December. According to the 1099-K for 2018, I earned \$XX,XXX between October and December 2018.

Step 7. Click "Submit"



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An Illustrated Guide to Steps One through Step Three



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An Illustrated Guide to Steps Four through Step Seven

