

# TAX and/or RENT REBATES AVAILABLE!!!

**Tax Rebates:** Residents of Allegheny County may be eligible to receive a Rebate for **Two** types of Tax Rebate programs. There is a **STATE** rebate **AND** an Allegheny **COUNTY** Rebate program available to Forward Township Residents.

**You can get a tax rebate from BOTH the **STATE** (see section below) and the **COUNTY**. A section about each of those rebate programs is presented below.**

## A: The “State” Tax Rebate Program:

The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue operates the Property Tax / Rent Rebate program. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits Pennsylvanians who are:

1. age 65 and older; or
2. widows and widowers who are 50 years of age and older;
3. and people with disabilities age 18 and older.

Keep this in mind: The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2020 is June 30, 2019. Although this deadline has been extended in the past, you cannot count on that happening this year. Check online to determine if there has been an extension.

The amount of the rebate for an *eligible* person is determined by the following schedules:

Home Owner: Income		Potential Rebate	Renters: Income		Potential Rebate
\$0	to \$8,000	\$650	\$0	to \$ 8,000	\$650
\$8,001	to \$15,000	\$500	\$8,001	to \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001	to \$18,000	\$300			
\$18,001	to \$35,000	\$250			

You can use the following steps to access more information about the Property Tax / Rent Rebate program:

1. Double-click one the following web address, which should take you to Pennsylvania Department of Revenue web page that provides all the information and forms you will need to apply: [Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Forms \(pa.gov\)](http://pa.gov)
2. Go to Google and enter the following words: *property tax rent rebate Pennsylvania*
3. Rebate Forms and the Instructions are also available at the Forward Township Municipal Building.

The following was copied from the STATE booklet titled “Pennsylvania Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program” at the following webpage: [2020 Pennsylvania Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program Instruction Booklet \(PA-1000 Booklet\)](#)

Starting with the 2020 claim year, Pennsylvanians will be able to electronically submit their Property Tax/Rent Rebate program applications. Visit [mypath.pa.gov](http://mypath.pa.gov) to access the Department of Revenue's electronic filing portal. Claimants who submit their applications electronically will have the benefit of automatic calculators and other userfriendly features that are not available when filing a paper application. "myPATH" is safe, secure and more efficient

**B. The County Tax Discount:** Allegheny County offers a discount on the **County Real Estate Tax**. 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 following was copied from the Allegheny County Treasurer's (John Weinstein) webpage":

#### **Primary Residence Tax Discount**

The Treasurer's Office administrates Act 77, Senior Citizen Tax Relief, which entitles qualified senior citizen homeowners to a **flat 30%** discount on the real estate tax on their primary residence.

#### **2021 ACT 77-Senior Citizen Tax Relief**

**The deadline to submit your application ended June 30, 2021.**

**Applications available in February 2022.**

#### **Qualifications**

**The applicant must meet ALL three requirements:**

##### **Property Ownership: 10 years**

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.

##### **Age: 60+**

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. The applicant must meet the required age by December 31, 2019 to qualify for tax relief in 2019.

##### **Income: ≤ \$30,000**

Gross household income must be \$30,000 or less. For calculating income use only 50% of your Social Security Benefit, SSI, and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 Benefits (except Medicare benefits); plus, all other income must be added in at 100%.

#### **Program Features: Flat 30% Discount**

Flat 30% discount of the real property tax on their primary residence for each year you are eligible. Additionally, receive the 2% discount by paying your county taxes in full by April 30th. You may also choose the installment option which allows eligible taxpayers to pay their GROSS county taxes in two equal installment payments, with the first payment due by **April 30th** and the second by **September 30th**.

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.

**NOTE: Help is Available:** If you think you might be eligible for **EITHER** the **STATE** or the **ALLEGHENY COUNTY** tax rebate, *and you need some help*, determining your eligibility and /or filling out the Application, **HELP IS AVAILABLE AT NO COST** from the office of **Senator Jim Brewster**. To contact Senator Brewster's staff, call: **412-664-5200**. I have always found the help from Jim Brewster's office to be top-notch.

**NOTE: Filing Deadlines:** The deadlines for filing for Tax Rebates may be extended. If you think you are eligible for either the STATE or COUNTY rebate, but the published deadline has passed, ALWAYS check online, or even better call the STATE or COUNTY phone number found on the webpages listed in this Article.

NOTE: If I can be of any help, give me a call:

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