

DEADLINE FOR THE 2009 PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2010

The deadline to apply for the 2009 Property Tax and Rent Rebate HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2010.

You are eligible for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate for claim year 2009, if you meet the requirements in the categories below:

- a. You were 65 years of age or older as of December 31, 2009; **or**
- b. You were not 65 years of age, but your spouse who lived with you was 65 years of age as of December 31, 2009; **or**
- c. You were a widow or widower during all or part of 2009 and were 50 years old or older as of December 31, 2009; **or**
- d. You were permanently disabled and 18 years of age or older during all or part of 2009, you were unable to work because of your medically determined physical or mental disability, and your disability is expected to continue indefinitely. If you received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, you are eligible for a rebate if you meet all other requirements.

NOTE: If you applied for Social Security disability benefits and the Social Security Administration did not rule in your favor, you are not eligible for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate as a disabled claimant.

Of all Pennsylvania home owners, our seniors face the greatest property tax burden as they are on a fixed income but are faced with rising property taxes. The Taxpayer Relief Act helps seniors live at home and make ends meet by helping them pay for their property taxes.

Senior **homeowners** can receive a **property tax rebate** if they earn up to \$35,000 a year (excluding 1/2 of Social Security). Senior **renters** can receive a **rent rebate** if they earn up to \$15,000 (excluding 1/2 of Social Security). The maximum rebate is \$650.00.

Homeowners will now receive:

Renters will now receive:

<u>Income</u>	<u>Rebate</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Rebate</u>
\$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		

Seniors who pay more than 15% of their income in property taxes will also have their property tax rebate increase by an additional 50% if their income is under \$30,000, since they are paying so much of what they make towards property taxes.

The extra help for seniors in urban school districts and who pay more than 15% of their income in property taxes will occur once the first statewide property tax relief occurs for all homeowners.

For an application or more information on property tax relief, assistance regarding your rebate claim, visit www.papropertytaxrelief.com or call toll free **1-888-222-9190.**