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2026 1099 Readiness Checklist

For payments you made in 2026 — forms are filed in early 2027. Work this list in November, not January.

1 — Know the new threshold

- ☐ For payments made in 2026, the 1099-NEC and 1099-MISC threshold is $2,000 per vendor for the year, up from $600, under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. The old $600 rule applied to 2025 payments.

2 — Build your vendor list

- ☐ Total 2026 payments by vendor in QuickBooks or your accounting system and flag everyone at or over $2,000.
- ☐ Separate services, rent, and other reportable payments from purchases of products or merchandise only.
- ☐ Take out payments made by credit card or third-party payment networks — the processor reports those on Form 1099-K, not you.

3 — Get the paperwork in November

- ☐ Send Form W-9 to every flagged vendor you do not already have one from, and follow up before year-end.
- ☐ Match the W-9 to the vendor's tax status: an LLC is reportable unless it elects to be taxed as a corporation. Corporations are generally exempt, with exceptions such as attorney and medical payments.
- ☐ If a vendor will not provide a taxpayer ID number, backup withholding of 24% applies to reportable payments.

4 — File it right

- ☐ Form 1099-NEC is due to recipients and the IRS by February 1, 2027 — January 31 falls on a Sunday.
- ☐ If you file 10 or more information returns in total, e-filing is required.
- ☐ File on time even if a W-9 is still missing. Penalties grow the later a correct filing is made.

Want it handled instead?

Skyline's 1099 Readiness Review: $250 flat for up to 10 reportable vendors — vendor scrub, W-9 chase, e-file, and recipient and Massachusetts copies. $15 per additional vendor; a rush fee applies after January 20. Booking November 1 through December 15, 2026.

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