

# The Allegheny County Real Estate Tax Discount

Residents of Forward Township in Allegheny County may be eligible to receive a Rebate for **Three** types of Tax Savings programs. They are as follows:

1. There is the **Pennsylvania STATE Real Estate and Rent Rebate** plan, AND
2. There is the **Allegheny COUNTY Real Estate Discount** program.
3. There is the **Allegheny County Homestead/Farmstead (Act 50) Exclusion**

Note: This page is designed to **only** deal with the “**Allegheny County Real Estate Discount**” tax savings program. Information about the other two tax savings programs listed above are each shown on a separate page on this website.

Each resident can get a receive a financial benefit from **all THREE** Tax Savings programs.

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## The Allegheny County Real Estate Discount Program

The County of Allegheny offers a discount on the County Real Estate Tax. The legislation titled “Act 77, Senior Citizen Tax Relief”, entitles qualified senior citizen homeowners to a flat 30% discount on the Real Estate Tax on their primary residence.

The applicant must meet all three requirements:

1. Property Ownership: Must have owned and occupied a primary residence in Allegheny County continuously for the past 10 years. A property owner who has moved within the past 10 years, and has continued to own and occupy the new property as a primary residence shall be eligible.
2. Age: Must be age 60 or older, or, if married, either spouse must be age 60, or be a widow or widower age 50 to 60 years, or Permanently disabled and age 18 to 60 years.
3. Income: Gross household income must be \$30,000 or less. For the Gross Income calculation use only 50% of your Social Security Benefit, SSI, and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 Benefits (except Medicare benefits).

Once approved, you **DO NOT need to apply again**. You will continue to receive tax relief as long as you are the property owner/occupant and your household income does not exceed \$30,000.

*Important:* You must apply for this relief by the deadline of June 30, 2021. For more information about Senior Tax Relief, either call the County Treasurer’s office at 412-350-4100 or go to the following web address: [Act 77 Senior Tax Relief Program | \(alleghenycountytreasurer.us\)](http://alleghenycountytreasurer.us).

NOTE: Even if you have passed the deadline, there is a chance there has been

an extension of the deadline. To be sure, call the County Treasurer's office at 412-350-4100.

**Need Help?** If you need help securing the benefits of the COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX DISCOUNT program call **Senator Brewster's** office at (412) 664-5200. Someone there will provide as much help as you need – they do a great job, and **there is no charge for any assistance you receive!**

And remember: In better non-Covid times: A representative of **Senator Brewster's** office is at the Forward Township Municipal building on the Second Tuesday of each month between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and noon – that representative would be more than happy to help you prepare your Tax Rebate Application and/or arrange for the County benefit.

And, if all else fails: give me a call:

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