

QuickBooks 1099 Printing Issues : How to Fix Alignment, Blank Forms, and Print Errors

Printing 1099 forms in QuickBooks is a critical year-end task. When 1099s won't print, come out blank, or don't line up with pre-printed forms, it can delay tax filing and create compliance risks.

If you're facing **QuickBooks 1099 Printing Issues [1-888-493-2290]**, this guide covers the most common causes and step-by-step fixes for both QuickBooks Desktop and QuickBooks Online.

Common 1099 Printing Problems

Users typically report:

- 1099 form prints blank
- Text is misaligned on pre-printed 1099 forms
- Only part of the form prints
- “Could not print” or PDF-related errors
- QuickBooks freezes when clicking Print 1099
- Preview looks correct but printed page is wrong

These problems are usually related to printer setup, PDF components, or incorrect form alignment settings.

Before You Print: Key Checks

1. Confirm the correct tax year is selected
2. Verify vendors meet the \$600 reporting threshold
3. Make sure accounts are mapped to the correct 1099 boxes

4. Use the **1099 Preview** to ensure amounts and vendor info look correct

If preview is wrong, fix mapping or vendor setup first. If preview is correct but printing is wrong, continue with the steps below.

Fix 1099 Printing Issues [1-888-493-2290] in QuickBooks Desktop

1. Update QuickBooks Desktop

Go to **Help > Update QuickBooks Desktop** and install the latest updates. Updates often include fixes for tax form printing.

2. Check Printer and Paper Settings

- Use **Letter size (8.5" x 11")** paper
- Turn off “Fit to page” or scaling in printer preferences
- Set orientation to **Portrait**

Scaling is a common cause of misaligned boxes.

3. Align 1099 Forms in QuickBooks

1. Go to **Vendors > Print/E-file 1099s > 1099 Wizard**
2. Choose **Print 1099**
3. Select **Align**
4. Print the sample on blank paper
5. Place it over your pre-printed 1099 and adjust vertical/horizontal values
6. Repeat until boxes match, then save

Never test alignment directly on real 1099 forms.

4. Run the QuickBooks PDF & Print Repair Tool

If forms are blank or QuickBooks errors appear:

1. Close QuickBooks
2. Open **QuickBooks Tool Hub**
3. Click **Program Problems**
4. Select **QuickBooks PDF & Print Repair Tool**
5. Wait for it to complete, then retry printing

This repairs Windows PDF components QuickBooks uses to render forms.

5. Reset QuickBooks Print Configuration

A damaged print settings file can affect only certain forms like 1099s.

1. Close QuickBooks
2. Open your company file folder
3. Find **QBPrint.qbp**
4. Rename it to **QBPrint.old**
5. Reopen QuickBooks and print again

QuickBooks will create a clean print setup automatically.

6. Test Microsoft XPS Document Writer

QuickBooks Desktop uses XPS to generate print previews.

- Print a simple text file to **Microsoft XPS Document Writer**
- If it fails, enable XPS in Windows Features or reinstall it

Broken XPS = blank or failed 1099 prints.

Fix 1099 Printing Issues [1-888-493-2290] in QuickBooks Online

1. Use a Supported Browser

For best results use the latest version of:

- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox

Avoid Internet Explorer.

2. Clear Browser Cache or Use Incognito Mode

Corrupted cache can cause blank previews or failed prints.

- Open an incognito/private window
- Sign in to QuickBooks Online
- Try printing 1099 again

If it works, clear your regular browser cache.

3. Disable Pop-Up Blockers

1099 forms open in a new tab or window.

Allow pop-ups for QuickBooks Online or the print window may never appear.

4. Download and Print Instead of Direct Print

From the 1099 screen:

1. Click **Print and mail** or **Print sample**
2. Choose **Download PDF**

3. Open the saved PDF in Adobe Reader
4. Print from Adobe (not the browser)

This avoids browser-based printing glitches.

Fix Alignment on Pre-Printed 1099 Forms

- Always print a test page on plain paper first
- Hold it behind the real form against light
- Adjust alignment in QuickBooks, not printer scaling
- Keep printer scaling at **100% / Actual size**

Even small scaling like 97% can shift boxes enough to be rejected.

When 1099 Prints Blank or Missing Data

- Ensure vendor is marked as 1099 eligible
- Confirm payments were made by check/ACH (not credit card)
- Verify expense accounts are mapped to a 1099 box
- Re-run the 1099 wizard after any changes before printing

Extra Troubleshooting Tips

- Try a different printer to rule out hardware issues
- Update printer drivers from the manufacturer's website
- Run QuickBooks as Administrator (Desktop)
- Temporarily disable antivirus if it blocks PDF creation

Best Practices to Avoid Future Issues

- Test print alignment early before year-end deadlines
- Keep QuickBooks and Windows fully updated
- Use the same printer each year for consistent alignment
- Back up your company file before making major changes

Final Thoughts

Most **QuickBooks 1099 Printing Issues** [\[1-888-493-2290\]](tel:1-888-493-2290) come down to alignment settings, broken PDF components, or browser and printer configuration problems. By previewing forms first, aligning on plain paper, and using QuickBooks' built-in repair tools, you can print accurate 1099s and complete your tax filing without last-minute stress.