

Property Tax Reimbursement Program Information

Division of Taxation has begun mailing the 2009 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) checks to eligible applicants who filed by the original deadline of June 1, 2010. Reimbursements for applications filed between the original deadline of June 1 and the extended filing deadline of August 2, 2010, will be issued as quickly as possible.

The State's fiscal year 2011 budget includes changes to both the Property Tax Reimbursement (PTR) and Homestead Rebate Programs. With respect to the PTR Program, only those applicants who received a reimbursement for tax year 2008 and whose 2009 income did not exceed \$70,000 (the income limit for 2008) are eligible to receive a reimbursement for 2009, provided they met all the other eligibility requirements. Reimbursements issued for 2009 will be limited to the amount the applicant received for 2008. This means that those who filed 2009 reimbursement applications but did not receive checks for 2008 will not receive checks for 2009, even if they met all the eligibility requirements. Even though they will not get a check for 2009, these applicants have established 2008 as their "base year" for any future reimbursements for which they may be eligible and they will receive a notice advising them of this. It also means that applicants who do receive a check may be receiving less than they were expecting.

With respect to changes to the Homestead Rebate Program, no rebate checks for 2009 will be issued to either homeowners or tenants this summer and fall as in previous years. Funding for 2009 tenant benefits was completely eliminated from the State Budget for fiscal year 2011. 2009 benefits for homeowners will be applied directly to their property tax bills for the second quarter of 2011. Applications for the 2009 homestead benefit are expected to be mailed to all eligible homeowners in the fall.

Property Tax Reimbursement Program:

To ask questions: 1-800-882-6597

To check the status of a filed application: 1-800-882-6597

To listen to information or to order an application: 1-800-323-4400

Online information: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/2009ptr_seniorfreeze.shtml

Text Telephone Service (TTY/TDD) for Hard-of-Hearing Users: 1-800-286-6613 or 609-984-7300

Taxation e-mail address for general tax questions: nj.taxation@treas.state.nj.us

Agents are available during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to answer questions or to assist senior and disabled homeowners in filing their reimbursement applications.

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