

# APPLY FOR YOUR PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE ONLINE WITH myPATH

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Pennsylvanians can visit mypath.pa.gov to file their Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications. Applicants will be asked to provide specific information on their income and rent/property taxes. Applicants should check the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program instruction booklet to learn which information they will need to input/upload to complete the process.

Using the electronic option available through mypath.pa.gov offers many benefits, including:

- Fast processing and direct deposit options
- The "Where's My Rebate?" system to track the status of a claim online
- Error-reducing automatic calculators
- Security features to ensure your sensitive information is safe
- Wer-friendly features that are not available when filing a paper application



It's free to apply for a rebate, and the department reminds applicants that free assistance is available at hundreds of locations across the state, including Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers and state legislators' offices. The department encourages applicants to call ahead to their preferred location to confirm whether an appointment is required.



Applicants who still wish to file a paper application form may obtain Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms (PA-1000) and related information on the Department of Revenue's website or by calling 1-888-222-9190.

Applicants must reapply for rebates every year because rebates are based on annual income and property taxes or rent paid in each year. Spouses, personal representatives or estates may file rebate claims on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day in the claim year and meet all other eligibility criteria.



Visit mypath.pa.gov to access the Department of Revenue's electronic filing system.

Or visit the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program page on the department's website for more information on the program and eligibility.



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The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters. Claimants may exclude half of their Social Security income. In addition, veterans with federal veterans' disability payments or state veterans' payments may exclude 100% of those payments. Also, federal Civil Service Retirement System benefit recipients may exclude 50% of the average annual Social Security benefit amount from their total eligibility income. See the instructions each year to determine the exclusion amount.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

# Am I Eligible for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate?

Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older may be eligible for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate if they meet certain eligibility requirements.

# What are the Eligibility Requirements?

#### **AGE**

- You or your spouse must have been at least 65 years old as of Dec. 31 of the claim year; or
- You were a widow or widower during all or part of the claim year and must have been 50 years or older as of Dec. 31; or
- You were permanently disabled during all or part of the claim year, 18 years or older during the claim year and were unable to work because of a medically determined physical or mental disability. If you applied for Social Security Disability and were denied benefits, you are not eligible for a rebate as a disabled claimant.

### **OWN or RENT**

You must have owned and occupied a home or rented and occupied a home, apartment, nursing home, boarding home or similar residence in Pennsylvania during the period for which you claim the rebate.

Homeowners must have paid property taxes prior to applying. Renters must verify their landlords were required to pay property taxes or made payments in lieu of property taxes on rental properties.

### **INCOME**



Remember to exclude one-half of Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income and/or Tier 1 Railroad Retirement benefits when calculating total household eligibility income.

# When is the Deadline to Apply?

Applications must be postmarked by June 30. If you used myPATH to submit your application, the department will send you a copy of the rent certificate for the next year to complete and provide with your software completed claim form.

Rebate checks are mailed or sent via direct deposit beginning July 1 each year.

## **Additional Information**

For more information about what documents can be used as proof of age or can be used as proof of income, please see the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program instruction booklet (PA-1000 IN).

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE INFO 1-888-222-9190 ONLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER revenue.pa.gov

If you qualify for PTRR, you may also be eligible for the PACE/PACENET low-cost prescription drug program.