Property tax relief is knocking Save up to \$1,399 on your Real Estate Taxes



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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA Se DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Apply for the Philadelphia Homestead Exemption No income or age requirements - **no catch!**

The Homestead Exemption saves the typical homeowner about \$1,399 on their Philadelphia Real Estate Tax bill every year.

Unsure if you have the exemption? Visit **property.phila.gov**

- Applicants must live in the home as their primary residence
- No need to reapply unless you sell the property or the name on the deed changes.
- Applications are due September 13 The deadline to apply for the Homestead Exemption is **December 1** of every year. Early filers should apply by September 13, to see approval reflected on their next Real Estate Tax bill. Applicants approved after the September date will receive a second bill.

It's easy to apply online, by phone, or in person

- Get information online at **phila.gov/homestead**; or
- Call the Homestead Hotline at (215) 686-9200; or
- Visit our service center or satellite offices; or
- Apply on the Philadelphia Tax Center. It only takes a few minutes. Visit **tax-services.phila.gov** and apply today!

Follow these steps:

- 1. Find the "Search for a property" link on the Tax Center's homepage under the "Property" panel.
- 2. Enter your address and select "Search." Your property's OPA number appears as a blue hyperlink on the right side of the screen. Select it to access your property account.
- 3. Choose the "Apply for real estate assistance programs" link to access the application. Fill out the fields and submit when ready.

(215) 686-9200

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The Philadelphia Homestead Exemption saves homeowners money on their Real Estate Taxes.

To be eligible you must own the property and live in it as your primary residence. There are no age or income requirements. You only need to apply once unless your deed changes.

Final Deadline to apply for the Homestead Exemption is **December 1, 2024**. Early filers should apply by September 13, 2024 to see approval reflected on your 2025 Real Estate Tax bill. Applicants approved after this date will receive a second bill. If you have questions about the Homestead Exemption, call (215) 686-9200.

Applicant Information

| Owner Name 1 | Provide the owner(s) names that appear on the property deed |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Owner Name 2 | The application must be signed by |
| Property Address | one owner who lives in the property. Additional owners are not required to sign |
| | Provide your mailing address if |
| OPA account number | different from the address of the property for which you are seeking |
| Mailing Address (if different) | a Homestead Exemption. |
| | Provide accurate contact information. |
| Phone number | |
| Email Address | |
| Property Information | |

Is this property your primary residence?

A primary residence is where you intend to reside permanently until you move to another home. You may be asked to provide proof that this property is your primary residence, such as your driver's license, your voter registration card, or your personal federal income tax return.

Do you claim anywhere else as your primary residence?

The Homestead Exemption can be claimed only once for a place of primary residence in Philadelphia. You may not claim this property as your primary residence if: you claim another property as your primary residence, receive a tax abatement, are enrolled in LOOP, or have another Homestead benefit.

Is this residence part of a cooperative where some or all the taxes are paid jointly? YES 🗌 NO

If yes, what _____% If you live in a unit of a cooperative and you pay all or a portion of your property taxes jointly through a management agent or association, rather than paying your taxes separately from other units, check yes. If you answered yes, please indicate your percentage of ownership.

Is part of the property used as a business or rental property ?

If yes, what _____% Check yes if the property for which you are seeking a Homestead Exemption is used for other purposes, such as a business or rental property. Please indicate what percentage is used for that purpose.

3 Signature

I hereby certify that all the above information is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date:_____

By signing this application, I am asserting that I am the owner of the property listed above. I certify that all the above information is correct. Any person who knowingly files an application which is false in any material matter shall be subject to payment of taxes due, plus interest, plus penalty and shall be subject to prosecution as a misdemeanor of the third degree and a fine up to \$2,500.



Philadelphia Department of Revenue PO Box 52817 Philadelphia, PA 19115

YES NO

NO

NO

YES |

YES

Email: revenue@phila.gov Website: phila.gov/homestead



Pay the same amount every year

The Low Income Real Estate Tax Freeze program **will stop your property tax bill from increasing.** Your property tax bill will stay the same; it will not increase, even if the tax rate or property assessment changes in the future.

Apply now:

- **Online** at the Philadelphia Tax Center at tax-services.phila.gov (You don't need a username & password)
- Mail a paper application.
 Find it at phila.gov/tax-freeze
- In-person at one of our service centers:

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7522 Castor Ave

Apply by January 31

More information at phila.gov/tax-freeze or call (215) 686-6442



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TO QUALIFY

- Meet income limits:
 - \$33,500 for a single person, or
 - \$41,500 for a married couple
- Own and live at the property as your primary home.





Low Income Tax Freeze Program (LITX)

The Low Income Real Estate Tax Freeze Program (LITX) "freezes" your Real Estate Tax if you meet certain income and residency requirements. This stops your property taxes from increasing, even if your property assessment or tax rate increases. If your deed changes for any reason, you **must** reapply.

Applicants must complete pages 1 and 2 of this application. The deadline to apply for **2025** is **January 31, 2025.**

1 Residence Information

| YES NO | 1A. Do you live in another property? |
|--------|---|
| YES NO | 1B. Do you claim any other property as your primary residence? |
| YES NO | 1C. Is your primary residence part of a cooperative where some or all of the taxes are paid jointly? |
| YES NO | 1D. Do you use your property for something other than your primary residence, such as for business or rent? |

__% If YES, what percentage is used for business or rental?

2 Applicant Information

| Owner Name |
|-----------------------------|
| Social Security Number |
| Property Address |
| OPA Number |
| Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) |
| Are you married? YES NO |
| Spouse name (if applicable) |
| |

Spouse Social Security Number (if applicable)

Spouse Date of Birth (if applicable)

Along with this application, provide a copy of a proof of identity and residency. Do not send originals.

Examples of proof of identity are:

Photo ID issued by the U.S. Federal Government, or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or City of Philadelphia

Examples of proof of residency are:

- Valid government-issued ID (with address) this may be the same document used to prove identity
- Mortgage statements
- Government-issued benefit or award letter

Please include a copy of your proof of identity, proof of income, and residency with this application. More instructions are below.

You can also apply online at the Philadelphia Tax Center at **tax-services.phila.gov.**

This website is available on mobile devices like cell phones and tablets.



If you answered **yes** to question 1A or 1B, you do not qualify for LITX. The LITX program is only for people who own and live in their home.

You **may** apply for LITX if you live in cooperative housing.

You **may** apply for LITX even if part of your home is rented or used for a business.



You are eligible for this program only if you meet the **2024 Income qualifications.**

Income Qualifications

| Single | \$33,500 |
|---------|----------|
| Married | \$41,500 |





3 Annual Income

Please use the worksheet below and enter your annual income. Please include the most recent copy of the proof of income. To qualify, your total annual income must be \$33,500 or less for a single person or \$41,500 or less for a married couple.

| INCOME SOURCE | TOTAL (APPLICANT + SPOUSE) | Examples of proof of income |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| Take home pay Include salary, wages, self-employment income etc. | | Pay stubs from your current employer |
| Social Security Benefits (include SSI, SSD, etc.) Do not include any Medicare Part B premiums | | • W-2 or state/federal tax return - Salary and wages of Taxpayer and Spouse |
| Pensions and other retirement benefits Include railroad benefits, taxable portion of IRAs etc. | | Bank Statements Retirement income or |
| Interest, dividends, and capital gains prizes | | Rental Income Statements |
| Do not subtract losses | | Interest and dividends |
| Net rental and business income | | Unemployment/Workers compensation statements or award letters |
| Other income Include unemployment compensation, support money etc | | Child support and alimony |
| TOTAL | | Social Security (SSA, SSDI, SSI) award letters |

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- SSI) award letters
- Pension statements
- Any other documentation you may have

Signature

The Department of Revenue will also use this application to enroll you in the Homestead Exemption program if you do not already have it. The Homestead Exemption can save you money on your property taxes.

The Department of Revenue is authorized to perform an income verification check with the Internal Revenue Service and Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. In the future, the Department may require you to provide updated documentation to verify that the taxpayer continues to be eligible for the program. If at any time during the program the city determines you were income ineligible, you will be required to pay the taxes which would have been due, plus penalties, interest, and additions.

(Optional) I would like to receive text messages (SMS) about LITX when possible. I understand that the City of Philadelphia attempts to contact LITX applicants and participants only when needed. This communication may include text messages (SMS). If you do not wish to receive text messages about LITX, do not check this box.

I have reviewed all the information on this form and I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

| Applicant Signature | Spouse Signature (if applicable) |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date | Phone Number |

Mail completed forms with copies of your documents to:

Philadelphia Department of Revenue P.O. Box 53190 Philadelphia, PA 19105

or return in person:

Municipal Services Building Department of Revenue 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd Concourse level Philadelphia, PA 19102

Northeast Municipal Services Center 7522 Castor Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19152

Low Income Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Freeze Program

Are you a homeowner? We may be able to help you save money on your Real Estate Taxes!

This program saves money for senior citizens who live in and own their home. Your taxes can be "frozen" so that they will not increase in the future.

If you qualified before this year, your Senior Freeze benefit for the future may be increased. Check the application for more details.

Deadline to apply is September 30

Get an application and more information at:

phila.gov/senior-freeze or call (215) 686-6442

To qualify you must be:

- In the year of application, you must be 65 years or older; or 50 years old and the spouse of someone who was 65 years old at their time of death.
- Have a total annual household income of \$33,500 or less for a single person; \$41,500 or less for a married couple.



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3 Annual Household Income

Please use the worksheet below and enter your annual income. Please include a copy of the proof of income from the first year of your eligibility. To gualify for 2022 and later, your total income must be \$33,500 or less for a single person or \$41,500 or less for a married couple. To qualify for years before 2022, your total income must have been \$27,500 or less for a single person or \$35,500 or less for a married couple.

| INCOME SOURCE | TOTAL (APPLICANT + SPOUSE) | Examples of pro |
|---|--|---|
| Social Security Benefits (include SSI, SSD, etc.) Do not include any Medicare Part B premiums | | Social Security SSI) award lette |
| Pensions and other retirement benefits Include railroad benefits, taxable portion of IRAs etc. | | Pension statenBank Statemer |
| Take home pay Include salary, wages, self-employment income etc. | | Retirement inc Rental Income Interest and di |
| Interests, dividends, and capital gains prizes Do not subtract losses | | Pay stubs from employer |
| Net rental and business income Do not subtract losses | | • W-2 or state/fe return - Salary |
| Other income Include unemployment compensation, support money etc. | | Taxpayer and \$ Unemploymer compensation |
| TOTAL | | or award letter Child support a |
| Along with proof of income, you must send a photocopy of your proof of age with this applic | Drivers licenseation. State ID card | Any other docu you may have |

Any government issued document that clearly shows a date of birth will be accepted. Some examples are:

- State ID card
- Philadelphia ID card
- Birth certificate

Signature

The Department of Revenue will also use this application to enroll you in the Homestead Exemption program if you do not already have it. The Homestead Exemption can save you money on your property taxes.

The Department of Revenue is authorized to perform an income verification check with the Internal Revenue Service and Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. If at any time during the program the city determines you were not income ineligible, you will be required to pay the taxes which would have been due, plus penalties, interest, and additions.

If needed, the City will make its best efforts to contact SCTX applicants and participants. This may include letters, phone calls, emails, or SMS (text) messages.

I have reviewed all the information on this form and I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

| Applicant Signature | Spouse Signature |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Date | Phone Number |

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Do you qualify for the Longtime Owner Occupants Program (LOOP)?

The **Longtime Owner Occupants Program (LOOP)** is a Real Estate Tax relief program for eligible homeowners whose property assessments **increased by at least 50% from last year** or **increased by at least 75% in the last five years.**

LOOP limits the increase to your current year taxes to 50% or 75% (depending on your eligibility), and stops increases to future Real Estate bills for as long as you qualify for the program. This protection keeps future bills the same unless tax rates increase.

Participants in the LOOP program are **not** eligible for the Homestead Exemption. You will need to determine which program works best for you. Use the calculator on the backside of this flyer to check the program benefits for both Homestead and LOOP.

Eligibility Requirements

Besides an increase in your property assessment, you must also:

- Have lived in your home for 10 years or more.
- Fall below the AMI (area median income) limits set by HUD for your family size. These limits are adjusted annually, see the table at right for income eligibility.
- Be current on your property taxes, or you must be in an Owner-Occupied Payment Agreement or Installment plan.

NOTE: You cannot have a the Homestead Exemption and LOOP at the same time. Additionally, your property is ineligible if it benefited from the 10-year tax abatement while the you owned the property or received the property from a relative who benefitted from the 10 -year tax abatement.

Deadline to apply: September 30 the same year your bill is due

If your bill is due on March 31, 2024, the deadline to apply is September 30, 2024. To apply, download an application at **phila.gov/LOOP**. if you have questions call (**215) 686-9200**, or email **revenue@phila.gov**.

Income Requirements

| Maximum Income |
|-------------------|
| \$96,350 |
| \$110,100 |
| \$123,850 |
| \$137,600 |
| \$148,650 |
| \$159,650 |
| \$170,650 |
| \$181,650 |
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Longtime Owner Occupants Program (LOOP)

LOOP is a Real Estate Tax relief program for income eligible homeowners whose property assessments increased by at least 50% from last year or increased by at least 75% in the last five years. You must have lived in your home for 10 years or more.

LOOP limits the increase to your current year taxes to 50% or 75% (depending on your eligibility), and stops increases to future Real Estate bills for as long as you

LOOP or Homestead? How to choose

Before applying, estimate your Real Estate Tax bill with both LOOP and the Homestead Exemption. To determine if you qualify for LOOP, you will need your current and previous five year assessments. You can find these values at **property.phila.gov**.

The form below can help you understand how much your Real Estate Tax bill would be with each program.

1A. Calculate the percent increase



If the result is 1.5 or more, your assessment qualifies you for LOOP.

OR

1B. Calculate the percent increase



2024 assessment

The lowest assessment from the previous 5 years (2019)

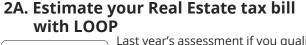
If the result is 1.75 or more, your assessment qualifies you for LOOP. qualify for the program. This protection keeps future bills the same unless tax rates increase.

Participants in the LOOP program are not eligible for the Homestead Exemption. You will need to determine which program works best for you. Use the form below to help calculate the difference in these benefit programs.

Applicants must return pages two and three of this application. The deadline to apply for 2024 is September 30, 2024.

If you enter into LOOP and then leave the program, you cannot re-enter LOOP later. (You may re-apply if you qualify again in the future for a different year's assessment.)

Only you can decide which program is best for your household. You may need to evaluate what matters most to you: savings now or savings in the future.



Last year's assessment if you qualify at a 50% increase **OR** the lowest assessment in the last 5 years if you qualify at 75%

Your assessment is capped at a 50% or 75% increase, depending on your eligibility. The result is the maximum assessment amount we will use to calculate your Real Estate Tax. Now, multiply that by the tax rate: .013998

This is your estimated tax bill with LOOP

AND

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X 1.5 or 1.75

.013998

2B. Estimate your Real Estate Tax bill with Homestead



.013998

2024 Assessment

Subtract the value of the Homestead Exemption

The result is the amount we use to calculate your Real Estate Tax. Now, multiply that by the tax rate: .013998

This is your estimated tax bill with the Homestead Exemption

Continue to next page



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Application Longtime Owner Occupants Program (LOOP)

Before applying, use the form from page one to confirm that your assessment increase qualifies for the program. You can also apply online for LOOP at the Philadelphia Tax Center at: **tax-services.phila.gov**. You **do not** need a username or password to apply for Real Estate Tax assistance programs online. The Tax Center website is available on mobile devices like cell phones and tablets.

Do you qualify?

- Have you continuously owned and occupied the property as your primary residence since at-least July 1, 2013?
 - When did you become the owner of this property? (MM/YYYY)
 - My home has increased in value by at least 50% from last year **or** 75% over the last 5 years (use the calculator on page one)
- My property taxes are paid **or** I am enrolled in a payment or installment plan



The LOOP program is for Philadelphia residents who have owned and lived in their property as their primary residence for at least 10 years.

Additionally, you must either be up-todate on all Real Estate Taxes, in a current payment agreement, or have a payment agreement application pending with the Department of Revenue to qualify for LOOP.

2 Determine income eligibility

How many people live in your household?

What was the total annual income for all household members in 2023?

Does your household income fall under the cap shown in the table below?

YES 🗌 NO



What should you include as income?

- Salary and wages of household members that are 18 or older
- Retirement income
- Unemployment, social security income (less Medicare part B premiums), and TANF
- Interest and dividends
- Child support and alimony

To qualify for LOOP, your income **must** fall below the cap set for your family size. Use the chart below to check if you meet the income eligibility for the program.

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| Family size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Income cap | \$96,350 | \$110,100 | \$123,850 | \$137,600 | \$148,650 | \$159,650 | \$170,650 | \$181,650 |





3 Applicant Information

Property Address

Owner Name 1

Social Security Number 1

Owner Name 2

Social Security Number 2

OPA account number

Mailing Address (if different from property address)

Phone number

Email Address

4 Signature

The City may select, randomly or otherwise, applications to review for false or fraudulent information. In that case, you may be required to provide documents to verify the information in this application. Any person who files an application that contains false information, or who does not notify the assessor of a change in use which no longer qualifies for LOOP, will be required to pay the taxes which would have been due but for the false application, plus penalties, interest, and additions.

If your property is approved for LOOP and the use changes so that the property no longer qualifies, you must notify the Department of Revenue within 45 days of the change in use. If the use of your property changes and you are not sure if it still qualifies for LOOP, you should contact the Department of Revenue. **If your deed changes for any reason, you must reapply.** This application must be signed by an owner for whom this property is his or her primary residence. If the property has more than one owner, signatures of additional owners are not required.

I have reviewed all the information on this form and I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I agree that if I knowingly file an application which is false in any material matter, I shall be subject to payment of taxes due, plus all applicable penalties, interest, and additions.

(optional) The City makes its best efforts to contact LOOP applicants and participants through all methods possible. By checking this box, I authorize the Department of Revenue to use SMS (text) messages to reach me.

| Applicant Signature | Date |
|------------------------|------|
| Applicant printed name | |
| | |

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or return in person:

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You **must** provide the name and Social Security Number or ITIN for at least one of the owners of record on file with the Department of Records.

You **may** qualify for LOOP if you have an equitable ownership interest:

- Inherited an interest in the property,
- Entered into a long-term contract to purchase the property from the record owner,
- Are a victim of a fraudulent deed transfer, or
- Are on record with the Department of Revenue as living in and paying taxes for this property for at least 10 years and have acquired the property from certain family members, a spouse or life partner.

Owner-Occupied Real Estate Payment Agreement Program

Get a fresh start on delinquent Real Estate Taxes. You do not need a down payment!

The Owner-Occupied Real Estate Payment Agreement Program (OOPA) allows residents who own and occupy their homes to make monthly payments on back taxes. Payments are based on household income and family size.

Eligibility requirements

- Proof of income is required
- Proof of residency is required
- Applicants must remain current on future Real Estate Taxes. You can pay future years in full, or add them to your agreement in some cases.

Learn more at phila.gov/OOPA or call (215) 686-6442

Monthly Payment Calculations

Example for a family of **two**, if monthly income is:

- \$5,351 or more: you pay 10% of your monthly income.
- **\$3,826 \$5,350:** you pay 10% of monthly income. We'll waive 100% of penalties.
- **\$2,297 \$3,825**: you pay 8% of monthly income. We'll waive 50% of your interest and 100% of penalties.
- **\$1,151 \$2,296:** you pay 5% of your monthly income. 100% of interest and 100% of penalties are waived.
 - At this income, if you are 65 years or older, 55 years old and a widow, or permanently disabled, you pay 0% of your monthly income.
- Less than \$1,150 you pay \$0. We'll waive 100% of interest and 100% of penalties.

Contact us for exact payment amounts for your household.

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Owner Occupied Payment Agreement (OOPA) Application

The OOPA program allows people who own and live in their home to make affordable monthly payments on property taxes that are past due. There is **no down payment required** and your monthly payments will be based on a percentage of your monthly income.

Everyone must complete pages 1-4 of this application. You may need to complete additional worksheets. These worksheets can be found at **www.phila.gov/oopa** under "forms" or call (215) 686-6442.

1 Do you live in the property?

YES NO



If you answered **no** to this question, you do not qualify for OOPA. The OOPA program is only for people who own and live in their home. You may still qualify for a Standard Payment Agreement. Visit **www.phila.gov/payment-plans** for more details.



| Applicant Name |
|---|
| Social Security Number |
| Property Address |
| OPA Account Number |
| Mailing Address |
| Birth Date |
| Phone |
| Email Address |
| How many people live in your household? |

Section 2 - Document Check List

Ownership and ID (provide one)

• Photo ID issued by the U.S. Federal Government, *or* Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, *or* City of Philadelphia

Residency (provide two showing current address)

- Utility Bills (PECO, PGW, PWD), or
- Photo ID issued by the U.S. Federal Government, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or City of Philadelphia, *or*
- Social Security (SSA, SSDI, SSI) award letters



If you have a reverse mortgage, please reach out to your lender *before* signing this agreement. Once you understand the repayment terms of your agreement, contact your lender to make sure they will accept them.

Owner Occupied Payment Agreement (OOPA) Application



3 A. Additional Application Information

Please answer yes or no to the following questions. You may need to provide more information based on your answers.

| YES NO Is your name on the deed of your home? YES NO Is your name on the property tax bill? | If you answered no to any of these questions, you must complete the Tangled Title Worksheet found at www.phila.gov/oopa under "forms" or call (215) 686-6442. |
|---|---|
| What is a tangled title? A tangled title is when you have an owner For example you may reside in the home of a deceased homeowner you have a tangled title, ask a Revenue representative or a housing | er or you may be in a rent-to-own lease. If you are unsure if |
| YES NO Do you have a permanent disability? | If you answered yes to any of these questions, please provide additional documents: |
| YES NO Is your spouse deceased? | 🐼 Disability (need one) |
| | SSDI/VA/Black Lung award letter, or |
| | Physicians Statement proving disability, use the Disability Verification Form found at www.phila.gov/oopa under "forms" or call (215) 686-6442. |
| | 🤡 Widowhood |
| | Copy of death certificate of spouse |
| YES NO Do you have a reverse mortgage? | This payment agreement may be in violation of your reverse mortgage contract. We encourage you to speak to a free housing counselor before you sign your agreement. Please complete section 3B to speak to a housing counselor. You should also reach out to your mortgage lender. |

3 B. Do you want free housing counseling?

It may help to talk to a free housing counselor before you sign your payment agreement so that you enter the best plan for you. **If you chose to do so, we will hold this application for 60 days. Penalties and interest on your property will continue to grow until your agreement is signed and activated.** After you are contacted by a counselor, you may be required to submit another OOPA application.

| YES 🗌 NO 🗌 | Would you lik free housing o | e to be referred to counseling? | | ousing counselor can also help you apply for er City programs. You may also be eligible for legal help. |
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| lf you answered YE | S: | | | |
| What is the best n | umber to reach y | ou? | | |
| What is the best ti | me to call you? | MORNING AFTE | RNOON | EVENING |
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A. Household Income - all applicants

Please use the worksheet below and enter the monthly household income:

| INCOME SOURCE | APPLICANT | SPOUSE | HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS | TOTAL |
|--|-----------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| Social Security Benefits (include SSI, SSD, etc.) | | | | |
| Take-Home (net) Pay | | | | |
| Pension | | | | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | | | |
| Worker's Compensation | | | | |
| Net Self-Employment Income | | | | |
| Net Rental Income | | | | |
| Other | | | | |
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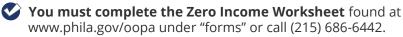
Section 4 - Document Checklist

You will need to provide proof of income. Please provide all that apply to you.

- Pay stubs from current employer
- W-2 or state/federal tax return
- Social Security (SSA, SSDI, SSI) award letters
- Pension statements
- Unemployment/Workers compensation statements or award letters
- Other documentation as needed

4B. Household Income - Applicants with no income to report

Check this box if you have no monthly income.



Including current year taxes in your OOPA

If the Department of Revenue determines you are eligible, it will automatically include current-year taxes in your agreement AND apply payments to current-year taxes first.

I do not want to include current year taxes in my OOPA. If you opt-out, you MUST pay your current year taxes in addition to your OOPA. If you do not pay, you will breach your agreement.



6 How should we calculate your monthly payment? Monthly payment based on a percentage of your income. This is usually the most affordable option and no additional documents are required. Monthly payment based on an individualized review of your income and expenses. This option requires that you disclose information on your monthly expenses in addition to your monthly income. We reserve the right to disallow expenses that are not reasonable and necessary. You must complete Section 4A on page 2, and the Monthly Expenses Worksheet found at www.phila.gov/oopa under "forms" or call (215) 686-6442. Please provide documentation verifying each expense. 7 Should we contact anyone else about this application? Check here if you are working with someone to complete this application. If checked, please provide their name and contact information:

No. I am not working with anyone.

Signature

I authorize the Department of Revenue to use this application to enroll me in the Homestead Exemption program if I do not already have it. I also authorize the Department of Revenue to share information provided on this application with other City departments to ensure I can access tax, water, and other assistance programs.

] If needed, the City will make its best efforts to contact OOPA applicants and participants. This may include letters, phone calls, emails, or SMS (text) messages.

I have reviewed all the information on this form, and on any accompanying statements or forms. This information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant printed name

Email Completed forms to: revenue.payment.agreement@phila.gov

or return by mail:

City of Philadelphia Department of Revenue, Taxpayer Services P.O. Box 53250 Philadelphia, PA 19105

or return in person:

Municipal Services Building Department of Revenue 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd—Concourse Philadelphia, PA 19102

Hope Plaza N. 22nd & W. Somerset St. Philadelphia, PA 19132 **Northeast Municipal Services Center** 7522 Castor Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19152



Real Estate Tax Installment Plan

Low-income taxpayers and senior citizens who own and occupy their home can pay their annual Real Estate Tax in monthly installments.

Who is Eligible?

- All Philadelphians who meet the income guidelines
- All Philadelphia seniors 65+ regardless of income

Note: If any monthly payment is not paid when due, the homeowner will be removed from the plan and all taxes and additions will be due at that time. Also, any change to the deed or increase in income above the income requirement will cancel the installment plan.

Income Guidelines

| Household Members | Monthly Maximum Household Income |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | \$3,345 |
| 2 | \$3,825 |
| 3 | \$4,304 |
| 4 | \$4,779 |
| 5 | \$5,162 |
| 6 | \$5,545 |
| 7 | \$5,929 |
| 8 | \$6,312 |
| | |

Apply online at the Philadelphia Tax Center!
Visit tax-services.phila.gov on your computer or mobile device.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 31, 2025



For more information visit the Department of Revenue website

at 🖵 phila.gov/revenue/installment-plan or call 📞 215-686-6442.

♀ 1401 JFK Boulevard, Concourse Level, Philadelphia PA 19102



The Real Estate Installment Plan is for low-income taxpayers and senior citizens who own and live in their home. If eligible, you can pay your current-year Real Estate Tax in monthly installments.

This application is for **new applicants only**. If you participated in this program last year, you are automatically enrolled this year, unless you **did not** pay your taxes in full.

You can also apply online for the Installment Plan at the Philadelphia Tax Center at: **tax-services.phila.gov.**

Program eligibility guestions

Real Estate Installment Plan

You do not need a username or password to apply for Real Estate Tax assistance programs online. The Tax Center website is available on mobile devices like cell phones and tablets.

If you apply on paper, you must complete pages 1-2 of this application. The Department of Revenue will contact you if we need income documents. **If you are eligible as a senior citizen, you must provide proof of age.**

The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025.

| Senior Citizen Eligibility | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| Are you or your live-in spouse over 55 years? | | ase continue to the |
| | not apply to y | e next section doe ou. |
| Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) | You must ser | nd a photocopy o |
| Spouse Date of Birth (if applicable) | your proof of application. | f age with this |
| | | |
| Income eligibility (not for senior citizens) If you are not a senior citizen, your annual income must fall below the cap set for your family size. | | |
| First, enter your family size. Then, use the worksheet below and enter your 2023 annual household income. Finally, use the chart on your right to check if you meet the income eligibility for the program. | | |
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Real Estate Installment Plan

You **must** provide the name and complete Social Security Number

You can find your OPA number at

property.phila.gov or call (215)

or ITIN for the applicant.

686-6442.

2 Applicant Information

Owner Name

Social Security Number (complete nine digits)

Property Address

OPA Number

Spouse name (if applicable)

Spouse Social Security Number (if applicable)

Number of household members

Phone number

Email Address

3 Signature

The Department of Revenue will also use this application to enroll you in the Homestead Exemption program if you do not already have it. The Homestead Exemption can save you money on your property taxes.

The Department of Revenue is authorized to perform an income verification check at any time. If during your enrollment in the program the city determines you were not income eligible, you will be removed from the program. Any previous payments will be applied to your 2024 Real Estate Tax bill.

If needed, Revenue will make its best efforts to contact Installment Plan applicants and participants. This may include letters, phone calls, emails, or SMS (text) messages.

I have reviewed all the information on this form and I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

| Applicant Signature | Date |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Mobile Number | Home Number |

|--|

Mail completed forms to:

Philadelphia Department of Revenue P.O. Box 53190 Philadelphia, PA 19105

or return in person:

Municipal Services Building Department of Revenue Concourse Level 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd Philadelphia, PA 19102 **Northeast Municipal Services Center** 7522 Castor Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19152

| Department of Revenue Use Only | Reason for rejection |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Approved | Incomplete/Invalid application |
| Rejected | Current year taxes paid in full Other |
| | Off-site mailing address Multiple property owner |



Real Estate Tax Credit for Active Duty Reserve and National Guard

Active military members can now apply for the Real Estate Tax Credit for Active Duty Reserve and National Guard offered by the Department of Revenue.

This program provides a tax credit for members called to active duty anywhere <u>outside</u> of Pennsylvania.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Own the property and use it as your primary residence.
- Provide documented proof of days served.

For more information and to download an application, visit **phila.gov/active-duty-credit**

APPLY TODAY! Applications close March 31st



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE For more information visit the Department of Revenue website at **phila.gov/revenue** or call 215-686-6442.

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Municipal Services Building, 1401 JFK Boulevard, Concourse Level, Philadelphia, PA 19102



Active Duty Tax Credit

The City of Philadelphia has a Real Estate Tax credit for members of the National Guard or Reserve Components of the Armed Forces who are called to active duty **outside** of Pennsylvania. This credit applies to the principal residence of the person on active duty.

You will need a copy of your current Real Estate Tax bill to complete this application. You must submit an official statement signed by an officer who supports your claim based on available duty records with this application.

The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025.

Applicant Information

| Applicant name | This credit is only available for the City's portion of the Real Estate Tax. |
|------------------------|---|
| Social Security Number | The credit is not available for the School District portion of the Real |
| Property Address | Estate Tax. |
| | |
| OPA account number | |
| Phone number | |
| Email Address | |

Calculate tax credit

| 1. Total 2023 Real Estate Tax | \$ |
|--|----------|
| 2. City tax factor | x 0.4513 |
| 3. Maximum Real Estate Tax credit available (Multiply line 1 x line 2) | \$ |
| 4. Days on active duty outside PA in 2022 | |
| 5. Active duty percentage (Line 4 / Days in 2022) | / 365 = |
| 6. Ownership percentage (if property is owned with anyone besides your spouse) | % |
| 7. Credit for 2023 (Multiply line 3 x line 5 x line 6) | \$ |
| 8. 2023 estimated Real Estate Tax due (line 1– line 6) | \$ |

3 Signature

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property listed above and all the above information is true and correct. I agree that if I knowingly file an application which is false in any material matter, I shall be subject to payment of taxes due, plus all applicable penalties, interest, and additions.

Line 1: Enter the amount found on the last line of your 2023 Real Estate Tax bill (if paid on or before March 31)

Line 4: Only enter the number of active duty days served anywhere outside Pennsylvania in 2022.

Line 6: If you are a tenant in common, enter only your ownership percentage.

Line 7: For example, if you own 100% of the property, you will multiply line 3 * line 5 * 1. If you own 80% of the property, you will multiply line 3 * line 5 * 0.8.

Line 8: This is your net 2023 Real Estate Tax due. Please make payments payable to "City of Philadelphia".

Mail completed forms to:

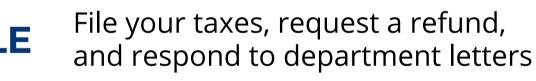
Philadelphia Department of Revenue PO Box 53190 Philadelphia, PA 19105

| Applicant Signature | Date | Phone Number |
|---------------------|------|--------------|
| Officers Signature | Date | Phone Number |

PHILADELPHIA TAX CENTER tax-services.phila.gov

Actually, you'll also save paper, stamps, and trips to the Municipal Services Building! Select services don't even require you to create a username or password. If you are a business or property owner or a wage taxpayer in Philadelphia, check out <u>tax-services.phila.gov</u> today!

File, pay, and apply online, anytime.





Pay your City taxes, fees, and charges with eCheck or credit/debit card* *processing fees apply



Apply for tax assistance programs, including the Homestead Exemption, payment agreements, tax clearance & much more

1401 JFK Blvd., Concourse Level, Philadelphia PA 19102
 phila.gov/revenue | R revenue@phila.gov
 (215) 686-6600 | (215) 686-6442



Important websites to remember

- property.phila.gov/pay: View valuation and physical details of any property within the City of Philadelphia
- phila.gov/pay: Pay Real Estate Taxes, Business Taxes, and Water bills
- phila.gov/wage-tax-refund: use this link to read plain
 language instructions about how and where you can submit
 a Wage Tax Refund.
- atlas.phila.gov: Get the history of permits, licenses, and inspections at any address, view recent activity around your address such as crime, 311 service requests, and more!
- business.phila.gov: one-stop hub created for individuals interested in opening a business or operating a small business and seeking guidance to navigate City resources and procedures

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Additional Resources for Homeowners

Catastrophic Loss

Property owners who have suffered damage to a structure, due to a fire or other natural disaster resulting in a decrease of 50% or more in property value, may qualify for a reduction in their property assessment.

You must file a *Catastrophic Loss application* in order to report the loss, so that the Office of Property Assessment (OPA) can determine the new market value for the property. Any adjustment in the assessment of real property will be reflected in the form of a credit for the next tax year.

Your application must be submitted to the OPA within the remainder of the fiscal year in which the catastrophic loss occurred, or within six months of the date on which the catastrophic loss occurred, whichever time period is longer.

For more information visit www.phila.gov/opa.

Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption

Veterans (or their surviving spouses) who have a 100% service-connected disability may qualify for a Real Estate Tax Exemption.

Applicants with an annual income of \$85,168 or less are eligible for the Exemption. Once the Exemption has been granted, there is a periodic review every five years.

For more information or to apply, contact the Philadelphia County Veterans Affairs Director at 215-686-3256.

Homeowners Emergency Loan Program (HELP)

The Philadelphia Water Department administers an emergency repair program for defective water and sewer service lines. This no-interest repair loan program is for homeowners in imminent danger of shutoff because of a violation notice. For more information or to apply for a HELP loan call 215-685-4901 or visit PWD website at <u>www.phila.gov/water</u>.



Philadelphia, PA 19102

Office of Property Assessment (OPA) 601 Walnut St., Suite 300 West The Curtis Center 215-686-4334 www.phila.gov/OPA

Department of Records & Deeds City Hall, Room 156 215-686-2262 www.phila.gov/records

Board of Revision of Taxes 601 Walnut St., Suite 325 East 215-686-4343 www.phila.gov/brt

Law Revenue Bureau MSB, 1401 JFK Blvd., Room 580 215-686-0500 www.phila.gov/revenue

Philadelphia Water Department

1101 Market St., 5th floor 215-685-6300 www.phila.gov/water

Philadelphia Sheriff's Office

100 S. Broad St., 5th Floor 215-686-3565 (Real Estate) 215-686-3530 (Main) www.officeofphiladelphiasheriff.com

Taxpayer Services Referrals

Judgments & Petitions 1339 Chestnut St., 10th Floor 215-686-7989 www.fjdclaims.phila.gov

Register of Wills City Hall, Room 180 215-686-6255 www.phila.gov/wills

Inheritance Tax City Hall, Room 177 215-686-2918 www.phila.gov/wills

Office of Judicial Records City Hall, Room #262 215-686-6665

Tax Review Board 100 S. Broad St., Suite 400 215-686-5216 www.phila.gov/trb

Pennsylvania Department of Revenue Senior Citizen Rent Rebates 110 N. 8th St. 888-222-9190 www.revenue.pa.gov

Federal Building (Internal Revenue Service) 600 Arch St. 1-800-829-4933 (Business & Specialty Tax) www.irs.gov

Real Estate Tax Customer Service Other Taxes Customer Service Water Revenue Customer Service Pay-by-phone: (property taxes Pay-by-phone: (water bills) Refuse Collection Customer Service

215-686-6442 215-686-6600 215-685-6300 1-877-309-3710 1-877-309-3709 215-686-5090

Department of Revenue Satellite Offices

North Philadelphia Municipal Services Center (temporarily closed) 2761 N. 22nd St. 215-685-9733, 9736, 9737, or 9741 Monday - Friday (8:30 am - 5 pm) Northeast Municipal Services Center 7522 Castor Ave. 215-685-0480 Monday - Friday (8:30 am - 5 pm)

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Philly 3-1-1: City's Non-emergency Contact Center

| <u>City Government Services</u> | | Legal Assistance | |
|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Abandoned House @ Vacant Lots | 215-686-2463 | Community Legal Services | 215-981-3700 |
| Human Relations Commission | 215-686-4670 | District Attorney | 215-686-8000 |
| Health Department | 215-686-5000 | Phila. Bar Association | 215-238-6300 |
| Mayor's Action Center | 215-686-3000 | Lawyer Referral (Bar Association) | 215-238-6333 |
| Philadelphia Corp. for Aging | 215-765-9000 | Public Defender Association | 215-568-3190 |
| Philly 311 | 3-1-1 | Victim Services (DA's Office) | 215-686-8027 |
| Recreation Department | 215-683-3600 | | 210 000 002, |
| Records Department | 215-686-2260 | Police | |
| Voter's Registration | 215-686-1500 | Police, Fire, Medical Emergency | 911 |
| | 210 000 1000 | Abandoned Cars | 215-683-2777 |
| | | Community Relations | 215-686-3380 |
| Senior Citizen Services | | General Information | 215-686-3149 |
| Philadelphia Corp. for Aging | 215-765-9000 | | 210 000 0117 |
| Senior Law Center | 215-988-1242 | Motor Vehicle & Parking | |
| Community Legal Services | 215-227-2400 | Department of Motor Vehicles | 800-932-4600 |
| | | Handicapped Parking | 215-683-9736 |
| Emergency Services | | Moving Violations | 215-686-1675 |
| American Red Cross | 215-299-4000 | Parking Violations | 215-561-3636 |
| Child Abuse Hotline | 215-683-6100 | Phila. Parking Authority | 215-683-9600 |
| Office of Emergency Shelter/SCVS | 215-686-5671 | | |
| Salvation Army | 215-787-2800 | State Government Services | |
| United Way | 866-SAFE-014 | Commonwealth Information Center | 800-932-0784 |
| | | Vital Records (Birth/Death Certificates) | 215-560-3054 |
| Federal Covernment | | | |
| Federal Government Federal Information | 800-688-9889 | Streets Department | |
| | 800-275-8777 | Sanitation | 3-1-1 |
| Post Service Information | 800-772-1213 | Recycling | 3-1-1 |
| Social Security | 000-772-1213 | Street Repair | 3-1-1 |
| | | Street Lighting | 3-1-1 |
| | | Signs (Repair/Replacement) | 3-1-1 |
| HOUSING | 215 404 4442 | | |
| Real Estate Taxes | 215-686-6442 | <u>Utilities</u> Dhiladalphia Electric (DECO) | |
| Fair Housing | 215-686-3237 215-686-9749 | Philadelphia Electric (PECO) | 215-841-4000 |
| Division of Housing & Community Devel. | 215-684-4000 | Emergency Philadelphia Gas Works | 215-235-1000 |
| Philadelphia Housing Authority | | PGW Emergency | 215-235-1212 |
| Phila. Housing Development Corp. | 215-448-3000 | Philadelphia Water Dept. (PWD) | 215-685-6300 |
| Redevelopment Authority | 215-854-6500 | Water Revenue Customer Service TAP Water Assistance | 215-685-6300 |
| HUD Resource Center | 800-225-5342 | | 215-685-6300 |
| Property/Rent Rebate | 215-560-2056 | Utility Grants | 215 540 2070 |
| Tenant Union Representative Network | 215-940-3900 | LIHEAP UESF | 215-560-2970 215-814-6837 |
| | | Heater Hotline | 215-814-6837 215-568-7190 |
| | | | 210-000-7190 |