

If your name does not appear on the tax bills, proof of ownership must be submitted. Examples include a copy of the deed, trust, will or decree of distribution. If the address is not on the receipted bill or mortgage statement, you must also submit a letter from your tax collector or mortgage company verifying your home address.

RENTERS:

What do I need to include with my form to claim a rent rebate?

If you are claiming a rent rebate, you must provide proof of the rent you paid. You will need a PA rent certificate for each place in which you resided during the claim year, signed by the landlord or the landlord's authorized agent.

If a landlord's signature cannot be obtained, you must complete and submit a notarized Rental Occupancy Affidavit.

If you are not able to provide a rent certificate or notarized statement, you may submit rent receipts. The landlord or his/her authorized agent must sign each rent receipt showing your name and rented address, the amount of the rent you paid and the time period for which the rent was paid. You must submit receipts for all months you claim. Please do not submit rent receipts if submitting rent certificates or notarized statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROPERTY TAX REBATES

Now that slots gaming is funding statewide general property tax relief for all Pennsylvania homeowners, supplemental property tax rebates are available to homeowners through the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. These supplemental rebates are automatically calculated by Revenue and are awarded to qualifying low-income seniors who live in Philadelphia, Scranton, Pittsburgh and other parts of the state with particularly high tax burdens. Supplemental rebates may increase base rebates up to \$975.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Information
1-888-222-9190

To check the status of a rebate, you will need your Social Security number, birth date and the claim year. Then visit the e-Services Center at www.revenue.pa.gov or call, toll-free, **1-888-PATAXES**.

FOR GENERAL TAX QUESTIONS:

Online Customer Service Center
www.revenue.pa.gov

Taxpayer Service & Information Center
Personal Taxes: **717-787-8201**
Business Taxes: **717-787-1064**
e-Business Center: **717-783-6277**

1-888-PATAXES (728-2937)
Touch-tone service is required for this automated 24-hour toll-free line. Call to order forms or check the status of a personal income tax account or property tax/rent rebate.

Forms Ordering Message Service
1-800-362-2050

Services for Taxpayers with Special Hearing and/or Speaking Needs
1-800-447-3020

Call or visit the Revenue district office nearest you, listed in the government pages of your local phone directory.

If you qualify for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program, you may also be eligible for the PACE/PACENET low-cost prescription drug program. Call, toll-free, **1-800-225-7223** for more information.

For information on other services offered by the Department of Aging, call your local Area Agency on Aging or visit www.aging.pa.gov.

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PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM



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, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

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



Who can file for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate?

Property Tax/Rent Rebates are based on property taxes or rent paid the previous calendar year.

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.

INCOME:

Homeowners:	INCOME	MAXIMUM STANDARD REBATE
	\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
	\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500
	\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300
	\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250
Renters:		
	\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
	\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500

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.

IMPORTANT: Homeowners and renters who collected Social Security benefits and received a property tax or rent rebate in 2013 for claim year 2012 may be eligible for a property tax or rent rebate even if their eligibility income is greater than \$35,000 as a homeowner or \$15,000 as a renter. Claimants whose eligibility income becomes greater than these maximum household income

limits due solely to Social Security cost-of-living adjustments may still be eligible for rebates and should see the PA-1000, Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program application booklet for further detail.

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.

When is the deadline to apply?

Applications must be postmarked by June 30. The PA-1000 booklet, used to apply for rebates, is available in late February at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling, toll-free, 1-888-222-9190. Once you qualify for your first rebate, the department will automatically send you an application the next year unless you prepared and filed your claim using computer software. If you used software for a rent rebate, the department will send you a copy of the rent certificated for the next year to complete and provide with your software completed claim form. Rebate checks are mailed beginning July 1 each year.

Can I file a claim form for someone who recently died?

Beginning with claim year 2013, property tax and rent rebate claims may now be filed on behalf of claimants who die during a claim year by surviving spouses, personal representatives or estates. The property tax will be prorated for property tax claims filed on behalf of deceased claimants based upon the number of days the claimant was alive during the claim year. Rent rebate claims filed on behalf of deceased claimants will be paid based upon the amount of rent paid during the claim year. A deceased claimant's household income must also be annualized to determine if he/she is

eligible for a rebate. See the PA-1000 booklet for additional information.

If you are filing a claim for an eligible decedent, do not use the preprinted label that may have accompanied an application automatically mailed to the decedent. Depending on your relationship with the decedent, in addition to other documents, you may need to include the decedent's death certificate, short certificate, the Decree of Distribution, or a receipted copy of the decedent's funeral bill.

What documents can I use as proof of age?

The department will accept copies of birth certificates; Blue Cross 65 Special Cards; church baptismal records; hospital birth records; driver's licenses or PA Identification Cards; naturalization papers (if age is shown); military discharge papers (if age is shown); Medicare cards; PACE/PACENET cards; and passports. Please do not submit original documents.

What documents can I use as proof of income?

The department will accept as proof of income copies of federal or state income tax returns (including schedules) for the claim year and/or copies of forms 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-R, W-2 or any document providing the source and type of income as may be necessary. If the address you provided the Social Security Administration was a PA address, you do not need to submit proof of your Social Security retirement and Supplemental Security benefits.

HOMEOWNERS:

What do I need to include with my form to claim a property tax rebate?

You need to provide proof the taxes were paid for the year claimed. If you cannot provide a receipted copy of your property tax bill, the department will accept a copy of the tax bill, along with a copy of both sides of the cancelled check used to pay your taxes.