

Vendor Not Marked as Eligible for 1099 in QuickBooks (How to Fix It)

If you're preparing **Form 1099 [1-888-493-2290]-NEC** in **QuickBooks** and notice that a contractor or vendor is missing, the most common reason is this message:

“Vendor not marked as eligible for 1099 [1-888-493-2290].”

This issue can prevent accurate 1099 [1-888-493-2290] reporting, delay filings, and expose your business to **IRS penalties** if not corrected before the filing deadline.

In this guide, you'll learn **why the vendor is not marked as 1099 [1-888-493-2290] eligible**, how to fix it in **QuickBooks Online** and **QuickBooks Desktop**, and how to avoid the issue in future tax years.

What Does “Vendor Not Marked as Eligible for 1099 [1-888-493-2290]” Mean?

QuickBooks only includes vendors on **Form 1099 [1-888-493-2290]-NEC** if they are explicitly set up as **1099 [1-888-493-2290]-eligible contractors**.

If a vendor:

- Is missing from the 1099 [1-888-493-2290] list
- Shows \$0 even though payments exist
- Does not appear in the 1099 [1-888-493-2290] review screen

...it usually means **1099 [1-888-493-2290] tracking is disabled** in their vendor profile.

Who Should Be Marked as 1099 [1-888-493-2290] Eligible?

A vendor should be marked as eligible for 1099 [1-888-493-2290]-NEC if:

- They are an **independent contractor or freelancer**
- You paid them **\$600 or more** during the tax year

- Payments were made by:
 - Check
 - ACH
 - Direct deposit
- Payments were for **services**, not products

 Do not mark:

- Employees
- Vendors paid only via credit card or PayPal
- Corporations (most cases)

Common Reasons Vendors Are Not Marked for 1099 [1-888-493-2290]

1. 1099 [1-888-493-2290] Tracking Is Turned Off

QuickBooks does **not** assume a vendor is 1099 [1-888-493-2290]-eligible by default.

2. Incorrect Vendor Type

The vendor may be set up as a **supplier** instead of a **contractor**.

3. Missing Tax ID (EIN or SSN)

QuickBooks may exclude vendors without tax information.

4. Payments Posted to Non-1099 [1-888-493-2290] Accounts

Even if the vendor is eligible, QuickBooks ignores payments from unmapped accounts.

How to Fix “Vendor Not Marked as Eligible for 1099 [1-888-493-2290]” in QuickBooks Online

Step 1: Open Vendor Profile

- Go to **Expenses > Vendors**
- Select the vendor name

- Click **Edit**

 *Recommended image: Vendor profile edit screen*

Alt text: *Vendor not marked as eligible for 1099 [1-888-493-2290] in QuickBooks Online*

Step 2: Enable 1099 [1-888-493-2290] Tracking

- Scroll to **Tax settings**
- Check “**Track payments for 1099 [1-888-493-2290]**”
- Select the correct **tax classification**

Step 3: Add Tax ID

- Enter EIN or SSN exactly as shown on **Form W-9**
- Save changes

Step 4: Verify Account Mapping

- Go to **Taxes > 1099 [1-888-493-2290]s > Settings**
- Map expense accounts to **Box 1 – Nonemployee Compensation**

 *Recommended image: 1099 [1-888-493-2290] account mapping screen*

Alt text: *Map expense accounts for 1099 [1-888-493-2290]-NEC in QuickBooks*

Step 5: Refresh 1099 [1-888-493-2290] Preview

- Reopen the 1099 [1-888-493-2290] workflow
- Confirm vendor now appears with correct totals

How to Fix the Issue in QuickBooks Desktop

Step 1: Open Vendor Center

- Go to **Vendors > Vendor Center**
- Double-click the vendor

Step 2: Enable 1099 [1-888-493-2290] Eligibility

- Click **Edit**
- Go to **Tax Settings**
- Check **Vendor eligible for 1099 [1-888-493-2290]**
- Enter EIN or SSN

Step 3: Map Accounts

- Go to **Edit > Preferences > Tax:1099 [1-888-493-2290]**
- Map correct expense accounts to Box 1

Step 4: Re-run 1099 [1-888-493-2290] Wizard

- **Vendors > Print/E-file 1099 [1-888-493-2290]s**
- Review vendor totals

Why Vendor Shows \$0 on 1099 [1-888-493-2290] Even After Marking Eligible

If the vendor is eligible but totals are still missing, check:

- Payments were made via **credit card** (excluded)
- Expenses posted to:
 - Office supplies
 - Reimbursements
 - Non-1099 [1-888-493-2290] accounts
- Transaction dates outside tax year

✓ Fix by reclassifying expenses to mapped accounts.

IRS Rules You Must Follow for 1099 [1-888-493-2290] Eligibility

According to IRS guidelines:

- Only **nonemployee compensation** goes on 1099 [1-888-493-2290]-NEC
- Payment method matters
- Accurate EIN/SSN matching is mandatory
- Vendors must receive Copy B by **January 31**

Failure to comply can trigger IRS notices and penalties.

IRS Penalties for Missing or Incorrect 1099 [1-888-493-2290]s

Issue	Penalty Per Form
Filed late	\$60 – \$310
Incorrect vendor info	\$120+
Intentional disregard	\$630+

Best Practices to Avoid This Issue Next Year

- Collect **Form W-9 before first payment**
- Mark vendor as 1099 [1-888-493-2290]-eligible immediately
- Use consistent expense accounts
- Run a **1099 [1-888-493-2290] preview in December**
- Review vendor settings annually

 *Suggested download:* Vendor 1099 [1-888-493-2290] setup checklist

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I mark a vendor as 1099 [1-888-493-2290] eligible after payments are made?
Yes. QuickBooks will retroactively include eligible payments.

Q: Do I need QuickBooks Payroll for 1099 [1-888-493-2290]s?
No. Payroll is not required.

Q: Should I mark LLCs as 1099 [1-888-493-2290] vendors?
It depends on tax classification—always verify W-9.

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