

WASHINGTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN SUPPLEMENT TO STATE HOMEOWNERS' TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Effective July 1, 2012, the Washington County Board of County Commissioners voted to ease the tax burden on homeowners age 65 and over that meet certain income qualifications. The credit applies to homeowner occupied residential properties, and supplements the State Homeowners' Property Tax Credit program. Residents may apply by using the State's Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Application Form HTC-60. This form is used to determine eligibility for both the Washington County credit as well as the State of Maryland credit. The application will be processed and eligibility will be determined by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For questions, who can I call?

State Department of Assessments and Taxation toll-free number at 1-800-944-7403
Visit the state website at <http://www.dat.state.md.us>

Where can I get the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Application Form HTC-60?

State Department of Assessments and Taxation
3 Public Square
Hagerstown, MD 21740
301-791-3050 or on-line at www.dat.state.md.us

Washington County Treasurer's Office
35 West Washington Street Suite 102
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2110

When does this credit take effect?

The credit will reduce the property tax bills of qualified homeowners as of July 1.

How are credits granted?

For applications approved before May 1, a credit will appear on your July tax bill, or a tax credit certificate to be used towards payment of the tax bill or for a refund if the bill has already been paid, or a written letter of denial stating the reason for ineligibility.

When is the deadline to apply and where do I send the application?

Deadline to apply is September 1 of each year.

Applications should be mailed to:

Department of Assessments and Taxation – Homeowners' Tax Credit Program
301 W. Preston Street - 9th Floor, Room 900
Baltimore, Maryland 21201-2395

If I have already filled out a form for the State credit do I need to submit another application?

No.

Do I have to fill out an application each year?

Yes. Applications are available around the first week of February. If you submitted an application this year, you will automatically receive one in the mail for next year. Please understand that if your application is filed AFTER MAY 1 you should not expect to receive any tax credit directly on the July 1 tax bill. You are advised to pay the tax bill as shown if you wish to receive the discount for early payment offered by Washington County.