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Understanding 1099 Miscellaneous and 1099-NEC

For clients who need 1099s, the IRS has separated nonemployee compensation onto a new form called the 1099-NEC back in the 2022 tax year. Because of this, the IRS has revised Form 1099-MISC. If you filed 1099-MISC in the past, you should most likely choose Box 1-Nonemployee Compensation on the 1099-NEC. Ashley Sandelin handles all of these forms.

1099-NEC– Enter nonemployee compensation of \$600 or more. This includes fees, commissions, prizes and awards of services performed as a nonemployee.

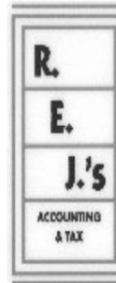
1099-MISC– Enter the amount of \$600 or more for all types of rent and any amount paid to any attorney.

Gather your information and email Ashley at asandelin@rejaccounting.com. She will be happy to help you. These forms are due by January 31. Be aware that penalties have increased.



Voice Mail System at REJ Now has Caller ID!

We have enhanced our phone system to allow you to confirm your pick-up appointment, change your pick-up appointment, or leave a message for your tax professional. If you are calling after business hours, the Voice Mail will give you the option to enter the extension numbers to reach each party. Robert is 210, Richard and Brenda are 213, Francois and Ashley are 214, and Maria is 211. Our tax professionals will return your call within a day. If you have not heard from us, please call us at 734 284-8833 and a receptionist will put you in touch with one of our full-time accountants.



REJ's Returning and New Staff Celebrating Our 48th Year in Business

REJ's has maintained most of our staff positions and brought additional staff to better serve our clients in a safe environment. We are looking to bring back our "pay your fees out of your refund program."

Our returning staff includes enrolled agent (EA) Robert Jacob, a certified management accountant (CMA); tax accountant, Richard Witkowski, a registered tax preparer (RTTP); Brenda Konikowski (EA); along with seasoned tax preparers Francois Michaud and Ashley Sandelin, accountants. Ashley, our head bookkeeper, will also manage the office. Our returning front office staff includes: Lisa Arseneau, Rosie Stetz, Katalin Kovach, and Mark Kruso. They will be answering phones, filing, and scheduling pick-up appointments. REJ welcomes Brenda Konikowski (EA) our newest staff member from The Tax Place.

Please look for your 2026 calendar and assigned drop-off week for a contactless drop-off in your newsletter mailing. If a personal appointment is necessary because you have sold a house, are planning for retirement, or you have a complicated return this year, please call for a face-to-face appointment.

Please note that we will be giving you a **drop-off week** to drop off your documents— **not** a specific date. **See page 1 for your assigned drop-off week.** You can use our secure drop-off box located in the front of the building. It is locked and checked daily. All Tax Place clients will be drop-offs.

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Year End 2025 Newsletter 48th year in business

Welcome to REJ's 2025 Contactless Tax Season

REJ's is dedicated to keeping clients and staff safe during the 2025 tax season. To ensure everyone's safety, REJ's tax season will be contactless, as much as possible.

If you need assistance, email is the preferred method of communication with your tax preparer.

You can email Bob at rjacob@rejaccounting.com, Rich at rwitkowski@rejaccounting.com, Francois at fmichaud@rejaccounting.com, Ashley at asandelin@rejaccounting.com,

Brenda at info@rejaccounting.com

Our preparers, Bob; Rich;

Brenda; Ashley; and Francois will be processing most taxes by contactless drop-off, mail or email.

The front office will call you when your taxes are completed and schedule appointments for your pick up. Please see the pick-up procedure sheet enclosed with the newsletter.

The office will be open for business on Monday, January 26, 2026. Our new business

hours will be 10-6, Monday through Friday. Saturdays will be open on an as-needed basis from 10-2.

We will be closed on Sunday.

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation with our

new procedures. Hopefully, we will be able to keep everyone safe as we conduct our tax business in 2026. **(734) 284-8833.**

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Tax Law Changes to Note

Unemployment is fully taxable for 2025.

Child Tax Credit \$2,200 per qualifying child.

Charitable contributions must be itemized to claim deduction in 2025.

IRA and H.S.A. contributions can be made up to April 15, 2026, for the 2025 tax year. If you are 50 or older, you can catch up from \$7,000 to \$8,000 by April 15, 2026.

Mileage is 70 cents, **Medical** is 21 cents, **Contributions** are 14 cents.

Standard Deductions went up to \$31,500 for married, \$15,750 for single, and \$23,625 for head of household, adjusted for inflation.

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Direct Consulting One, LLC is Our Gold Sponsor for 2026. Their phone number is **734-601-2800**

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Legacy of Light Award

We had to say farewell to our Maria DeAngelis who retired 7/31/25

Bob, Ashley and Maria are all Intuit QuickBooks Online and desktop Pro Advisors. Ashley is also a QuickBooks Online Payroll Advisor. Maria had put in 12 years at the REJ's and made countless friends for REJ and herself. She will truly be missed but she is still one of our clients.



The Tax Place

REJ's has acquired The Tax Place in Riverview and is employing Brenda Konikowski (EA), one of the previous owners.

The Tax Place had been in business for over 36 years and serviced the downriver community. We are proud to continue their traditions at REJ.

Brenda will take some face-to-face appointments, but the bulk of her clients will be drop-offs. We look forward to welcoming and serving The Tax Place clientele this tax season. About 300 tax place clients continued on to the REJ's.

Brenda now has a separate desk and computer to assist her in servicing her clientele. We will be sending out the newsletter to the 300 clients who came to us in 2025.

The Mary L. Jacob's Legacy of Light award is granted to a minimum of two Thriveology youths ages 14-17 who embody the characteristics of Mary's light through community service and leadership within their peer groups.

For more information or to donate to this worthy scholarship, visit www.thriveology.org/donate. In keeping with the spirit of Mary Jacob, REJ's Accounting and Tax Service will accept donations to Thriveology and remit them to the Mary L. Jacob Legacy of Light scholarship fund in your name and on your behalf. Thriveology is a 501(c)(3), and your donations are tax deductible. You can also contact Autumn Deal, Executive Director at

Thriveology, Inc.
10757 Marne
Detroit, MI 48224



David Grachek is my personal dentist and an MSU graduate!

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State and Federal Tax Law Changes for 2025 and Beyond

Federal Law changes are not finalized by Congress .

1. Those who are married and filing jointly will have an increased standard deduction of \$31,500 up from the \$29,200. **Single** taxpayers and those who are married and file separately now have a \$15,750 standard deduction, up from the \$14,600. For heads of households, the deduction will be 23,625 up from \$21,900.
2. The child tax credit has gone up to \$2,200 per qualifying child who is under the age of 17. A \$500 credit is available for dependents who do not qualify for the larger credits.
3. The deduction for mortgage interest is capped at \$750,000 for mortgage loans. The limit is still \$1 million for mortgages that were established prior to December 15, 2017.
4. The itemized deduction for state and local taxes is limited to \$40,000 for both income and property taxes paid during the year. Employees who participate in retirement plans such as 401(k), 403(b) most 457 plans, and the Thrift Savings Plan can now contribute as much as \$23,500, up from \$22,500.
5. The Annual exclusion for gifts jumped from \$18,000 to \$19,000.
6. Employee business expenses, including mileage and home offices, continue to be non-deductible. For those eligible, mileage rate is 70 cents per mile traveled.
7. Independent contractors can continue to deduct business expenses on Schedule C.
8. No tax on some tips up to \$25,000
9. New auto interest up to \$10,000
10. No tax on overtime up to \$12,500
11. Additional Senior Deduction \$6,000 per senior

Available to existing customers:

- * Alternate Minimum Tax
- * Business Entity Comparison Chart
- * Business Entity Pros and Cons
- * Business Expenses Worksheet
- * Business Financing - Don't Intermingle Funds
- * Business Use of Home
- * Cancellation of Debt - Insolvency
- * Capital Gains and Losses
- * Charitable Cash Donation Tracker
- * Education Tax Benefits
- * Employee or Independent Contractor
- * Identity Theft and Your Taxes
- * Kiddie Tax
- * Itemized Deductions Education Expenses
- * Itemized Deductions Homeowners
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- * Standard vs Itemized Deductions
- * Itemized Deductions Medical Expenses
- * Itemized Deductions Taxes Paid
- * Mileage and Expense Log
- * Multi-State Taxation
- * Pension Income Planning
- * Recordkeeping for Tax Purposes
- * Rental Income and Expense Worksheet
- * Rental Income and Expenses
- * Retirement Income
- * S Corporations
- * Small Business Health Care Tax Credit
- * Social Security and Medicare
- * Starting a Business

Tax Scams, Buy-Sell Agreements, and Business Management are some of our available publications.

The brochure page is updated thru 2024. We will be updating it throughout the year, so visit rejaccounting.com