

Information for Independent Contractors and Gig Workers

You are receiving this information sheet because your bankruptcy schedules show income as an independent contractor or gig worker. This document provides only general information and should not be treated as legal advice or tax advice. If you have any questions, contact your attorney or a tax professional.

I. Taxes and Recordkeeping

- a. Self-employment taxes.** Make sure you understand your tax reporting, recordkeeping, and payment obligations. You may need to pay self-employment taxes if you work as an independent contractor or work in the gig economy (such as ridesharing apps or freelance work).
- b. Estimated tax payments.** Taxes are due as they are incurred. If you do not have an employer withholding taxes, you may need to make quarterly tax payments during the year.
- c. Free Business Tax Workshop.** If you need additional information, consider attending the free Business Tax Workshop offered by the Trustee. Sign up at: www.ch13nsh.com/financial1.htm. (Note that the Business Tax Workshop is different than the Financial Management Class.)
- d. Separate bank account.** For clean recordkeeping, you should not use your personal bank account for your business transactions.
- e. Planning.** Have you made a plan for managing periods when you are not able to work or taking time off?

II. Insurance

Make sure you are aware of any insurance requirements for your work and verify that you have any insurance coverage that you want.

- a. Personal vehicle insurance may not provide coverage.** Verify that you have vehicle insurance coverage while working. Your personal policy may not apply during work-related trips. For gig work like ridesharing apps, the platform may maintain a commercial vehicle policy on your behalf, but make sure you understand the details of the coverage and verify that it meets any minimum requirements that apply.
- b. Health insurance.**
 - 1. Getting coverage.** Review the options for health insurance. See the Additional Resources for information about where to get free help applying.
 - 2. Coverage for work-related injuries.** Make sure you understand whether your health insurance policy would provide coverage for an injury sustained while working.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The following websites provide general information that may be helpful. Contact your attorney or a tax professional if you have any questions.

Topic	Web Address
Taxes	
Gig economy tax center	irs.gov/businesses/gig-economy-tax-center
Manage taxes for your gig work	irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/manage-taxes-for-your-gig-work
Self-Employed Tax Center	irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/self-employed-individuals-tax-center
Estimated tax payments	irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/estimated-taxes
Health Insurance	
Health insurance for gig workers	healthinsurance.org/faqs/how-can-gig-workers-such-as-uber-lyft-and-doordash-drivers-get-health-insurance-coverage/
Guide to Self-Employed Health Insurance	healthinsurance.org/self-employed-health-insurance/
Self-Employed health insurance	healthcare.gov/self-employed/
Help applying through Marketplace	healthcare.gov/apply-and-enroll/get-help-applying/