



TAX TIPS

FOR ON DEMAND DRIVERS

- Drivers are contract labor and are self-employed. You receive a 1099 Misc. or a 1099K rather than a W-2.
- Social Security and Medicare payments are not deducted from the driver's compensation.
- Tips are required to be included in gross income.
- Income tax rate is determined by the filing status and by the total amount of taxable income after deductions. The lowest income tax bracket is 10%. Self-employed income is taxed at 15.3%. (SE tax is calculated on 92.35% of net SE income.)

Rule of Thumb

Save at least **25%** of net self-employed income to cover your tax obligations.

(10% at lowest tax bracket + 15% Self Employed Income) If your income level/tax bracket is higher than 10%, you will want to hold out more to cover tax obligations.



Record Your Expenses

Commission and fees - amount driver pays Uber/Lyft for the service

Taxes and license - amount driver pays BNA airport to pick up fares

Supplies - office and record keeping supplies used solely for business (ex: free bottled water for clients), etc.

Advertising - cost to advertise your business (ex: business cards)

Utilities - portion of cell phone bill used for business

Business Miles - uncompensated mileage when there was a passenger in the vehicle plus mileage between dropping off passenger A and picking up passenger B.

Commuting Miles - mileage from home to pick up first passenger plus mileage from dropping off last passenger to home. Cannot claim this mileage.

Personal Miles - cannot claim this mileage

BEST PRACTICES

KEEP A DAILY LOG OR JOURNAL

Include:

- time and odometer reading at start and end of shift
- business miles, commuting miles and personal miles
- tips & expenses
- Log actual car expenses in the event it is more advantageous to claim actual expenses rather than using the standard mileage rate



MAKE QUARTERLY PAYMENTS

At IRS.GOV, print off a 1040ES for information, due dates and how to make quarterly payments. Payments can be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly as well as quarterly. Payments can be made by phone, credit card, or automatically withdrawn from a checking or savings account.

Use the **Tax Withholding Calculator** at IRS.GOV to estimate your household's tax obligation. Check on a regular basis to keep on track and avoid surprises. Remember, income from self-employment is taxed at 15.3%.

It's One or the Other

Standard Mileage Rate = \$0.545

If you use the standard mileage rate for a year, you cannot deduct your actual car expenses for that year. Actual car expenses are: depreciation; lease payments; maintenance and repairs; gasoline (including gasoline taxes); oil; car insurance premiums; and vehicle registration fees.

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