

ABOUT THE 2019 PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR SENIORS:

- The Property Tax Rebate for Seniors opened on July 1, 2019 and closes December 31, 2019.
- The rebate is 50% of 2018's residential property taxes, up to a maximum of \$800. If a senior receives municipal tax exemptions, those amounts are subtracted before the 50% is calculated.
- Application forms can be downloaded from the Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services website. Paper copies are available at Access Nova Scotia offices, Department of Community Services offices, MLA offices and other locations including senior groups across the province. Between now and December 31, application forms can also be requested by calling 902-424-5200 or, toll-free 1-800-670 4357.
- **NEW FOR 2019:** Applicants for the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors will be able to opt-in to automatically apply for the 2019-20 Heating Assistance Rebate Program. If approved, no application for the heating rebate will be required. Recipients can expect their rebate to arrive 1-2 weeks after the program launches on October 21, 2019.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?:

The rebate is open to Nova Scotia seniors who meet the following criteria:

- They have continued to receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or Allowance from Service Canada in 2019. To find out if they qualify for the GIS or the Allowance, they may call Service Canada at 1-800-277-9914.
- 2018 residential property tax bills **a)** are in their name and **b)** are paid in full.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants can fax applications to **902-428-2164**, or mail it to:

Property Tax Rebate for Seniors, Box 283, CRO, Halifax, NS B3J 2N7

Access Nova Scotia locations will accept applications but faxing and mailing them is the most direct way to apply.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY REBATE?



This year, Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services will mail cheques of approved property tax rebates. It will take about 8 weeks to receive the rebate.

Direct Deposit is planned for 2020. If an applicant opts-in to the Heating Assistance Rebate Program *and* receives their income tax refund from Canada Revenue Agency through direct deposit, they will receive that rebate via direct deposit when the program launches on October 21, 2019.

To set up direct deposit, applicants can call CRA at 1-800-959-8281.

QUESTIONS?

Call: 902-424-5200 (Metro) or 1-800-670-4357 (toll-free)

Email: askus@novascotia.ca

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