

2023 Annual Conference 1099-K

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Objectives



- At the end of this course, you will be able to:
 - Explain the information reported on the Form 1099-K
 - Nominee the 1099-K income to another person, business, or entity
 - Differentiate business income from hobby income
 - Report sales of personal property reported on Form 1099-K

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About the 1099-K



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1099-K



- Form 1099-K, Payment Card and Third-Party Network Transactions, is an IRS information return that reports certain payment transactions.
- The IRS expects use of the 1099-K to improve "voluntary tax compliance."



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1099-K History



- The 1099-K form was first introduced in 2012 as a requirement for reportable payment transactions defined as payment card transactions or third-party network transactions.
- Per the 2012 instructions:
- A TPSO [Third Party Settlement Organization] is required to report any information concerning third party network transactions of any participating payee only if for the calendar year:
 - The gross amount of total reportable payment transactions exceeds \$20,000 AND
 - The total number of such transactions exceeds 200.

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And Nothing Changed Until...



- The American Rescue Plan of 2021 changed that \$20,000 threshold to SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS, beginning with payments transactions settled after December 31, 2021!
- No number of transactions is mentioned

Wow, that's a HUGE change!!

Go big or go home, I always say.

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Maybe Too Big of a Change?



- A lot of people thought so
- Sen. Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.) and Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) announced an amendment that would have increased the threshold to \$10,000
- That amendment didn't appear in the final version of the omnibus—but the clamor for an increased threshold grew...

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Maybe Too Big of a Change?



- The AICPA sent a letter to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, expressing "deep concerns" about the \$600 threshold
- It was noted that the \$600 threshold was based on § 6041 of the tax code, called Information at Source, established in 1954
- And never adjusted for inflation
- (Today that \$600 would be about \$6,640...just sayin'...)

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Delayed Implementation



- Friday, December 23rd, 2022, the IRS issued Notice 2023-10, announcing that calendar year 2022 would be regarded as a **transition period** for the new 1099-K reporting requirements.
- The previous reporting threshold of \$20,000 and 200 transactions remains in place throughout 2021, with reporting in 2022.
- New threshold slated for transactions in 2022, reporting in 2023.
- It's possible the IRS realized they couldn't possibly handle the flood of 1099-Ks this new requirement would release.

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When a 1099-K May Be Issued



- If a taxpayer sells goods and/or services and accepts payment cards or compensation through a third-party settlement organization, a 1099-K may be issued.
- Simply making a purchase using a credit card or third-party settlement organization does not generate a 1099-K.
- (The IRS is interested in people receiving money, not spending money.)

So...Business Income?



- Yes, business income
- Also hobby income, gig income, sale of personal items
- And possibly nontaxable transactions between friends and family
 - Most payment entities have some sort of way to distinguish business from non-business payments
 - (But not everyone does this correctly)

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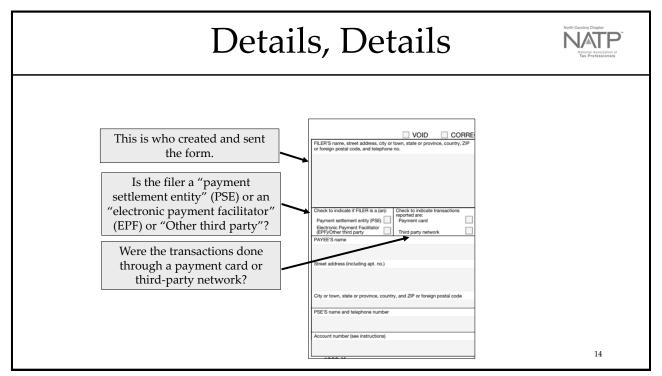
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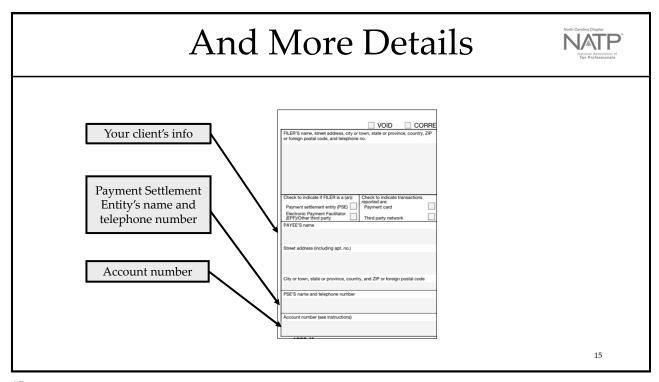
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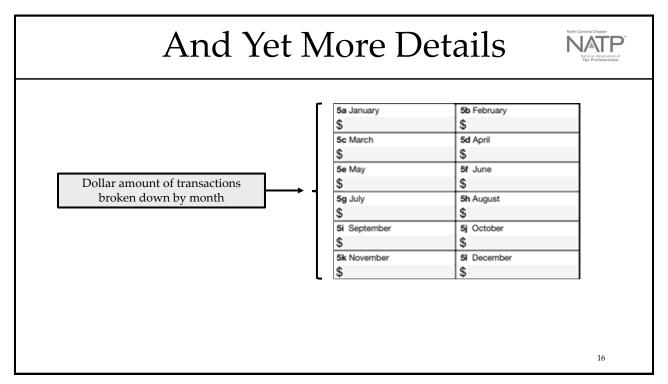


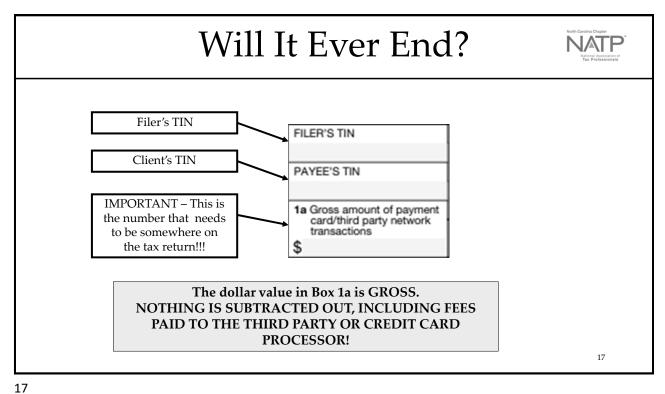
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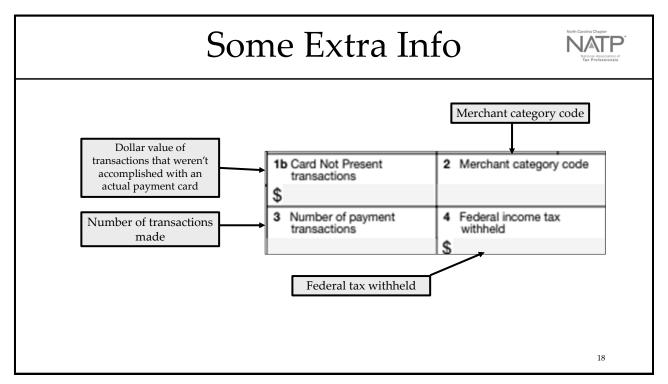
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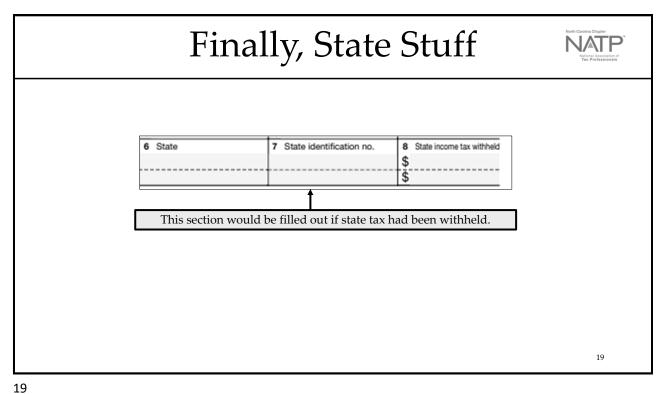


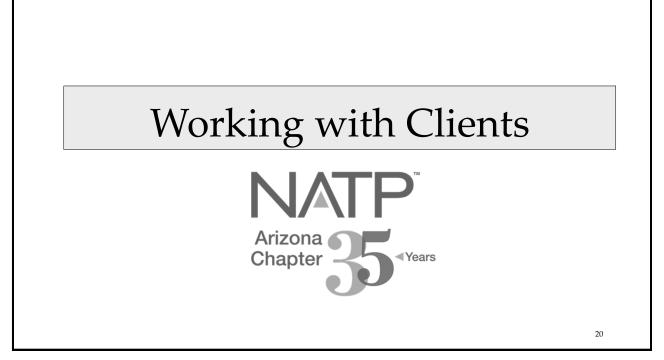












What Should I Look For?

- The most important question will be this: Why did the client get this form?
- After that is answered, you'll check to make sure the 1099K is accurate!
- Is the dollar amount correct? Is the correct TIN reported?

Why did my client get a 1099-K?



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Getting a 1099-K Corrected NATP



- If the taxpayer believes the information on a Form 1099 K is incorrect or has been issued in error, that taxpayer can contact the filer, whose name appears in the upper left corner on the front of the form.
- Or the taxpayer may contact the payer, or the payment settlement entity (PSE), name and phone number shown in the lower left corner of the form.
- If the taxpayer cannot get this form corrected, then it must be reported on the tax return and adjusted as needed so that the taxpayer pays the correct amount of tax.

Gross Amount



- Gross really does mean gross.
- There are no adjustments for credits, cash equivalents, discount amounts, fees, refunded amounts, or anything else.
- Care must be taken to **report the gross amount on the tax return** and then to subtract out any fees, credits, refunds, discounted amounts, etc.

Why should the gross amount be reported on the tax return?

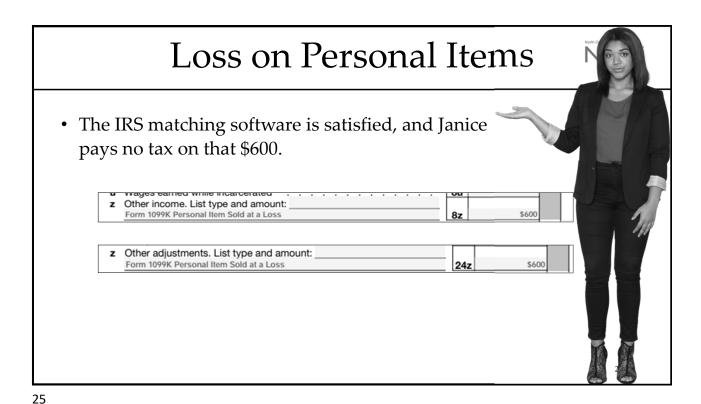
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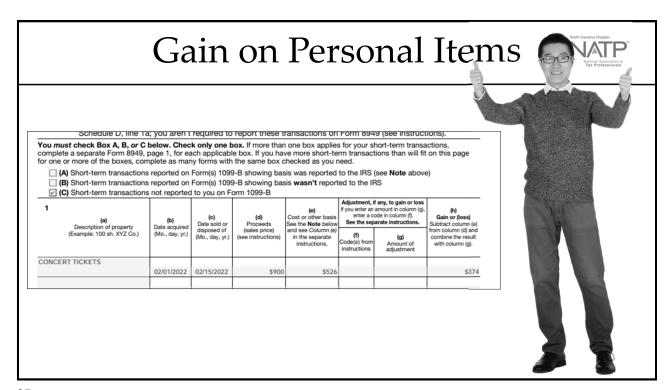
Loss on Personal Items

- Janice bought a refrigerator for \$1,000 and sold it later for \$600.
- Payment was made through a 3d party payment settler and that \$600 was reported on a 1099-K.
- Janice can report that \$600 on Schedule 1, Line 8z as "Other income" with a description of "Form 1099K Personal Item Sold at a Loss" and then report \$600 as an offsetting entry on Schedule 1 Part II, Line 24z.... OR
- She can use Form 8949 to report a non-deductible loss.





Gain on Personal Items
Bob bought concert tickets for \$500. A few weeks later, he sold them for \$900 through Paypal.
Paypal sent him a 1099-K for \$900.
Bob paid Paypal a fee of \$26.
Bob does not sell concert tickets for a living; this was a one-off thing.
This is a taxable transaction, reported on Form 8949, code c.



Multiple Personal Items Sold

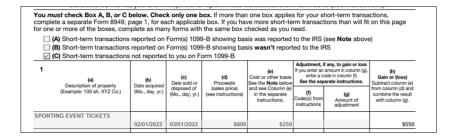


- Steven purchased tickets for two separate sporting events, each \$250.
- A month later, he realized he wouldn't be able to attend the events and he sold the tickets in two separate transactions.
- One set of tickets sold for \$800 and the other set sold for \$200.
- Steven received a 1099K for \$1,000.
- The loss on the second set cannot offset the gain on the first set; therefore, these events must be reported separately.

Steven's Tickets Form 8949



• Here's the reporting for the tickets that were purchased for \$250 and sold for \$800.



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Steven's Tickets Sold at a Loss



• Here's the reporting for the tickets that were purchased for \$250 and sold for \$200.

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z	Other income. List type and amount: Form 1099K Personal Item Sold at a Loss	8z		\$200		
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	7 Other adjustments. List type and amounts		24k		-	
	z Other adjustments. List type and amount: Form 1099K Personal Item Sold at a Loss		24k			

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Personal Reimbursements



- Jennifer and Jane went to a concert together.
- Jennifer bought the tickets and Jane reimbursed her via an online payment processor.
- A 1099-K should not be issued because the money is not payment for the sale of goods or the provision of services.
- But if Jane didn't hit the right buttons, Jennifer might get a 1099-K!
- If Jennifer is unable to get it corrected by the online payment processor, she can report it as other income and then subtract it out.

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Jennifer's Schedule 1



• IRS matching software is satisfied and Jennifer pays no tax.

2	Other income. List type and amount: Form 1099K Received in Error	8z	\$200	
z	Other adjustments. List type and amount:	247	\$200	

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It Can Get Confusing

- Lisa cleaned house.
- She sold various items of furniture and jewelry on eBay.
- Lisa received a 1099-K for \$3,050
- She's in a panic and you're not too happy yourself.



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Lisa Cleans House



- You ask for a list of what sold and for how much, and what she had originally paid for the items.
- She (eventually) comes up with a list.
 - Dining room set cost her \$5,000 six years ago, sold for \$1,000
 - Couch cost her \$1,500 five years ago, sold for \$200
 - FAX machine cost her \$500 3 years ago, sold for \$25
 - Necklace that cost \$500, sold for \$750
 - Ruby ring that cost \$650, sold for \$1,000
 - Painting that cost \$1,000, sold for \$75

Lisa Cleans House

- "See?" she says. "I took a loss of about SIX GRAND! Tax deductible!"
- And now you get to be the bearer of bad news.
- She'll pay tax on the items that were sold at a gain, but cannot take a loss on the items sold at a loss.
- Nor can the gains and losses be netted out.
- This is the "Heads I win, tails you lose" principal of personal property taxation.



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Breaking It Down



• Each item that sold for a gain is reported on Form 8949 or Schedule 1.

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NECKLACE							
	VARIOUS	03/10/2022	\$750	\$500			\$250
RUBY RING							
KODT KING							
ROBT KING	VARIOUS	03/1//2022	\$1,000	\$650			\$350

Breaking It Down



• We can report the items sold at a loss on Form 8949 or on Schedule 1.

z	Other income. List type and amount: Form 1099K Personal Items Sold at a Loss	8z	\$1,300
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z	Other adjustments. List type and amount: Form 1099K Personal Items Sold at a Loss	24z	21 200

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Lisa's Taxes



- If she paid any fees on these transactions, those would be added to basis to reduce the amount of her gain.
- Clients need to be warned to keep records of what they sold!



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Cryptocurrency 1099-Ks



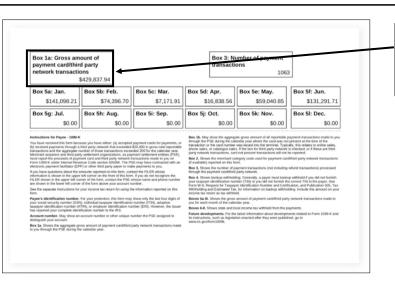
- Many exchanges are issuing 1099-Ks reporting total proceeds on sales and trades of digital assets
 - Gemini
 - Bitstamp
 - eToro
 - Cash App (yes, you can sell crypto in the Cash App app)
 - Venmo (yes, you can sell crypto in the Venmo app)
 - Crypto.com

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Cryptocurrency 1099-Ks





Shows gross amount! Taxpayer actually had a loss that year!

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- True or false?
 - a. It doesn't matter why the client got a 1099-K; the tax treatment doesn't change.
 - b. If income isn't reported to the IRS, taxpayers don't need to put it on their tax returns
 - c. The gross amount reported on Line 1a of the 1099-K form is net of the payment settler's fees.
 - d. Taxpayers can net gains and losses when selling personal items.
 - e. Cryptocurrency transactions are never reported on 1099-Ks.

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Common Problems



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Multiple Businesses



- If a taxpayer has receipts classified under more than one MCC, the merchant acquiring entity gets to choose to either:
 - File separate Form 1099-K, Payment Card and Third Party Network Transactions, reporting the gross reportable transaction amounts attributable to each MCC, **or**
 - File a single Form 1099-K reporting gross reportable transaction amounts and the MCC that corresponds to the largest portion of total gross receipts.
- Which means it's then up to the taxpayer and tax preparer to sort out the income between the different businesses.

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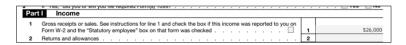
Multiple People

- Robert sells ceramics on Etsy and reports activities on Schedule C.
- He let his kid sister, Laurie, use his Etsy account to sell some jewelry that she had made herself
 - Laurie sold \$1,000 worth of jewelry
- Laurie got the \$1,000, but that amount was included in Robert's 1099K!
- Robert sold only \$25,000 worth of stuff, but the 1099K says \$26,000
- What should Robert do?

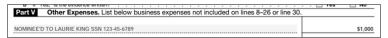


Robert's Ceramics

• Report the full 1099K amount in gross receipts on his Schedule C.



• Nominee that \$1,000 to Laurie as an "Other Expense."



Not a perfect solution – WHY?



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Shared Terminals



- Peter brings in a 1099-K showing gross income of \$100,000
- It seems way too high to him!
- After comparing his own records with the monthly amounts shown on the 1099-K, he recalls that Wendy, who shares the office with him, uses the same payment terminal for her business.
- So some of this \$100,000 must belong to Wendy!
- What now?

Peter and Wendy



- Peter produces his P&L, showing gross income of \$65,000.
- Peter calls the PSE on the 1099-K but is told that they don't have any information about Wendy's business and all this income. therefore needs to be reported under his EIN.
- The full \$100,000 must show up on Peter's Schedule C.
- The remaining \$35,000 gets nominee'd to Wendy.
- Unfortunately, Peter doesn't know Wendy's EIN but he does know her name and the name of the business.
- Again, potential issues with this solution! A sales tax audit may expect sales tax to be paid by Peter for the full \$100,000!

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Moving Forward



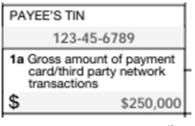
- It would be a good idea for Peter to talk to Wendy to let her know this is happening. And he might even ask for her EIN so he can add that to the description of the \$35,000 adjustment.
- And Peter should cut Wendy off from using his terminal.

My tax accountant told me I had to cut you off. Nothing personal, Wendy.

Wrong EIN on the 1099-K



- Bill is upset.
- He received a 1099-K for \$250,000 under his SSN instead of his S-Corp's EIN!
- He tried calling the PSE and filer of the 1099-K to get this corrected and got nowhere.
- Now what?



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Bill's 1099-K



 No IRS guidance, but possibly report it on Schedule 1 and nominee it to the S Corp.

u	Wages earned while incarcerated	8u	
z	Other income. List type and amount: Form 1099K NOMINEE TO EIN 86-000000	8z	\$250,000

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- He forgot to cancel his agreement with the third-party settler that provided his payment terminal!
- He has a 1099-K showing gross income of \$350,000
- This includes income after the business was sold
- Now what??

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Joe Sold His Business



- Joe's bookkeeper produces a P&L showing that his gross income was \$225,000.
 - \$150,000 was through the third-party payment settler and \$75,000 was through other methods of payments (cash and checks).
- Joe should report the 1099K of \$350,000 plus the \$75,000 of other types of payment, total \$425,000.
- The extra of \$200,000 of 1099K money must be nominee'd to the new owner.

Double Counting



- Brigette is a bookkeeper
- She receives 1099-NEC forms from her clients, reporting how much money they paid her
- Several of her clients use a third-party payment processor so she gets a 1099-K from that processor for the same money that the 1099-NECs are reporting!
- (Those clients don't need to send her 1099-NEC forms if they are using a third-party payment settler for payments, but they don't know that!)

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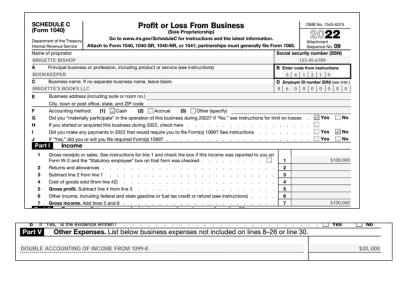
Double Counting

- She finds this out when she gets an IRS letter asking for more tax money.
- You send a letter to the IRS explaining the situation, which they accept.
- The following year, you add together the income reported on the 1099-NECs that she created for her clients PLUS the amount on the 1099-K...
- And then subtract the excess amount as doublecounting.



Brigette's Schedule C





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Dave's Divorce

- Dave was divorced as of December 31st of the previous year.
- He received a 1099-K for his ex-wife's Etsy sales showing gross sales of \$30,000.
- It's under his SSN because he was the primary taxpayer, so that's what made sense to them at the time.
- Now what?





Dave's Divorce

- Dave called his ex-wife, Donna, and asked for her help.
- Donna called the issuer of the 1099-K and got the form corrected.
- Dave should get a corrected 1099-K showing zero dollars and Donna should receive a 1099-K reporting the income under her TIN.



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Dave's Divorce

• Dave received a corrected 1099-K showing no income!

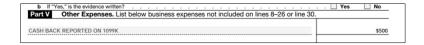
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Cash Back



- Harriet operates a small hair salon
- She allows customers to request cash back so that the customers can give cash tips to stylists
- She didn't realize that this "cash back" money was going to show up on her 1099-K
- Expense that cash back money on Schedule C!



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- True or false?
 - a. Income from different businesses may end up reported on the same 1099-K if they share a payment terminal.
 - b. The payment settlers know how much is "cash back" and therefore don't include it in box 1a of the 1099-K form.
 - c. Nominee-ing income to someone else will inevitably result in an audit.
 - d. An individual may nominee income to an S Corporation.
 - e. It's a good idea for businesses to share payment terminals, as it reduces expenses.

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Fraudulent 1099-Ks



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Fraudulent Accounts



- There are reports of people who have had their identities stolen and used to sell products on platforms such as eBay.
- The person whose identity was stolen then received a 1099-K with their SSN on it.
- One 1099-K was for \$180,000!

Re: Received a 1099-k form yesterday from ebay, I haven't sold anything on ebay.

wrote: - I know this week is crazy with the seller update, but could you please pump this one up the ladder? Between the community,...



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Fraud.org's Advice



• If you receive a tax document showing unrecognized income

- Contact the business that distributed the 1099-K, W-2, or other income report. Finding out if the business actually believes you (or whoever used your Social Security number) may owe taxes or if it was simply a clerical error could help in determining if you were a victim of identity theft.
- Visit IdentityTheft.gov. If you believe you are the victim of identity theft (someone else has used your Social Security number or other credentials to take actions on your behalf), IdentityTheft.gov has more detailed steps you can take that are specific to your situation.

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PayPal



I was notified by the IRS of unreported income from PayPal via 1099K in 2018. After

pulling my own transcripts from the IRS, I found that PayPal did in fact report over \$20K

of income in 2018 against my name and SS I just got one as well for hundreds of thousands of dollars over 1700 transactions that I have ever been associated with and does I were never made by me....get your \$\%^\# together paypal. Worst company I have ever had a PayPal merchant account. Since it is dealt with.

actual customer service representative, how do I get this clarined so I can prove to the IRS I did not actually receive these funds and make sure this does not happen again?

Did you ever get help? We just got a 1099k from PayPal for my husband and he doesn't have a PayPal account and we don't sell anything.

Unfortunately I did not get help from PayPal. After hours and hours of trying to get through to someone I gave up. I had to write a letter to the IRS to explain this whole mess. I haven't heard back from them yet, but this whole thing has cost me a ton of time and stress. Maybe a class action lawsuit will get their attention.

I just received one too. I am in the same situation I don't sale anything and I don't have a merchant account.

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What Do We Do?



- The client should certainly do whatever they can to report the fraud...
- But having them pay tax on a fraudulent 1099-K makes no sense

z	Other income. List type and amount:	8z	\$25,000
z	Other adjustments. List type and amount:	24z	\$25,000
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Questions?





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