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Florida doesn't tax personal income, including reemployment assistance benefits, but the federal government does.

When you receive reemployment assistance benefits, you can either:

- Request that the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) withhold 10 percent of the benefits paid for each week.
- You can ask that nothing be withheld from your benefits. Depending on your tax status, you may have to pay tax on these benefits when you file your taxes with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Note: You cannot ask for a different percentage than 10%; it's 10% or nothing.

## **Change Your Withholding**

If you want to change whether or not DEO holds out taxes for you, follow these steps:

- Log in to your CONNECT account.
- Select View and Maintain Account Information, located in the CONNECT menu, and then click on Payment Method and Tax Withholding Options.
- Select Edit and select yes or no to tax withholdings.

Note: You may change your withholding options only twice during each calendar year (from January through December).

#### **Tax Documents**

By January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, you can login to CONNECT and download your 1099-G for the previous year. This document has the information you need to file your federal income taxes.

# **Need More Help?**

**Public Library:** Libraries can help with many things, including letting you use a computer, printer, copier, scanner, or fax machine. Some libraries also have staff available who may be able to help guide you through the application process.

Find your local library at <a href="https://myfloridalibrary.com/find/">https://myfloridalibrary.com/find/</a>.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO): You can contact DEO (<a href="https://floridajobs.org">https://floridajobs.org</a>) online or by phone:

#### **Online Contact Form**

To contact DEO through their online contact form:

- Go to their website at <a href="https://www.floridajobs.org">https://www.floridajobs.org</a>
- Choose Reemployment Assistance Resources
- Choose ? Reemployment Assistance Help Center
- Choose I am CLAIMANT
- Complete the form based on your question

#### Call DEO

You can call the Reemployment Assistance Customer Service Center at 833-352-7759 or 850-245-7105.

DEO offers special assistance to people who do not speak English as their primary language and those who have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English. They also provide special assistance to people who need help filing a claim online because of legal reasons, computer illiteracy, language barriers, or disabilities.

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