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FILER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no.	FILER'S TIN	OMB No. 1545-2205	Payment Card and
	PAYEE'S TIN	Form 1099-K	Third Party
	1a Gross amount of payment card/third party network		Network Transactions
	transactions \$		Transactions
	1b Card Not Present transactions	2 Merchant category	Copy A
Check to indicate if FILER is a (an): Check to indicate transactions reported are:	\$		Internal Revenue
Payment settlement entity (PSE) Payment card	3 Number of payment transactions	4 Federal income tax withheld	Service Center
Electronic Payment Facilitator (EPF)/Other third party Third party network		\$	
PAYEE'S name	5a January	5b February	File with Form 1096
	\$	\$	
	5c March	5d April	For Privacy Ac
Street address (including apt. no.)	\$	\$	Reduction Ac
	5e May	5f June	Notice, see the
	\$	\$	current Genera
	5g July	5h August	Certain Information
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code	\$	\$	Returns
DOES	5i September	5j October	
PSE'S name and telephone number	\$ 5k November	\$ 5I December	
	\$	\$	
Account number (see instructions) 2nd TIN not.	6 State	7 State identification r	
			<u> \$</u>

It used to be that receiving a Form 1099-K was relatively rare. The form, technically known as Form 1099-K Payment Card and Third-Party Network Transactions was used to report payments received from various third-party resources. Prior to 2022, the monetary threshold to receive a 1099-K was \$20,000, with 200 sales-related

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such as Zelle, PayPal, Square, Stripe, Venmo, and others will be sending you a 1099-K if you receive more than \$600 in payments during the year. Both Uber and Lyft are also considered third-party settlement organizations or use an organization to pay their workers, so if you had a few gigs with either, you'll be receiving a 1099-K as well.

The American Rescue Plan Act does specify that reporting requirements are limited to goods and services only, so if will not affect any funds you may receive from friends and family, so you can transfer money to your kids without them having to pay taxes on it. Unfortunately, there is no really good way to differentiate between the two at this time, which may result in transactions being erroneously reported on Form 1099-K (and to the IRS) that should not be.

The end result of this change is that individuals who have sold small amounts of merchandise on eBay, Etsy, and other selling platforms to make ends meet may suddenly find themselves on the hook for increased taxes. From an accountant's standpoint, this means that more small business clients will be including a 1099-K with their year-end documentation. Another downside to this new reporting is that Form 1099-K does not include credits, discounts, fees, or returns in its total reported, leaving it up to the individual to expense those items separately. This also means that more individual tax filers may find themselves required to file a Schedule C to report additional income.

Not everyone is onboard with these changes. Organizations such as eBay are currently lobbying Congress to increase the threshold back to the original \$20,000, though it's unlikely to happen, since this change is part of the government's way to pay for the American Rescue Plan Act. However, there is a bill in Congress right now that would raise the threshold from \$600 to \$5,000, but it's unclear as to whether the bill, if passed, would impact the 2022 tax year.

Whatever the outcome, both small business merchants, new gig workers, and

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