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### **What you need to know if you work as an independent contractor for a ride share or delivery service**

With busy schedules and little extra time, many people are taking advantage of the numerous ride share and meal delivery services available. This means that many workers are taking shifts to work for these companies. If you have non-employee income (meaning you receive a 1099-Misc) from ride-share, or deliveries such as Lyft, Uber, Uber-eats, Shipt, Amazon delivery, Grubhub, Dash, or any other. The following information will come in handy and help you get ready for tax filing time.

You will receive a form 1099-Misc sometime in January totaling your earnings from each of the companies you worked. These earnings are to be included in Schedule C and are part of your income. You also have expenses you incurred to make this income possible, this is where keeping good records will help you.

Your income tax and Self-Employed tax is based on the total income, minus any business deductions.

Below is a list of expenses you may be able to deduct if they were needed to make this 1099-Misc income. Write the totals for each category and have them ready when you go to file your taxes.

Mobile phone – let's face it, you need an app on your cell phone to be able to sign in and get your routes, so it is a legitimate business expense: \_\_\_\_\_

Accounting/bookkeeping: \_\_\_\_\_

Licenses/taxes: \_\_\_\_\_

Office supplies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other work supplies: \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Expenses** – this will probably be your biggest expense/deduction.

Note: It is important to have good records (receipts, bank/card statements as evidence for your expenses). There are different allowable ways to deduct your car expenses for business, I will help you determine which one will result in a lower tax bill.

Make, Model, Year \_\_\_\_\_

Date put in service: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Mileage summary:

Odometer beginning of year: \_\_\_\_\_

Odometer end of year: \_\_\_\_\_

Total miles for the year: \_\_\_\_\_

Business miles: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Expenses

Fuel: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

Repairs & Service: \_\_\_\_\_ (you  
may be able to include detailing services if you do ride-share)

Parking & Tolls: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Mileage note\*

There are many apps that help you keep track of mileage, some are free. If the company you drive for does not keep track of your miles on your dashboard/home page, then:

- keep a notebook in your car to write the beginning and end mileage for each shift you work, or
- if you have location activated on your cell phone, you may be able to go to your timeline/history and see the miles you drove each day

The most important thing is to keep adequate documentation! This can be electronic or hard copies.