

New Jersey Property Tax Relief Programs

Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement)

- Reimburses eligible senior citizens & disabled persons for property tax increases on principal residence.
- Must meet ALL eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the application year.
 - Age/Disability: You (or your spouse/civil union partner) were 65 or older; or actually receiving federal Social Security disability benefit payments (not benefit payments received on behalf of someone else).
 - Residency: You lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2007, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter.
 - Home Ownership: You owned and lived in your home since December 31, 2014, or earlier (and you still owned and lived in that home on December 31, 2018).
 - Property Taxes: You paid the full amount of the property taxes due on your home.
 - Income: You must meet the limits
- **Current application year is 2018.**
- Deadline for application: October 31, 2019
- Booklet should have been received by March 1, 2019. If you did not receive, please contact the HOTLINE number below.
- Checks reimbursed as follows:
 - Applied before May 1, 2019, checks mailed by July 15, 2019
 - Applied May 2-June 1, checks mailed by Sept. 1, 2019
 - Applied June 2-Sept. 1, checks mailed by Nov. 1, 2019
 - Applied Sept. 2-Oct. 31, checks mailed by Dec. 1, 2019
- **SENIOR FREEZE INFORMATION HOTLINE**
 - **1-800-882-6597**

Homestead Benefit Program

- Program provides property tax relief to eligible homeowners.
- Must meet the following requirements:
 - You were a New Jersey resident; and
 - You owned and occupied a home in New Jersey that was your principal residence on October 1, 2016*; and
 - Property taxes for 2016 were paid on that home; and
 - You met the 2016 income requirements:
 - \$150,000 for homeowners age 65 or over or blind or disabled; or
 - \$75,000 for homeowners under age 65 and not blind or disabled.
- For most homeowners, the benefit is distributed to your municipality in the form of a credit, which reduces your property taxes.
- **2017 Homestead applications (current application year)** will be mailed to homeowners over a 3-week period in mid-late September 2019.
- Deadline not set until September mailing, however, will most likely be in November 2019.
- **HOMESTEAD BENEFIT PROGRAM HOTLINE**
 - **1-888-238-1233**

