

## **LEGISLATIVE GUIDE**

FOR PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

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#### **OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM**

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is a Pennsylvania program that provides rebates on property tax or rent paid for the previous year by income-eligible seniors and people with disabilities.

This rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older.

Historically, the income limit has been \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters however, half of the Social Security income is excluded. Spouses, personal representatives, or estates may also file rebate applications on behalf of individuals who lived at least one day in the application year and meet all other eligibility criteria.

For many years, the maximum standard rebate has been \$650 but the program provides supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners which could boost rebates to \$975.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Since the program's inception in 1971, older and disabled adults have received more than \$7.6 billion in property tax and rent relief. The rebate program also receives funding from slots gaming.

#### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2024

With the expansion of the program and the new income thresholds for renters, individuals who are a resident stockholder of a cooperative housing corporation, such as a condominium, will most likely qualify for a higher rebate if they file as an owner/renter or just as a renter. The maximum standard rebate cannot exceed \$1,000. If your rent exceeds \$5,000, you should file as a renter, not as an owner/renter.

2024 ELIGIBII	LITY TABLE
INCOME	MAX REBATE
\$ 0 - \$ 8,270	\$ 1,000
\$ 8,271 - \$ 15,510	\$ 770
\$ 15,511 - \$ 18,610	\$ 460
\$ 18,611 - \$ 46,520	\$ 380

In future years, income thresholds for standard rebates will grow with inflation annually.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL REBATES (KICKERS)**

The supplemental property tax rebates are available to homeowners with particularly high property tax burdens. The income eligibility did not change for supplemental rebates under the new law. However, the amounts were increased based on the new standard rebate levels. Applicants do not need to do anything to claim the supplemental rebate as these are automatically calculated by the Department of Revenue and awarded to <u>property owners</u> with \$31,010 or less in income who live in:

- Philadelphia, Scranton, or Pittsburgh
- Other parts of the state where property taxes are 15% or more of their total income.

INCOME	STANDARD REBATE	SUPPLEMENTAL REBATE (KICKER)	TOTAL MAX REBATE
\$ 0 - \$ 8,270	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
\$ 8,271 - \$ 15,510	\$770	\$385	\$1,155
\$ 15,511 - \$ 18,610	\$460	\$230	\$690
\$ 18,611 - \$ 31,010	\$380	\$190	\$570
\$ 31,010 - \$ 46,520	\$380		\$380

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Below is a calendar of events to provide a basic overview of when key things happen during administration of the program.

MONTH	EVENT
JANUARY	<ul> <li>The department begins accepting applications (for taxes or rent paid in the previous year).</li> <li>myPATH opens for 2024 rebate applications.</li> <li>PA-1000 booklets are mailed out to applicants who filed previously via paper.</li> <li>Reminder letters are mailed out to applicants who filed via myPATH or preparer.</li> <li>Forms are published on the department's website and online forms ordering is available.</li> </ul>
APRIL	<ul> <li>Posting/processing of applications begins.</li> <li>The department begins making automated phone calls to advise that the application was received.</li> </ul>
JUNE	<ul> <li>Due date for applications is June 30<sup>th</sup>. In the beginning of June, the Governor will decide whether to extend the application deadline to December 31<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>Press release will be issued if extension is granted.</li> <li>The department begins making a second round of automated phone calls to let applicants know that their rebate application was approved.</li> </ul>
JULY	PA Treasury will begin to mail or direct deposit rebates in July.
AUGUST	<ul> <li>August 15<sup>th</sup> is the first day the department can request a stop payment on a rebate issued on July 1st. Stop payments can only be requested 45 days past the date the rebate was issued.</li> </ul>
DECEMBER	If the application deadline is extended, applications will be due by December 31 <sup>st.</sup>

**IMPORTANT:** If the application is not filed by the due date (or extended due date), the individual may not apply for the program. This means that an application cannot be submitted for a previous year.

#### **REMINDER LETTER MAILED TO APPLICANTS**

In January of each year, the department mails a reminder letter to PTRR applicants that used either myPATH to file or had their application prepared using software in the previous year. These letters are designed to remind applicants to file and include a copy of the PA-1000 RC, Rent Certificate. We include this document with the letters so that previous renters can take it to their landlord for completion or for situations where a previous year homeowner moved into a rental property.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate	
This notice is in regards to your Prop Revenue.	erty Tax Rent Rebate claim submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of
Why you are receiving this notice If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the department using the information provided.  Customer Experience Center 1-888-222-9190	Your PA-1000 Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim was filed electronically using myPATH, instead of the department—provided form. The department thanks you for filing your 2020 PA-1000 Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim using myPATH and encourages you to continue to file your claim form through myPATH for future claim years. Moving forward, the department will not be mailing out a paper claim form and instruction booklet to Pennsylvanians who filed a 2020 PA-1000 electronically using myPATH.
What you need to do	Submit your PA-1000 to the department either online or via mail.
	Filing online You may file the PA-1000 online via <i>mypath.pa.gov</i>
	Filing by mail If you wish to obtain a physical copy of the PA-1000, they are available via the following channels:
	<ul> <li>Downloading the form online from the department's website at www.revenue.pa.gov, under the Forms &amp; Publications tab</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Emailing a request to <u>RA-FORMS@pa.gov</u></li> </ul>
	Calling toll-free 1-800-362-2050

#### PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE AUTOMATIC REMINDERS

To reduce inbound calls from PTRR applicants who are just checking on the status of their rebate application, the department makes outbound calls using our automated dialer system. This allows the department to notify applicants that their rebate was either received or has been approved for payment. These calls begin about mid-April each year and continue until the majority of the PTRR applications are processed for the year.

On these outbound calls the Department of Revenue will never provide any personal information. These are strictly automated phone calls pushing information to claimants regarding the status of their applications. Below are the various scripts that we are currently using:

#### **APPLICATION RECEIVED**

Hello, this is an automated call from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to let you know that your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application has been received.

You do not need to take further action.

If you want to confirm the information in this message or check the status of your application, please visit our website, myPATH.pa.gov, that's m-y-p-a-t-h dot p-a dot g-o-v and click the "Where's My Rebate?" hyperlink directly from the homepage.

Have a nice day from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

If you want to confirm the information in this message or check the status of your application, please visit our website, myPATH.pa.gov, that's m-y-p-a-t-h dot p-a dot g-o-v, and click the "Where's My Rebate?" hyperlink directly from the homepage.

Have a nice day from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

#### CALLER ID MESSAGE FOR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

You have reached the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. If you are calling because you missed a call on your phone from this number, don't worry, we were just calling to let you know that your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application has been received.

You do **not** need to take any further action.

If you want to confirm the information in this message or check on the status of your application, please visit our website, myPATH.pa.gov, and click on the "Where's my Rebate" hyperlink directly from the homepage.

Thank you for calling and have a nice day.

#### APPLICATION APPROVED CHECK TO BE MAILED

Hello, this is an automated call from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to let you know that your Property Tax/Rent Rebate has been approved.

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for your rebate to arrive.

You do not need to take any further action.

If you want to confirm the information in this message or check on the status of your application, please visit our website, myPATH.pa.gov, and click on the "Where's my Rebate" hyperlink directly from the homepage.

If you apply for a rebate next year, we encourage you to select the direct deposit payment option on your application. This will allow us to quickly and securely deposit your rebate into your bank account. This option is quicker than waiting for a paper check to come in the mail.

Have a nice day from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

#### **APPLICATION APPROVED DIRECT DEPOSIT**

Hello, this is an automated call from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to let you know that your Property Tax/Rent Rebate has been approved.

You do not need to take any further action.

If you want to confirm the information in this message or check on the status of your application, please visit our website, myPATH.pa.gov, and click on the "Where's my Rebate" hyperlink directly from the homepage.

Have a nice day from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

#### **CALLER ID MESSAGE FOR APPLICATIONS PAID**

You have reached the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. If you are calling because you missed a call on your phone from this number, don't worry, we were just calling to let you know that your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application is being paid.

You do **not** need to take any further action.

If you want to confirm the information in this message or check on the status of your application, please visit our website, myPATH.pa.gov, and click on the "Where's my Rebate" hyperlink directly from the homepage.

Thank you for calling and have a nice day.

- TYPE OF FILER
- REBATE TYPE
- INCOME GUIDELINES
- FILING ON BEHALF OF A DECEASED INDIVIDUAL

#### **TYPE OF FILER**

The first step to completing the application is determining if your constituent meets the eligibility requirements. As a reminder this program is only available to older or disabled individuals so be sure to ask the appropriate questions to confirm if they fit into one of the categories below.

If the applicant is a first-time filer, make sure they include the corresponding proof documents depending on the filing category. Please see the *Documents to Include* section or the *Proof Document Checklist* for more information.

AGE 65 OR OLDER	<ul> <li>Category A on the application is the age qualifier. If selecting this option, the applicant must be 65 or older by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the application year. This is the most common category selected.</li> <li>If the applicant is a first-time filer and falls into this category, they must remit proof of age along with their application</li> </ul>
MARRIED TO INDIVIDUAL AGE 65 OR OLDER	Category B should be used if the applicant is under 65 but their spouse is 65 or older by December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the application year. This category is the least common because typically the person who is 65 will file as the primary applicant.  • If the applicant is a first-time filer and falls into this category, they
	must remit proof age for the spouse.
WIDOW/WIDOWER AGE 50-64	<b>Category C</b> is used by a widow or widower who is anywhere between the ages of 50 and 64 by December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the application year. This category only applies if the couple was still married at the time of the spouses passing.
	If applicant is a first-time filer and falls into this category, they must remit proof of age along with a copy of their spouse's death certificate.
PERMANENTLY DISABLED AGE 18-64	<b>Category D</b> should be used if the applicant is 18 to 64 years old by December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the application year and they are permanently disabled.
	For Social Security disability, SSI permanent and total disability, Railroad Retirement permanent and total disability, or Black Lung disability, provide a copy of your award letter.
	For Veterans Administration disability, provide a letter from the Veterans Administration stating that you are 100 percent disabled.
	For Federal Civil Service disability, provide a letter from Civil Service stating that you are 100 percent disabled.
	If the applicant does not qualify under any of the above, they should have their physician complete a PA-1000 PS (See the PA-1000 PS guidance under the <i>Preparing the Application</i> section.)

#### **REBATE TYPE**

In addition to identifying what category an applicant falls under, we also need to know if they are a property owner, a renter, or if they are an owner/renter because this will affect their eligibility income amount and the type of rebate that they receive.

	DEFINITIONS
PROPERTY OWNER	<ul> <li>Applicant must have owned the home.</li> <li>Applicant must have occupied the home as a primary residence.</li> <li>Taxes must have been paid for the application year.</li> </ul>
RENTER	<ul> <li>Applicant must have rented and occupied the residence.</li> <li>Applicant must have a true landlord/tenant relationship.</li> <li>Applicant may not have received cash or public assistance for the months being claimed.</li> </ul>
OWNER/RENTER	<ul> <li>Applicant owned, occupied, and paid taxes for part of year and paid rent for other portion of the year. (Common example includes mobile homes where the applicant owns the home and rents the lot or vice versa)</li> </ul>

#### **INCOME GUIDELINES**

Property taxes or rent paid in 2024, all qualified applicants who make \$46,520 or less for the application year are eligible to receive a property tax or rent rebate. As mentioned in the What's New section, this income cap applies to both renters and homeowners. Maximum rebate amounts vary based on the amount of income. The more income an applicant makes, the lower the rebate will be.

#### FILING ON BEHALF OF A DECEASED INDIVIDUAL

To be eligible for a rebate, the applicant must have lived at least one day of an application year; owned, occupied, and paid taxes; or rented, occupied, and paid rent for the application year during the period they were alive.

The property tax paid for a deceased applicant will be prorated based upon the number of days the applicant lived during the application year. Rent rebate applications filed on behalf of deceased applicants will be paid based upon the amount of rent paid during the application year. **Schedule A** must be completed for the calculation of the prorated property tax rebate.

To determine if a deceased applicant is eligible for a rebate, a decedent's application must also include an annualized income amount in the calculation of total household income. **Schedule G** must be completed for the calculation of annualized income amount to be included in household income. A copy of the death certificate must also be included with the application.

A surviving spouse, estate, or personal representative may file an application on behalf of a deceased applicant. A personal representative can also have a previously filed rebate issued in his or her name, instead of the name of the decedent, in certain circumstances.

#### **SURVIVING SPOUSE**

#### SURVIVING SPOUSE IS ELIGIBLE TO FILE ON THEIR OWN

If the surviving spouse meets the eligibility requirements to file on their own, they should discard any label (if filing via paper) and file as a first-time applicant.

In this situation, they should include a copy of the death certificate and a letter stating they were the spouse of the applicant at the time of death, and sign as the applicant. The deceased spouse's SSN should be entered in the area provided and the oval filled in, indicating the spouse is deceased.



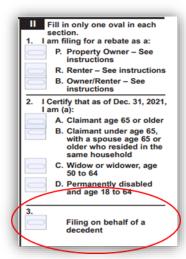
**NOTE:** If the surviving spouse is eligible to file on their own, do not mark the oval in Section II, Line 3 that reads, "Filing on behalf of a decedent."

#### SPOUSE NOT ELIGIBLE TO FILE ON OWN

If the surviving spouse does not meet the eligibility requirements to file on their own, they should complete the application listing the decedent as the primary and surviving spouse as the secondary.

**NOTE:** In this situation, the surviving spouse will need to fill in the oval under Section II of the PA-1000, Line 3 "Filing on behalf of a decedent." Additionally, they will need to include a completed DEX-41, copy of the death certificate (showing their name listed as the spouse), a letter stating they were the spouse of the applicant at the time of death, and sign on the applicant signature line.

**IMPORTANT:** A surviving spouse can only file using this method if the decedent passed away during the application year. In addition, if the decedent passed away during the application year, the income must be annualized using the Schedule G and taxes paid must be prorated using the Schedule A. For more information on completing these schedules, see the guidance under the *Preparing the Application* section.



#### **ESTATE**

If the decedent is due a rebate, an application may be filed by the executor or the administrator of an estate. A completed DEX-41 must be submitted with the application. A copy of the Short Certificate showing the will was registered or probated must also be submitted. If there is no will but there are assets, submit a copy of the Letters of Administration. Either of these may be obtained from the county courthouse where the death is recorded. The person filing the application must fill in the oval under Section II of the PA-1000, Line 3 "Filing on behalf of a decedent" and sign on the applicant's signature line.

#### **Required Proof Documents:**

- If there is a will We would need a short certificate showing who the executor or executrix is.
- If there is no will We will need a decree of distribution or court order appointing the administrator.

**NOTE:** If the decedent passed away during the application year, the income must be annualized using the schedule G and taxes paid must be prorated using the Schedule A. See the guidance under the *Preparing the Application* section for more information on completing these schedules.

#### **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

If a person dies and there is no will, the will has not been registered or probated, or there is no estate, then a personal representative may file an application on behalf of an eligible decedent. A decedent's personal representative must submit a copy of the decedent's death certificate, a notarized DEX-41, Application for Refund/ Rebate Due the Decedent, a receipted copy of the decedent's funeral bill and proof that the personal representative personally paid the decedent's funeral expenses in an amount that is greater than or equal to the amount of the property tax/rent rebate to which the decedent is entitled. Proof of payment can be the front/back of a check or a credit card or bank statement or other documentation showing that they personally paid for the funeral expenses. Like the two scenarios listed above, the personal representative must fill in the oval under Section II of the PA-1000, Line 3 "Filing on behalf of a decedent" and sign on the applicant's signature line.

**NOTE:** If the decedent passed away during the application year, the income must be annualized using the schedule G and taxes/rent paid must be prorated using the Schedule A. See the guidance under the **Preparing the Application** section for more information on completing these schedules.

#### GETTING A CHECK REISSUED UNDER THE SPOUSE, ESTATE, OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NAME

If the person dies after filing the application the check will be issued under the decedents name unless the department receives a completed DEX-41 and all supporting documentation. If your constituent can cash a check in the decedents name, there is no need to have the name changed. If they cannot cash the check, a completed DEX-41 along with all supporting documentation should be submitted to the department using the legislative resource account.

- PROOF OF AGE
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- APPLYING AS AN OWNER/RENTER
- APPLYING AS AN OWNER (PROPERTY TAX REBATE)

As mentioned previously, there are several supporting documents that are required to be submitted along with the Property Tax/Rent Rebate application. The department refers to these items as "proof documents". These proof documents vary based on the applicant's specific filing type, rebate type, and type of income.

#### **PROOF OF AGE**

If an applicant has never filed a PTRR application in the past, they will be required to submit proof of age. Acceptable documents include:

- Birth certificate
- Blue Cross or Blue Shield 65 Special Card
- · Church baptismal record
- Driver's license or PA identification card
- Hospital birth record

- Naturalization/immigration paper, if age is shown
- Military discharge paper, if age is shown
- Medicare card
- PACE/PACENET card
- Passport

#### **PROOF OF WIDOW/WIDOWER**

If the applicant has never filed a PTRR application in the past, and they are a widow or widower age 50 to 64, they must provide proof of their age (see above) and a photocopy of their spouse's death certificate.

#### **PROOF OF DISABILITY**

If an applicant has never filed a PTRR application in the past and they indicate that they are permanently disabled between the ages 18-64, they must submit proof of age (see above) and proof of permanent disability.

- Award Letter: Acceptable for Social Security disability, SSI permanent and total disability, Railroad Retirement permanent and total disability, or Black Lung disability.
- Letter from the For Veterans Administration stating 100% disabled: Acceptable for Veterans Administration disability.
- Letter from Civil Service stating 100% disabled: Acceptable for Federal Civil Service disability.

#### PA-1000 PS, PHYSICAN'S STATEMENT OF PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY

This form is used when an applicant is not covered under the federal Social Security Act or the federal Railroad Retirement Act who is unable to submit proof of permanent and total disability. The physician completing the form must determine the applicant's status using the same standards used for determining permanent and total disability under the federal Social Security Act or the federal Railroad Retirement Act.

 The form must describe the disability as permanent, and the physician must sign the statement to certify that the information is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

**NOTE:** If the applicant was denied Social Security Disability, they are not eligible for a rebate.

**CERTIFICATION:** A physician must sign and date the schedule in order for it to be accepted.

**DESCRIPTION:** A physician must complete this section of the schedule. Briefly describing the reason(s) the above-named applicant is totally and permanently disabled.

**PHYSICIAN IDENTIFICATION:** A physician must complete all parts of this section for the schedule to be accepted.

	PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT 2405 Physician's Statement of Permanent and Total Disability	320017		
	PA-1000 PS 04-24 PA Department of Revenue 2024			
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#### **PROOF OF INCOME**

When completing the PTRR application, the applicant will be required to indicate the type of income that they receive. Based on the income reported, there are specific proof documents that must be included. Please refer to the *PTRR Proof Document Checklist* to determine what information to submit. This checklist is easy to use and organized in the order that the income should be reported on the PA-1000 application.

#### WHEN INCOME IS LESS THAN TAXES OR RENT PAID

There could be situations where the eligibility income reported is less than the amount of taxes or rent paid. If this is due to only reporting 50 percent of Social Security, Railroad Retirement Tier 1, or Federal Civil Service Retirement System benefits; then no additional documentation is needed. If the customer is receiving financial assistance from another source or utilizing income from personal savings that is not required to be reported in eligibility income, they should include a detailed explanation regarding how the rent or property taxes were paid. For example, a customer has no income, but they are paying for rent out of their savings or a customer has no income, but their bills were paid by a family member.

#### **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A REBATE DUE A DECEDENT**

If completing an application for a rebate due a decedent, please remit a copy of the death certificate along with the DEX-41, Application for Property Tax/Rent Rebate Due the Decedent. In addition, the application must include an annualized income amount in the calculation of total household income. See Schedule G, specifically the instructions for Line 11g, for more information on the calculation of annualized income to be included.

#### DEX-41. APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE DUE THE DECEDENT

This form is used when either:

- An applicant dies and there is no will, the will has not been registered or probated or there is no estate. In this case, a personal representative may file an application on behalf of an eligible decedent.
- An applicant dies after filing an application and there
  is no will, or if the will has not been registered or
  probated, or there is no estate, then a personal
  representative can also request that the department
  change the rebate to be issued into his/her name. In
  situations where the rebate check has been received
  but cannot be cashed, the check must be returned
  with a request to have the rebate issued in the name
  of the personal representative.

In both scenarios the decedent's personal representative must submit a copy of the decedent's death certificate, this form, and a receipted copy of the decedent's funeral bill showing that the personal representative personally paid the decedent's funeral expenses in an amount that is greater than or equal to the amount of the property tax/rent rebate to which the decedent is entitled.



#### **APPLYING AS A RENTER (RENT REBATE)**

An applicant may apply for a rent rebate only if they pay rent to a property owner for a dwelling that they rent for use as a home. This dwelling must be a self-contained unit. A self-contained dwelling is a rental unit that has a separate bedroom, kitchen, and bath, but it may also be a single room or set of rooms within a private home, hotel, or other dwelling.

In order to verify rent paid, the renter must submit a fully completed PA-1000 RC, Rent Certificate, filled out by the landlord, for each place they rented during the year. The landlord or their authorized agent should complete Lines 1 through 8 and sign the PA Rent Certificate.

- If they cannot get their landlord to sign the form, a completed PA Rent Certificate along with the notarized Occupancy Affidavit must be included.
- They can also submit a completed PA Rent Certificate along with copies of their rent receipt(s) for each period in which they paid the rent. However, the receipts must include the landlord or agent's signature, the full amount of rent paid, the applicant's name, and the complete address of the rental property.

For more information on completing this form, please see the PA-1000 RC in the *Preparing the Application* section.

**IMPORTANT:** If the landlord is a tax-exempt entity and is not required to pay property taxes on the rental property, the renter does not qualify for a rent rebate unless the entity makes payments in lieu of taxes to a local government authority (county, municipality, school district, fire/police department, etc.) in order to allow their residents to apply for a rent rebate.

#### MONTHLY CHARGES OTHER THAN RENT

Only the amounts attributable to rent may be considered. If there is a monthly charge that includes items other than rent, such as board, meals, personal cleaning services, nursing care, medications, etc., the amount applicable for rent must be obtained from the landlord.

#### **SUBSIDIES**

If an applicant receives any rent subsidies provided by or through a government agency, the amount of such subsidy must be claimed on Line #5 of the Rent Certificate and deducted from the total rent paid.

YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL LINES. IF NONE, ENTER "0".	Dollars	Cents
4. What was the amount of rent per month? (Include only the amount charged for rental. Do not include security deposits or amounts paid for food, medicine, medical care or personal care.) If your rental amounts changed during the year, please explain in the space provided		•
5. How much of the monthly rental amount was paid or subsidized by a governmental agency?		•
<b>6. Total monthly amount of rent paid.</b> (Subtract Line 5 from Line 4.) <b>6.</b>		•
7. Number of months unit was occupied by the claimant in 2023.  (If less than 12 months, please explain in the space provided.)		
8. What was the total rent paid in 2023 by the claimant?  (Multiply Line 6 by Line 7.) Enter the amount here and on Line 16 of the claim form or the appropriate line(s) of Schedules D, E or F		•

#### **LEASE WITH MULTIPLE TENANTS**

If there is more than one tenant listed on the lease agreement other than the spouse or minor child, you must complete the Schedule F, Multiple Owner or Lessor Prorations. (If the lease shows more than three individuals, make copies of the Schedule F to include everyone listed.)

#### **PERSONAL CARE HOME**

If the applicant lives in one of the domiciles categories listed below or similar domicile, a copy of the contract agreement must be submitted with the application.

- Assisted Living facility
- Boarding home
- Domiciliary Care facility

- Foster Care facility
- Nursing Home
- Personal Care Home

When completing the Rent Certificate, you should select the rental unit type closest to the applicant's situation. If a completed Rent Certificate is not included with the application, it will delay processing, as the department will send a request for a completed form. (Reminder only amounts attributable to rent may be considered. See *Monthly Charges Other Than Rent* section.)

#### RENTING A ROOM IN A PRIVATE HOME OR OTHER DOMOCILE

A rental unit may be a self-contained dwelling that is a separate bedroom, kitchen, and bath, but it may also be a single room or set of rooms within a private home, hotel or other dwelling. A room in a private home may qualify as a homestead (a self-contained dwelling the applicant rents for use as a home) if a landlord-tenant relationship exists. Such a relationship exists when a landlord (the lessor) provides the applicant (the lessee) with a lease for a self-contained dwelling within the property owner's residence. As mentioned, this usually means a separate kitchen, bath, and bedroom. The homeowner must maintain a lease agreement, have separate utility bills, have other evidence of a self-contained dwelling, and report the rental income on their federal and state income tax return. The applicant is responsible to prove that a landlord tenant relationship exists.

NOTE: An applicant renting a room in a house that is not considered a self-contained does not qualify for this program.

When completing the Rent Certificate, select either Apartment in a House or the Private Home indicator. In this situation, you should also include a copy of the lease. If a completed Rent Certificate is not included with the application, it will delay processing, as the department will end up sending a request for a completed form.

#### **BOARDING HOMES**

A boarding home provides accommodation for a fee. Usually, a resident only has a right to occupy a room and share other facilities such as a kitchen and bathroom. Although the applicant does not have a "Self-Contained Unit" they still qualify for the program. When they file, they must provide a copy of the contract agreement with the application. (Reminder only amounts attributable to rent may be considered. See *Monthly Charges Other Than Rent* section.)

#### SPOUSE LIVES IN AN ASSISTED LIVING, PERSONAL CARE OR NURSING HOME

In situations where the applicant and the spouse live apart in different domiciles (i.e., private residence and a nursing home) for the entire year due to personal care needs, they may both qualify for a rebate. After reviewing their separate qualification under the program's eligibility guidelines, if they each qualify. You will need to complete separate PA-1000 applications for each. Do not include their Social Security Number on each other applications as it will result in delayed processing of both and most likely in one of them being denied a rebate. (Reminder only amounts attributable to rent may be considered. See *Monthly Charges Other Than Rent* section.)

#### **HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

Renters that live in a property owned by a housing authority, must still include a completed PA-1000, Rent Certificate with their application. If they are unable to obtain a completed Rent Certificate including landlord signature, they can provide a letter or statement from a housing authority that contains the following information:

- Name and address of the applicant
- Name, address, building name, federal tax identification number and telephone number of the authority
- The amount and date of each payment
- A statement that the authority was required to pay property taxes or make payments in lieu thereof (PILOT payment); and
- An original signature of the representative of the authority

In addition, this letter or statement, the applicant should include a self-completed Rent Certificate.

**IMPORTANT**: Applicants that live in Housing Authority properties should use the Apartment Building indicator on the Rent Certificate. If a rent certificate is not included with the application, it will delay processing, as the department will end up sending a request for a completed form. Additionally, if the letter from the housing authority isn't signed, follow the guidance provided in Landlord's Oath section.

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY COMPLIANCE

As part of the department's review and overall quality assurance we must verify those housing authorities completing Rent Certificates for their residents are legally compliant with the program rules and regulations. This requires the department to conduct a review of properties that are tax exempt to make sure that the required Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) were made.

As part of this review program there could be some applicants that are denied a rebate, due to their housing authority not responding to the department's request for information. If this happens the housing authority needs to contact the department as directed on the notice(s) that requested the information or the notice of denial.



#### **APPLYING AS AN OWNER/RENTER**

An applicant may qualify as an Owner/Renter if:

- 1. The applicant owned, occupied, and paid taxes for part of the year and was a renter for the other part of the year (PA-1000 Schedule A must be completed)
- 2. The applicant owned, occupied, and paid taxes on a home and paid rent for the land upon which the home is situation (such as, but not limited to, a mobile home in a mobile home park or a home on which land rent is paid); or
- 3. The applicant paid rent for the home they occupied and paid property taxes on the land upon which it stood (such as, but not limited to, a mobile home).

#### APPLICANT LIVES IN A MOBILE HOME PARK

Individuals that live in a mobile home or trailer can qualify to file as both an Owner and a Renter depending on their situation.

**EXAMPLE:** John pays property taxes on a mobile home that he owns and occupies. His mobile home is on land that he leases. John may apply for a property tax rebate on the mobile home and a rent rebate on the land.

#### APPLICANT SELLS HOME AND STARTS TO RENT

Individuals that move from their home to an apartment (or vice-versa) qualify to file as both an **Owner and a Renter** depending on their situation.

**EXAMPLE:** Jane pays property taxes on her home that she owns and occupies for January through April. She moves into an apartment in May and lives there for the remaining part of the year.

#### HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

Applicants who fall under the scenario mentioned above, should fill in the oval next to **(B) Owner/Renter** when completing the Section II of the PA-1000. This oval is used for applicants who owned and occupied their residence for part of application year, and also rented and occupied another residence for the rest of application year, or if they owned their residence and rented the land where their residence is located.

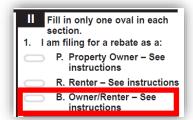
**CAUTION**: As an owner/renter, do not select categories **P** or **R**. As this may reduce their rebate amount.

It is important to calculate the property tax rebate separately from the rent rebate. Complete Lines 14 and 15 to calculate the property tax rebate and complete Lines 16 through 18 to

calculate the rent rebate. myPATH will automatically calculate these figures when you file the application electronically.

- Line #14: Include the total property tax amount paid. Proof of taxes paid must be submitted with the application. Then complete Line #15 as instructed.
- **Line #16:** Include the total amount of rent paid. A completed Rent Certificate must be included with the application. Then complete Lines #17 and #18 as instructed.
- Line #19: To determine the amount for Line 19, start with the amount of total income reported on Line 23. In Table A, find the income range that includes the Line 23 amount and circle the corresponding maximum standard rebate amount. Compare the maximum standard rebate amount to the sum of Lines 15 and 18 and enter the lesser amount on Line 19. The maximum standard rebate cannot exceed \$1,000.

**NOTE:** An Owner/Renter must include proof of taxes paid and a completed rent certificate in order to avoid processing delays. See the section on *Documents to Include* for more information.



#### **APPLYING AS AN OWNER (PROPERTY TAX REBATE)**

All property owners, with the exception of residents of Philadelphia, must submit proof that property taxes were paid for the application year. In order to verify taxes were paid, proof of one of the following must be submitted:

- Copies of the tax bill(s) for the application year, that have been marked or stamped "PAID" by the tax collector, indicating the date and amount paid; (This is the best form of documentation that a 3rd party has verifying the payment.)
- Copies of the un-receipted tax bill(s), along with a copy of both the front and back of the cancelled check(s) that paid the tax,
- A copy of the year-end mortgage statement showing the amount of real estate taxes paid escrow; or
- A signed letter from the tax collector certifying the payment of real estate taxes during the application year; or
- A receipted copy of the tax bill from an owner's association or corporation, for residents in a cooperative housing corporation or condominium.
- If the tax bill is not the same as the applicant's address on the PA-1000 application, a written explanation must be submitted explaining why the address is different. This may take the form of a letter from the tax collector verifying the applicant's home address.

#### **ELIGIBLE REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS**

- County
- School district
- City
- Borough
- Township

#### TAXES/CHARGES THAT ARE NOT

If your tax bills contain any of these charges, you must deduct them when completing Line 14:

- Flat rate charges
- Footage charges
- Personal property tax
- Per capita tax
- Occupational privilege tax
- Sewer rent
- Garbage collection charges
- Municipal assessments such as, or including, road, institution, street, library, light, water, fire, debt, and sinking fund taxes
- Interest or penalty payments

#### **TAX BILLS WITH DIFFERENT NAME**

If tax bills do not reflect the names of the applicant(s), proof of ownership must be submitted along with the Schedule F. Examples of documents acceptable as proof are:

- A copy of the deed or life estate;
- A copy of the trust agreement; or
- A copy of the will or decree of distribution, if inherited.

If the name listed is that of a spouse and the name of the spouse or deceased spouse is shown on the application, a death certificate should be submitted.

**NOTE:** The term Et Vir (and husband) and Et Ux (and wife) indicate joint ownership. However, if the term Et Al or Et Alia (and others) appear, the additional owners must be identified.

#### **REMINDERS**

- A rebate may not be claimed on more than one property, except for the sale of one primary residence and the subsequent purchase of another primary residence.
- A rebate may not be claimed on property not used for primary personal residential use, unless the second property is adjoining and not separated by a road, lane, etc. and is used in connection with the residence.
- If the property is used for other than the applicant's personal use, PA-1000 Schedule E must be submitted.

#### PHILADELPHIA RESIDENTS

The City of Philadelphia provides the department with electronic records of all receipted property tax bills for Philadelphia that were paid for the application period. If you live in the City of Philadelphia and paid your property taxes do not include a copy of your receipted property tax bills. If you live in Philadelphia and paid your property taxes after January 1st of the current year, please submit proof of payment as outlined in the preceding information.

**IMPORTANT:** If the tax bill does not reflect the applicant's address on the form, an explanation must be submitted. This may take the form of a letter from the tax collector verifying the applicant's home address. If the applicant moved, PA-1000 Schedule A may need to be completed.

**NOTE:** You or the person who prepares your application will need to know the amount of tax you paid in order to correctly calculate your rebate. If you do not have a copy of your original tax bill or a copy of your tax payment, you or your preparer will need to estimate the amount of taxes you paid. If the tax amount you provide is not correct, the department will adjust the amount of your rebate based upon the paid taxes reported to the department by the City of Philadelphia.

#### **DIFFERENT ADDRESS ON TAX BILL**

If the Philadelphia tax bill is not the same as the applicant's address on the PA-1000 application, a written explanation must be submitted explaining why the address is different. This may take the form of a letter from the tax collector verifying the applicant's home address.

#### **DIFFERENT NAME ON TAX BILL**

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- A copy of the deed or life estate,
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#### APPLICANT MOVED DURING YEAR

If the applicant moved during the year, PA-1000 Schedule A may need to be completed. Please make sure to use more than one form if needed.

### PHILADELPHIA STATEMENT TO ATTACH WITH A CONSTITUENTS myPATH APPLICATION

The department has included a statement document in the appendix that you can copy and include as an attachment with your City of Philadelphia residents myPATH application.

However, any document with a statement similar to the below can be used.

"This applicant for a Property Tax / Rent Rebate is a resident of the City of Philadelphia and is not required to submit their paid tax receipts since the city has provided the required documentation to the department."

- BEFORE GETTING STARTED
- WAYS TO FILE
- COMPLETING THE APPLICATION
- SUPPORTING SCHEDULES
- UPLOADING ATTACHMENTS
- myPATH SUBMISSION DENIAL SCREEN
- CONFIRMATION

#### **BEFORE GETTING STARTED**

When attempting to apply for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate, it is very important that your constituent have the appropriate documentation available before getting started. This documentation will need to be included with the application regardless of which method is used to file. Necessary documents to be include will depend on the type of filer or rebate type that was discussed in the *Eligibility* section.

Common required documents include:

- Proof of age
- Proof of disability
- Proof of death
- Proof of income
- Proof of taxes paid

- Completed Rent Certificate
- Copies of a will, deed, decree of distribution or trust agreement proving property ownership
- DEX-41

#### **FIRST TIME FILER**

If your constituent has never filed a PTRR application in the past, there are several educational resources that you can provide to them. You can find links to these resources in the *Resources* section or by visiting the Office of Legislative Affairs webpage at <a href="https://www.pa.gov/agencies/revenue/get-assistance/office-of-legislative-affairs.html">www.pa.gov/agencies/revenue/get-assistance/office-of-legislative-affairs.html</a>.

We recommend that you print the *REV-573* and the *Proof Document Checklist* to provide to your constituents. These documents provide a two-page summary of the program outlining basic eligibility information and guidance on the documentation needed. Proof documentation that must be included for first time filers are proof of age, proof of widow/widower (age in addition to death certificate), and proof of disability. As a reminder, do not send original documents to the department as they will not be returned.

#### **REPEAT FILER**

If your constituent has filed a PTRR application in a previous year, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- The applicant doesn't need to submit proof of age or disability however, they need to provide proof of income reported and taxes or rent paid.
- Additionally, applicants who filed paper rebate applications the previous year should automatically receive a PA-1000 booklet in the mail which includes a preprinted mailing label.

#### PREPRINTED LABEL

While we encourage you to file this year's application electronically (See *Electronic Filing* section), it is important that you use the preprinted label included in your constituent's PA-1000 booklet if you decide to remit a paper application. This preprinted label will help to expedite the processing because it is easy for our equipment to scan and will guarantee there are no keying errors.

**IMPORTANT**: When using the address label, please ensure that all information is correct. <u>If anything is incorrect, do not use the label</u>. You will still need to enter the Social Security number on the application as the Department of Revenue removed those numbers from the label due for confidentiality purposes.

**NOTE:** If the applicant has a label that includes a spouse who passed away during the application year, do not use the label. Unless the spouse passed away after Dec. 31. However, it is recommended that a widow or widower of a deceased applicant who qualifies for a rebate complete an application for themselves if they meet eligibility rules of the program.

To aid in processing the rebate properly, be sure to provide an applicant's school district and county codes, which indicate where he/she resided as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the application year. School district and county codes are listed on Pages 22 through 24. The codes are also available online at <a href="https://www.revenue.pa.gov/schools">www.revenue.pa.gov/schools</a>.

#### **WAYS TO FILE**

#### **ELECTRONIC FILING**

Pennsylvania Department of Revenue offers a free electronic filing option for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. This is a non-logged in function, which means you do not have to create a myPATH username or password to apply. You can easily submit the application on behalf of your constituents by visiting myPATH.pa.gov and locating the *Rebates* tile.

From there, click the link to *Apply for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate*. The system will ask for an email address. This email will be used to send the confirmation. You may enter your email address to complete the application.

As mentioned above, ensure that you have all the supporting documentation required. The application cannot be saved for completion at a later time and the system will time out after 15 minutes of inactivity.

Accepted file types include pdf, jpeg, jpg, png, gif, tiff, and rtf. If your attachments are not able to be electronically uploaded with your application, you will have to file a paper application.

Using our electronic filing option offers many benefits for you and your constituent, including:

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• When you file your constituent's application electronically you will receive a printable confirmation screen and email containing the customer's name, filing period, confirmation code, submission date and requested rebated amount. You can easily save a copy of the confirmation in your files. This will be useful when communicating on their behalf with the department.

**LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BENEFITS** 

- You can scan and upload their supporting documentation, so you know it was sent.
- You can check on the status within 48 hours.
- You can also delete the submission the day you submitted it via myPATH.
- You can print a copy of the PTRR application, if desired

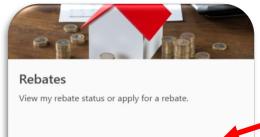
#### **CONSTITUENT BENEFITS**

- Faster processing
- Error-reducing automatic calculators (Unlike the paper version of the PA-1000, do not cut Social Security Income or Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits in half. The system will reduce the income for you.)
- Easy direct deposit options
- Security features to ensure your sensitive information is safe
- Immediate confirmation of receipt (no missing the deadline)
- No risk of the application being lost in the mail

#### **PAPER FILING**

If you or your constituent are unable to remit the application online via myPATH, you may complete the paper PA-1000, Property Tax Rent Rebate application. Please keep in mind that any person who filed in the past and was approved, will receive a PTRR booklet in the mail from the Department of Revenue (See *Repeat Filer* for more information).

If your constituent does not have a copy of the PTRR Booklet, please use the forms on our website at <u>revenue.pa.gov</u>. These forms are in a fillable PDF format that are easy for our equipment to scan, which will help to avoid delays in processing.



- > Apply for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate for 2024
- Solicite un reembolso de los impuestos sobre bienes inmuebles/alquiler para 2024
- Where's My Rehate?

#### **COMPLETING THE APPLICATION**

#### **GENERAL REMINDERS**

The first set of questions are designed to gather information about the applicant to help determine what categories and rebate type that they qualify under. This varies slightly between the paper form and electronic application. myPATH will ask for the constituent's demographics at a later point as it starts out by ensuring they meet the eligibility requirements before moving forward.

If completing a paper application, be sure to fill in the Social Security Number and enter the county and school district codes even when using the preprinted label. If this information is not included, the application may suspend.

In addition, you should include the applicant's phone number when completing the application. The department will make automated phone calls to advise when applications are received and again when they are approved for payment.

#### **SIGNING AS THE PREPARER**

We encourage every legislative employee to answer *Yes* to the question "Is this application being filed by a preparer?". At the end of the application, you will be asked to sign the district office number as the name of the preparer and your office phone number. This will allow the department to interact with you without the need for a Waiver of Confidentially Provision.

CLAIMANT OATH: I declare that this claim is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and this is the only claim filled by members of my household. I authorize the PA Department of Revenue access to my federal and state Personal Income Tax records, my PACE records, my Social Security Administration records and/or my Department of Human Services records. This access is for verifying the truth, correctness and completeness of the information reported in this claim.

PREPARER: I declare that I prepared this return, and that it is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete

Preparer's Name.

DISTRICT 106

Preparer's telephone number

(717) 534-1323

#### **SUPPORTING SCHEDULES**

#### **ORDER OF COMPLETION**

Whether you are completing an application electronically through myPATH or by paper, there are additional schedules that may need to be completed based on how the questions are answered. myPATH is very intuitive and will automatically ask follow-up questions to ensure the schedules are completed, whereas paper applicants will need to be sure they know which forms to include.

**IMPORTANT:** If you must complete more than one schedule, ensure that you complete them in alphabetical order. If one schedule does not apply to you, skip it, and move onto the next schedule. If the applicant is a renter, you must carry forward, as the total rent paid, the last amount shown on the previous schedule when you move on to the next schedule. Lastly, you will report the amount shown on the last schedule that applies to you on Line 16 of the PA-1000 application.

If you were required to complete Schedules B, D, E, or F, enter the lesser amount of the total rent paid in the application year or the amount shown as eligible rents paid, on the last schedule completed.



#### SCHEDULE A, DECEASED CLAIMANT AND/OR MULTIPLE HOME PRORATIONS

myPATH has two questions which will prompt you to complete Schedule A:

- "Has the claimant owned and lived in more than one home this year?"
- "Is the claimant filing on behalf of a decedent?"

Schedule A is to be used only by a property owner who did not own and occupy a single residence for the entire year or for an owner that died during the application year and an application is being filed on behalf of the deceased property owner.

#### Schedule A is required when an applicant:

- Owned and occupied a residence during the application year and sold the residence and bought another residence in which they resided for the remainder of the application year;
- Owned and occupied a residence, sold the residence and then moved into a rental or other unit which they do not own;
- Moved from a rental or other unit into a residence which they owned and occupied;
- Or died during the application year and any of the previous situations applied.

**NOTE:** If the taxpayer owned and occupied more than one home as his/her principal residence, proof of the taxes paid on each home must be submitted.

If only one owned property is involved, the full address of the residence along with the dates the property was owned and occupied by the applicant, or the deceased should be entered in the top area provided on the schedule.

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If the applicant or deceased sold and bought another residence that was owned and occupied, the address of the most recent home should be entered under the previously owned home along with the dates this property was owned and occupied. This most recently bought home will most likely correspond to the address on the front of the application.

If the applicant or deceased owned and occupied a principal residence for part of the year and rented for the other portion in a qualifying rental unit, the applicant or deceased is an owner and a renter and should fill in the appropriate oval in Section II.

**Line 1:** Enter the total amount of property taxes for the entire year for the home owned and occupied in the column titled "First Home". Use the second column titled "Second Home" only if the applicant purchased and occupied a second home after selling the first one.

Often the amount of taxes paid will appear on the settlement sheet(s) and may be used as proof of payment.

Total taxes paid for the First Home Column includes the amount of property taxes paid by the applicant directly or on the applicant's behalf from an escrow account for an applicant that owned the first home as of Jan. 1 of the application year. For first homes purchased during the application year, include the amount of property taxes paid by the applicant directly or on the applicant's behalf from an escrow account and the total property taxes, before any pro-rata allocation of the property taxes, from a HUD-1 Closing Statement from the purchase of the property.

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- Line 2: Enter the number of days the applicant or the deceased owned and occupied the residence(s).
- Line 3: Enter the percentage of the year the applicant or the deceased owned and occupied each home by dividing the amount on Line 2 by the number of days in the application year (365 or 366). Round the percent- age to two decimal places.
- **Line 4:** Multiply the total amount of taxes paid on Line 1 of this schedule by the percentage factor on Line 3. This represents the taxes owed and paid for the time the applicant or deceased owned and occupied the residence.
- Line 5: Add together all the amounts from Line 4 of this schedule to determine the total amount of real estate property tax the applicant owed and paid on all properties for the year. If the applicant only owned one property for part of the year this would be the same figure as entered in Line 4. This figure is entered on Line 14 of the PA-1000 or if another schedule applies, in Line 1 of the next schedule.

#### **SCHEDULE B, WIDOW OR WIDOWER PRORATIONS**

This schedule is to be filed by property owners and renters who were widows or widowers who remarried during the application year, are filing as a widow or widower age 50 to 64 and filled in Oval C in Section II, Number 2 on the front of the PA-1000. The date the applicant remarried must be indicated.

Widow/Widower SCHEDULE B. If you were a widow or widower age 50 to 64 during 2024, and you remarried, use this schedule to determine the percentage of the year for which you qualify for a Property Tax or Rent Rebate.						
Date you remarried: Month / Day /	Date you remarried: Month / Day / 2024					
Total property tax or rent that you paid in 2024. If you were an owner and completed Schedule A, enter the amount from Line 5. If you were a renter, enter the amount from Line 8 of Schedule RC						
2. Number of days you were a widow or widow	ver during 2024 2.					
Percentage of the year you were a widow of the number of days in the claim year (365 o Round to two decimal places	r 366).					
Eligible property taxes or rent paid. Multiply Lir on the next schedule you must complete or	ne 1 by Line 3. Enter this amount 4. \$					
<ul><li>a) If an owner, enter the amount on Line 14</li><li>b) If a renter, enter the amount on Line 16</li></ul>						

- **Line 1:** Enter the amount of property tax and/or rent paid during the application year. If the applicant is a property owner and was required to complete PA-1000 Schedule A, the amount from Line 5 of that schedule should be used.
- Line 2: Enter the number of days the applicant was a widow or widower during the application year.
- **Line 3:** Enter the percentage of the year the applicant was a widow or widower by dividing the amount on Line 2 by the number of days in the application year (365 or 366). Round the percentage to two decimal places.
- Line 4: Multiply the eligible amount of property taxes or rent paid from Line 1 by the percentage factor on Line 3. This represents the property taxes or rent owed during the time the applicant was a widow or widower. If the applicant is a property owner and PA-1000 Schedules E and/or F do not apply, enter this figure on Line 14 of the PA-1000 application form. If filing as a renter and PA-1000 Schedules D, E and/or F do not apply, enter this figure on Line 16 of the PA-1000 application. In either case, if one of the succeeding schedules does apply, the amount should be placed on the appropriate line of that schedule.

#### **SCHEDULE D, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PRORATIONS**

If filing as a renter, myPATH will ask the question, "Has the claimant received cash public assistance?" If the applicant received cash public assistance during the year, they should answer yes to this question. This will populate Schedule D, which allows you calculate how much rent can be claimed by the applicant.

This schedule is to be used only by renters who personally received cash public assistance during the application year. If the applicant received cash public assistance for the entire year, they are not eligible to receive the rent rebate and should not file a PA-1000 application form, unless they also qualified as a property owner. Do not include SSI, food stamps, or other such noncash relief supplied by a government agency when accounting for cash public assistance.

If one spouse receives cash public assistance it may not disqualify the other spouse, however cash public assistance received by the non-applicant spouse must be included in eligibility income on Line 11d of the PA-1000 if both spouses are living together. Cash public assistance received by the applicant must also be included on Line 11d of the PA-1000.

**Note:** If a customer received cash public assistance during the application year, they should also include the Compass Letter issued by DHS.

re ar	Renter SCHEDULE D. Renters who received cash public assistance are not eligible for rebates for those months when they received that assistance. If you received cash public assistance during any part of 2024, use this schedule to determine the amount of rent for which you qualify for a rebate. IMPORTANT: If you received cash public assistance for all of 2024, you may not claim a rebate.						
1.	1. Total number of months during which you received cash public assistance:  1. NOTE: If you received cash public assistance for a full year, you may not claim a rebate.						
_	Total rent that you paid in 2024 from Line 8 of Schedule RC, or if you completed Schedule B, enter the result from Line 4 of Schedule B						
3.	Total rent you paid during the months that you received cash public assistance.	3. \$					
4.	Eligible rent paid. Subtract Line 3 from Line 2. Enter this amount on the next schedule you must complete, or on Line 16 of your claim form. $\dots$	4. \$					

- **Line 1:** Enter the number of months which the applicant received cash public assistance.
- **Line 2:** Enter the total rent paid during the year, unless PA-1000 Schedule B has been completed. In this case, enter the amount from Line 4 of that schedule.
- Line 3: Total rent you paid during the months that you received cash public assistance.
- Line 4: Subtract the amount entered on Line 3 from the amount entered on Line 2 and enter this amount on Line 16 of the PA-1000 application, unless PA-1000 Schedule E or F applies, in which case this figure will be entered on Line 1 of either of those schedules.

#### **SCHEDULE E, BUSINESS USE PRORATIONS**

myPATH will ask the question, "Has the claimant used their home for purposes other than their personal residence?" If the applicant rented or used a portion of their home for business purposes, you should answer yes to this question. This will populate the Schedule E, which allows you to determine what portion of the home was used as a personal residence. This figure will be used to determine the amount of rent or taxes that can be claimed.

This schedule is filed by property owners and renters who used a portion of the homestead for purposes other than their personal residence, i.e. as a rental property or for business purposes. If a portion of the residence was used as a rental property, the applicant must also include a PA-40 Schedule E or Part 1 of the federal Schedule E. A rental property would include not only the rental of an apartment, but any room (such as a boarding house), storage area and/or garage. If a portion of the residence was used for business purposes, the applicant must include a PA-40 Schedule C, PA-40 Schedule C-EZ, PA-40 Schedule C-F Reconciliation, PA-40 Schedule F, federal Schedule C, federal Schedule C-EZ, federal Schedule F, etc.

In addition, if the property exceeds 75 acres, the burden of proof is upon the applicant to prove the additional land is necessary for their (and their spouse's) personal use and is to be prorated unless this can be substantiated.

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a S	Total property taxes or rent paid on your residence in 2024. Enter the amount of your total property taxes paid or total rent paid from Line 8 of Schedule RC, or, if you completed Schedule A, B, or D, enter the result from that schedule													
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	CHART OF PERSONAL USE PERCENTAGE         20% 0.20         25% 0.30         33% 0.33         40% 0.50         50% 0.50         67% 0.75         75% 0.80         80% 0.90         90% 0.90         .													

- **Line 1:** Enter the total amount of property taxes or rent paid on the entire residential property for the application year. If PA-1000 Schedule A, B and/or D were required to be completed, use the eligible property tax or rent from the last schedule.
- **Line 2:** Enter the percentage of the residential property the applicant used for his/her personal living quarters (including those of other household members) and enter the decimal equivalent.
- Line 3: Multiply Line 1 by Line 2 to determine the amount of taxes or rent attributable to the applicant's personal residence. If this is being used to determine the eligible property tax, enter this figure on Line 14 of the PA-1000 application form. If this is being used to determine the eligible rent, enter this figure on Line 16 of the PA-1000 application form. If PA-1000 Schedule F applies, enter the figure on Line 1 of that schedule.

#### SCHEDULE F, MULTIPLE OWNER OR LESSOR PRORATIONS

myPATH will ask the question, "Does the claimant have an additional name on their deed or lease other than their spouse or minor children?" If answered yes, the applicant will be prompted to complete Schedule F.

This schedule is used by property owners and renters whose deeds or leases reflect names other than those of their spouses and/or minor children. If the names on the deed and/or lease are a husband and wife's, the couple may be considered as one unit unless the deed/lease specifies them as tenants in common.

Only one resident of the property address may apply for a rebate, even if more than one of the owners or renters qualifies. The resident with the lowest income is encouraged to file for a rebate. It is up to the applicant to decide how payment will be distributed, once made.

Enter the name(s) of other(s) who appear on the deed or lease (other than the spouse of the applicant), the address where they lived, their age, the relationship to the applicant and their SSN. If there are more than three names on the deed or lease, attach a full listing of all owners or complete additional Schedules F for this section.

	If your deed or lease shows addition edule. You must list all owners and rer r make your own schedule.					
Claimant's name	Address, if different than claim form	Age				
Name	Address, if different than claim form	Age	Relationship	Social Secur	rity Number	
Name	Address, if different than claim form	Age	Relationship	Social Secur	rity Number	
1. Total property taxes or rent paid on your residence in 2024. Enter the amount of your total property taxes paid or total rent paid from Line 8 of Schedule RC, or, if you completed Schedule A, B, D, or E, enter the result from that schedule.  1. \$						
2. Eligible claimant percentage. Divide the number of owners or renters that qualify as claimants by the total number of persons listed on the deed or lease.  2. or %						
<ol> <li>Eligible property taxes or re percentage on Line 2, and</li> </ol>	3. \$					
a) If an owner, enter the amount on Line 14 of your claim form     b) If a renter, enter the amount on Line 16 of your claim form						

- Line 1: Enter the total amount of property taxes or rent paid on the residence for the application year. If PA-1000 Schedule(s) A, B, D and/or E have been completed, use the figure for the last schedule completed.
- Line 2: Enter the eligible applicant's percentage. Generally, this is calculated by dividing the number of owners/renters that qualify as applicants by the total number of persons listed on the deed or lease. However, if the deed specifies other percentages of ownership, the percentage is obtained from the deed itself and proof of the amount must be submitted by including a copy of the deed. A husband and wife are generally considered one entity. If one or more of the persons listed on the deed has died, proof of how their portion(s) were distributed must be provided. If more than the applicant filing for the rebate is eligible, proof of eligibility of the other owner(s)/lessee(s) should be submitted. To be eligible, another owner/lessee must meet the age/disability, residency, and income tests.
- Line 3: Multiply the amount of eligible taxes or rents entered on Line 1 of this schedule by the decimal entered on Line 2. This represents the amount of taxes/rent that is eligible for the rebate. Enter the amount of eligible taxes from this schedule on Line 14 of the PA-1000 application form; if the amount represents eligible rent, enter the amount on Line 16 of the PA-1000 application form.

#### SCHEDULE G, INCOME ANNUALIZATION

As mentioned under Schedule A, myPATH will ask the question, "Is the claimant filing on behalf of a decedent?" If answered yes, the applicant will be prompted to complete Schedule G in addition to Schedule A.

This schedule is used for property tax or rent rebate applications filed on behalf of deceased applicants. It calculates the annualized income amount to be included on Line 11g along with any other income reported for that line. An annualized income amount is required to be included to determine if the deceased applicant is eligible for a rebate. The annualized income amount is a calculated estimate of the income the deceased would have earned during the period from the date of his/her death through the end of the application year.

C	Owner/Renter SCHEDULE G. Annualized income calculation for owners and renters.					
þ.	Enter the date of death of the claimant: Month / Day / 2024					
2.	Number of days the claimant lived during the claim year					
3.	Add the positive amounts from Lines 4 through 11f of your claim form plus any amount for Line 11g before the calculation of the annualized income amount and enter the result here					
1.	Enter the result of dividing the days in the claim year (365 or 366) by Line 2. Round to two decimal places					
5.	Multiply Line 3 times Line 4					
3.	Subtract Line 3 from Line 5 and enter the result here and include in Line 11g of the claim form					

- **Line 1:** Enter the applicant's date of death.
- **Line 2:** Enter the number of days the applicant lived during the application year. This date includes the date of death regardless of how long the deceased lived on that date.
- Line 3: Add all the positive amounts on Lines 4 through 11f from the application and then include any amount from Line 11g that does not include the calculation of the annualized income amount and enter the result.
- Line 4: Enter the decimal determined by dividing the number of days in the application year (365 or 366) by the number of days the applicant lived on Line 3 and rounding the amount to two decimal places.
- Line 5: Enter the result of multiplying the total income from Line 3 times the decimal on Line 4.
- **Line 6:** Subtract the amount on Line 3 from the amount on Line 5 and enter the result on this line. Add the result to any other income amounts from 11g before the calculation of the annualized income amount and enter the total on Line 11g.

If any amounts from Lines 4 through 11f are not earned in equal amounts or approximate equal amounts on a monthly basis, the applicant should consider using an alternative method for calculating the annualized income amount. A worksheet is required to be included which provides the calculation method and provides a reason for the deviation from the method used on this schedule. For example, if a gain on a stock sale were included on Line 8 and all the other income is earned on a pro rata basis, there might be difference in the rebate amount if an alternative method were used.

In this case, the method would be to subtract the gain from the income as determined for Line 3 of Schedule G (it would not be subtracted from the amount reported on Line 8, but just for the calculation of the annualized income amount). The result would be multiplied by the decimal determined by dividing the number of days in the application year by the number of days the applicant lived. This result would then have the income without the gain subtracted from it to give a more accurate annualized income amount to be included in Line 11g.

#### PA-1000 RC, RENT CERTIFICATE

A renter is required to include the PA-1000 RC, Rent Certificate, when submitting their PTRR application. The department data captures this form, so it must be completed in its entirety to prevent processing delays. When the form is not fully completed, the application will suspend for manual review and often the department will need to request additional information.

**IMPORTANT**: Individual monthly tent receipts or yearly statement of account summaries are only considered supporting. A completed PA-1000 RC must still be included with the PTRR application.

#### **GENERAL REMINDERS**

#### **LINE 1 ADDRESS WHERE THE APPLICANT PAID RENT:**

If the address on the front of the application is different than the address on the rent certificate your constituent should include an explanation regarding why the addresses are different.

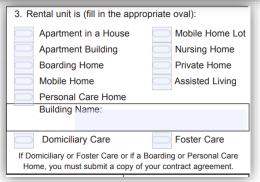
#### **LINE 2 LANDLORDS ADDRESS:**

The landlords address must be included. If not, it will cause delays in processing. If the landlords and applicants address are the same a copy of the lease agreement must be included with the application.

1.	Street address of the residence for which the claimant paid rent				
	1025 Penn S				
	City, State, ZIP Code				
	Harrisburg, PA 17102				
2.	Owner's business name or landlord's name (last, first, middle initial) if an individual				
	John Doe				
	Landlord's Address				
	7703 Fairville Road				
	City, State, ZIP Code				
	Harrisburg, PA 17112				
	Landlord's EIN (if applicable) and daytime telephone number				
	(717) 772-9209				

#### LINE 3 INDICATE THE TYPE OF RENTAL UNIT:

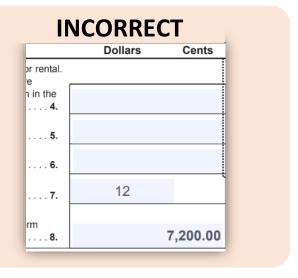
If a selection is not marked, the application will suspend, and the department will be required to request the information. If selecting Domiciliary Care, Boarding Home, or Personal Care Home, you must submit a copy of the contract agreement.



#### **REPORT MONTHLY FIGURES:**

If there are not monthly figures reported on lines #4 thru #6, the application will suspend for review as it requires manual intervention to process.

# CORRECT Dollars Cents or rental. 600.00 .... 4. 600.00 .... 5. 0.00 .... 6. 600.00 .... 7. 12 rm 7,200.00

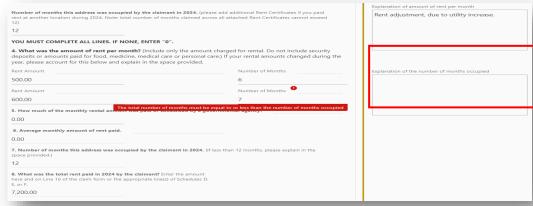


**NOTE:** To assist with processing an application in this situation, enter the appropriate amounts on lines that don't have values entered.

#### **CHANGES IN RENT PAID THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

<u>APPLICANT IS AT THE SAME PROPERTY</u>: If the monthly rent amount changes, we've provided best practices to help guide you through the application process.

myPATH enhanced the electronic filing capabilities to allow the option to list multiple changes in rent for the claim period. To do so, an explanation must be included for the changes being made.



When filing a paper PA-1000, the applicant has two options for completing lines #4 thru #8 of the schedule.

**OPTION 1**: Take the entire rent paid for the property during the year and divide it by the number of months they lived at the property and enter the amount on Line #4.

	Dollars	Cents	Explanation of Item 4.
ental.			600 * 5 = 3000
the 4.		629.17	650 * 7 = 4550 7550 /12 = 629.17
5.		0.00	
6.		629.17	
7.	12		Explanation of Item 7.
8.	7	7,550.04	

OPTION 2: Complete separate Rent Certificates for each period where the rent was the same amount.

Complete one schedule for the first part of the year.

In this example that is five months.

	Dollars	Cents
ental.		
the		600.00
5.		0.00
6.		600.00
7.	5	
8.		3,000.00

Complete a second schedule for the second part of the year.

In this example that is seven months.

	Dollars	Cents
ntal.		
he 4.		650.00
5.		0.00
6.		650.00
7.	7	
8.		4,550.00

**NOTE:** In this situation we don't need both schedules to be signed by the landlord. Just notate on the second schedule to see the first schedule.

<u>APPLICANT MOVES TO A NEW PROPERTY:</u> When an applicant moves during the year, they will need to have a completed Rent Certificate, for each property and each Rent Certificate needs to be signed by the respective landlord.

#### LANDLORD'S SIGNATURE

All renters must ensure they are including the PA-1000 RC, signed by the landlord or authorized agent. If an applicant cannot obtain the landlord's signature on the PA-1000 RC, they must provide a fully completed PA-1000 RC, filled out by the claimant, along with:

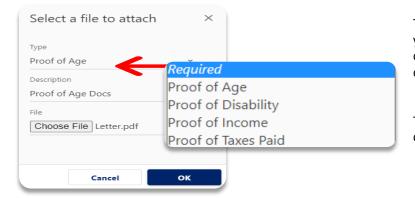
- · A completed and notarized Occupancy Affidavit stating the reason the landlord's signature could not be obtained, or
- Copies of rent receipts or rent ledger(s) signed by the landlord or authorized agent which include the applicant's name, address of the rental unit, the amount paid and the period for which the rent was paid. The department will only allow the rebate based on the amounts provided for periods in which rent receipts are submitted.

**IMPORTANT:** All figures should be filled in on lines #1 through #8 of the schedule as well as the rental unit type.

#### **UPLOADING ATTACHMENTS**

If completing an electronic application, the next step is to upload the attachments. Based on how you answered the questions, myPATH will indicate what type of documents are required. Refer to the **Documents to Include** section to determine acceptable proof documents based on what is being requested. You will then click add and select the files from your computer:





The system will ask you to select what type of attachment you are about to upload from the list of required documents. You will choose the appropriate proof document and enter a description of the document.

Then select "Choose File" and navigate to the file on your desktop.

#### myPATH SUBMISSION DENIAL SCREEN

When you submit an application, you may receive a message indicating that an application has already been filed under this SSN for the tax year. The purpose of this messaging is to remind customers that they previously filed. If you receive this alert when filing on behalf of a constituent, you cannot file the application via myPATH.

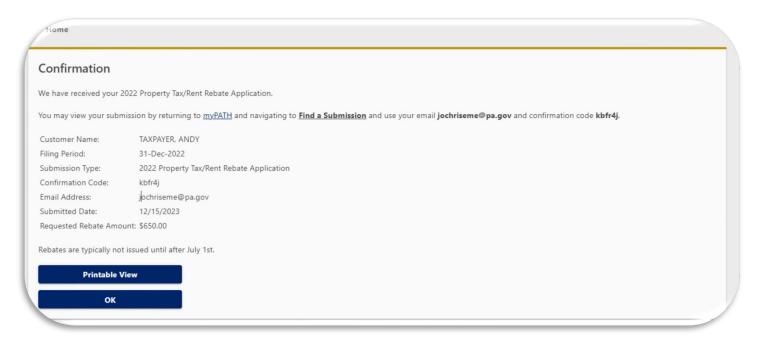


We recommend taking the following steps. First, determine if your customer already filed for the application year. If they did, there is no reason to submit a duplicate application unless you are amending. All amended applications must be filed by paper, and ensure that "Amended" is written on the top of the amended application. Second, If the customer did not previously file the application, contact the legislative office for assistance. They will review the application and determine what the next steps should be.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

After the application is submitted electronically, you will receive a confirmation screen that includes your submission information.

If you want to keep track of the applications that you are completing, we recommend printing a copy of the confirmation screen.



The confirmation information will also be emailed to the email address that was entered.

From: PATH PAS < RV-DoNotReply@pa.gov> Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 12:44 PM To: Chrisemer, Jonathan < jochriseme@pa.gov> Subject: Testing: PAS PA Department of Revenue: Application Received We have received your 2022 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Application. You may view your submission by returning to myPATH and navigating to Find a Submission and use your email jochriseme@pa.gov and confirmation code kbfr4j. Customer Name: TAXPAYER, ANDY Filing Period: 31-Dec-2022 2022 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Application Submission Type: Confirmation Code: Email Address: jochriseme@pa.gov Submitted Date: 12/15/2023 Requested Rebate Amount: \$650.00 Rebates are typically not issued until after July 1st. Please do not reply to this automated email. This mailbox is not monitored. The information transmitted is intended only for the person or entity to whom it is addressed and contains confidential and/or proprietary information. Any use of this information other than by the intended recipient is prohibited. If you receive this message in error, please send a reply email to the sender and delete the material from any and all computers. Unintended transmissions shall not constitute a disclosure of confidential

- UPDATING/AMENDING APPLICATIONS
- SUBMITTING MISSING INFORMATION
- DENIED APPLICATION
- CHANGING/UDATING CUTOMERS ADDRESS
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#### **UPDATING/AMENDING APPLICATIONS**

If any information was incorrectly reported on your constituent's application, you will need to correct the information with the Department of Revenue. Unlike personal income tax returns, there is no indicator or amended application form to be completed. The only way to amend a PA-1000, Property Tax/Rent Rebate Application is by submitting a duplicate application.

**Important:** If you have already applied for a rebate, you cannot submit amended application through myPATH. To amend you need to complete a PA-1000 paper application, please write "Amended" at the top of every page. Ensure that all required proof documents and supporting schedules are included with the amended application.

**UPDATING DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION:** To prevent delays in processing, please do not submit a duplicate application just to update the direct deposit information. If incorrect direct deposit information was provided or the account was closed, the department will issue a paper check instead. Department of Revenue performs what are called "strip runs" to verify banking information for rebate applicants before any payments are dispersed. This is an automatic process that will occur so there is no action required from the applicant.

CHANGING AN ADDRESS: See Changing/Updating Customers Address in the Contacting the Department Section

**RESPONDING TO NOTICE:** See *Responding to a Letter in The* **Contacting the Department Section**.

#### **SUBMITTING MISSING INFORMATION**

#### FORGOT INFORMATION AT TIME OF FILING

If your constituent forgot to include information at the time of filing, use form DEX-93, Individual Taxes Correspondence Sheet (as a cover sheet) to submit the missing information. The instructions on the DEX-93 will assist you in helping your constituent. The DEX-93 is a single use document, meaning that you must use a separate form for each applicant and period.

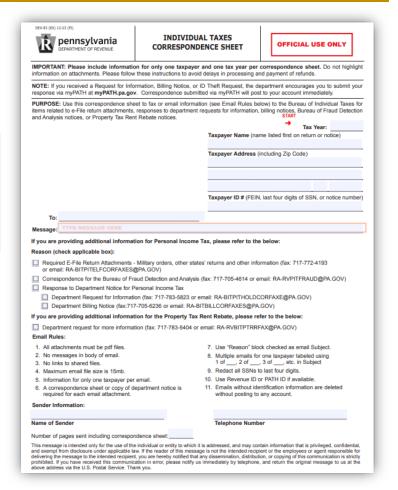
#### When using this form:

- Complete all demographic information.
- Check the applicable reason box for PTRR.
- Send information to the fax number or email address listed for the reason selected.
- Don't include messages in the body of the email.

#### RECEIVED LETTER IN THE MAIL

If your constituent received a Request for Information, Billing Notice, or ID Theft Request, please encourage them to submit their response via myPATH. If they are unable or unwilling to use myPATH, you also have the ability to submit a response on their behalf. Responding to a Letter is a nonlogged in feature that can be found directly from the myPATH homepage by visiting myPATH.pa.gov. Correspondence submitted via myPATH will post to the applicant's account immediately.

\*Please see the *Responding to a Letter* section for more information.



#### **DENIED APPLICATIONS**

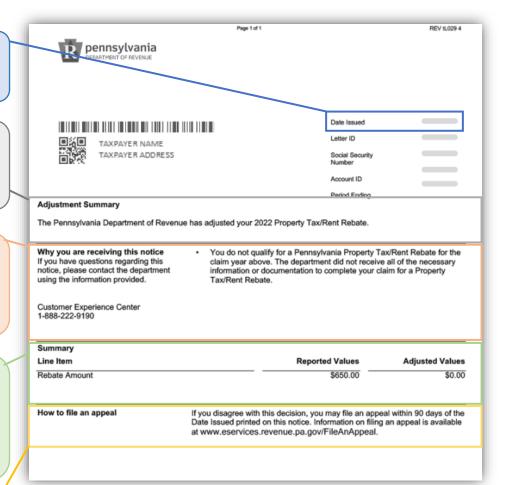
If a rebate application is denied, the constituent will receive an Adjustment Summary notice stating that the department adjusted their Property Tax/Rent Rebate. If this notice is received, please do not submit a duplicate application. Instead follow the instructions on the notice and petition the Board of Appeals to dispute. Below is an example of the notice your constituent will receive:

**Date** issued is used to determine the period of time that your applicant has to file an appeal.

**Notice type** quickly identifies that this is an Adjustment Summary notice. This notice is sent to applicants anytime an adjustment is made by the department.

Why you are receiving this notice explains that the applicant didn't not qualify because the department did not receive all of the necessary information or documentation.

**Summary** shows that the Rebate Amount is the line that was adjusted. Additionally, this area shows the original amount claimed under the Reported Values and the amount it was adjusted to under the Adjustment Values.



How to file an appeal is found near the bottom of the notice and explains that the applicant has 90 days to appeal from the date issued that is printed on this notice. In addition, this section provides the website for filing with the Board of Appeals (BOA) which is the fastest and most effective way to submit the petition to the department. Moreover, when an online appeal is submitted, the petitioner will be provided with a confirmation number that the appeal has been received and the appeal can be tracked through the filers account.

**IMPORTANT:** After the petition is filed, the BOA has 6 months to process the petition and issue judgement.

#### **CHANGING / UPDATING CUSTOMERS ADDRESS**

If the customer has moved since filing their application, they can update their *address* through <u>myPATH</u> by creating a profile as a new user or logging into their existing myPATH account. You can also contact the ROLA, see **SUBMITTING LEGISLATIVE INQUIRIES**, and provide the following information:

- Message explaining the issue,
- Customers name,
- SSN,
- Old address (used for original filing),
- New address,
- Any other relevant information.

#### **HOW TO FILE AN APPEAL**

Before attempting to file an appeal, please confirm that the individual accurately received a denial letter and not just a request for additional information. If the individual has received a PTRR denial letter, you will want to ensure that it has not been more than 90 days since the notice was issued. Additionally, you will want to ensure that you have all the necessary documentation to provide to the department along with the petition.

Petitions should be sent directly to the Board of Appeals online or by mail. Please be aware that the Board of Appeals does not accept petitions by email or fax. The preferred method of filing is online because this method is the only method that provides an immediate confirmation number.

#### **ELECTRONIC PETITION**

There are multiple benefits to filing an appeal electronically. The most important is that when the appeal is electronically filed, the applicant will receive a time stamped e-confirmation that establishes that the appeal was received by the Board. Individuals who have used traditional mail delivery services have faced delivery problems in recent years, and those delivery challenges have caused jurisdiction problems with some appeals. Be safe and file the appeal electronically. Additionally, due to internal efficiencies with electronic appeals, on average, electronic appeals tend to be decided 10-20% sooner than paper filed petitions.

To get started, simply visit <u>eservices.revenue.pa.gov/FileAnAppeal</u> and click *Submit a Petition* from the left navigation bar. If this is the first time electronically filing an appeal, the petitioner will need to register for an account before getting started.

#### **PAPER PETITION**

If unable to file an electronic appeal, complete the REV-65, Board of Appeals Petition Form, and remit it into to the Board of Appeals via the United States Postal Service at:

BOARD OF APPEALS PO BOX 281021 HARRISBURG PA 17128-1021

Petition is considered filed as of the USPS postmark date. Meter dates (ex: Pitney Bowes) or any other non-USPS mark (ex: FedEx, UPS) are not recognized.

# SECTION 6

# CONTACTING THE DEPARTMENT

- CHECKING REBATE STATUS
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- SUBMITTING LEGISLATIVE INQUIRIES
- WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS FORM

#### **CHECKING REBATE STATUS**

Before contacting the department, check the status of a constituent's application online or over the phone. To use these services, you will need the primary applicant's **SSN**, **date of birth**, and **application year**. Please note that the status is only updated once a day regardless of which service that you use. Below, you will find an explanation of each status along with guidance what you should do for each status.

#### WHERE'S MY REBATE (ONLINE)

To check the status of a PTRR application online, simply visit <a href="myPATH@pa.gov">myPATH@pa.gov</a> and locate the Rebates panel from the homepage. This is a non-logged in feature, meaning you do not need to create a myPATH username or password. Click the hyperlink that says Where's my Rebate? and you will be prompted to enter the applicant's information. Please note that if incorrect information is entered into the system, the account will be locked for 24 hours. You or the constituent will need to try again the following day.





#### WHERE'S MY REBATE (PHONE)

If you or your constituent would prefer to call the automated phone line to check the rebate status, you are welcome to do so 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The phone number to call is 1-888-PATAXES (728-2937). Like the online option, you will need to enter the primary applicant's information. Entering incorrect information will lock the account for 24 hours.

#### STATUS: NO APPLICATION ON FILE



**AUTOMATED PHONE MESSAGE:** At this time, there is no record of your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application on file. If you filed electronically, please allow up to 24 hours from the time you submitted your application to check the status. If you mailed your application, please allow 4 to 6 weeks from the date you mailed your application to check the status.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** Either you entered the information wrong, or you need to give the system overnight to update the account, or the paper application is still in processing at the Bureau of Imaging and Document Management.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** If the application was paper filed allow at least 12-16 weeks for the application to post before contacting the department. If the application is not posted after that time frame, contact the department before submitting an additional application.

#### **STATUS: APPLICATION RECEIVED**

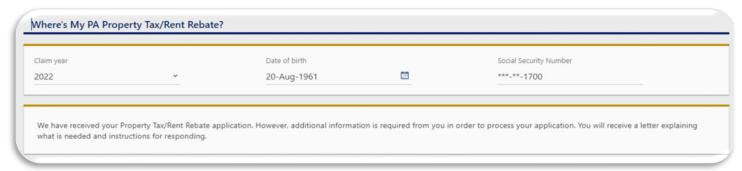


**AUTOMATED PHONE MESSAGE:** We have received your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application. Please allow additional time for us to process your application. If additional information is needed, you will receive a letter with instructions. Rebates are typically not issued until July 1st.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** The application is in our examination processing area and will be processed first-in-first-out If you check the status prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a good chance you will get this message as these applications are processed in batch.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** Allow additional time for the application to process and continue to check the status. When the status updates, you know the application has been reviewed. Do not contact the department.

#### STATUS: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED



**AUTOMATED PHONE MESSAGE:** We have received your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application. However, additional information is required from you in order to process your application. You will receive a letter explaining what is needed and instructions for responding.

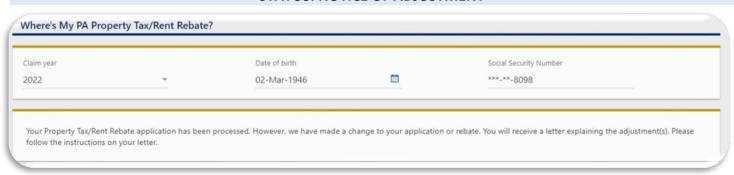
**WHAT IT MEANS:** The department has sent a letter requesting additional information. This status will appear before the letter is mailed. Allow 1 week from the date the status appears to receive the letter.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** We suggest that you wait until the letter is received to respond because using the letter ID and the myPATH application, "Respond to a Letter" feature on the Additional Services panel, to reduce processing time. When you respond this way, you will receive a confirmation number confirming submission.

We request that you do not use the legislative email resource account to respond to a letter. As this adds an additional step into processing and can delay the rebate. Once you have submitted the response via myPATH you can us the confirmation number in any future legislative inquiry on the item.

NOTE: After submitting correspondence this message will not update until the correspondence is processed.

#### STATUS: NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT



**AUTOMATED PHONE MESSAGE:** Your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application has been processed. However, we have made a change to your application or rebate. You will receive a letter explaining the adjustment(s). Please follow the instructions on your letter.

WHAT IT MEANS: The department made an adjustment to the eligible rebate amount.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** We suggest that you wait until the letter is received to review the change made before you respond. If your constituent disagrees with the change, we suggest responding using the letter ID and the myPATH application, "Respond to a Letter" feature on the Additional Services panel, to reduce processing time. When you respond this way, you will receive a confirmation number confirming submission.

We request that you do not use the legislative email resource account to respond to a letter. As this adds an additional step into processing and can delay the rebate. Once you have submitted the response via myPATH you can us the confirmation number in any future legislative inquiry on the item.

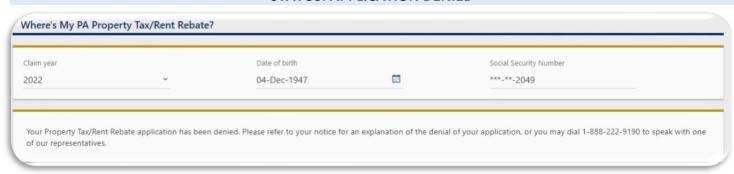
# Where's My PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate? Claim year 2022 Your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application has been processed. Your approved rebate amount is \$750.00. If you do not receive your rebate within 4 to 6 weeks from the issued date of 10/20/2023, please call 1-888-222-9190 to speak with one of our representatives.

**AUTOMATED PHONE MESSAGE:** Your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application has been processed. If you do not receive your rebate within 4 to 6 weeks, please call 1-888-222-9190 to speak with one of our representatives.

WHAT IT MEANS: The rebate is being issued by the State Treasurer's Office and will take about four weeks to be received

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** Please pay attention to the date shown in the message, if it has been less than six weeks, we request that you allow additional time for you constituent to receive the rebate. If they do not receive the rebate six weeks after the date shown, contact the department for additional information.

#### **STATUS: APPLICATION DENIED**



**AUTOMATED PHONE MESSAGE:** Your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application has been denied. Please refer to your letter for an explanation of the denial of your application, or you may dial 1-888-222-9190 to speak with one of our representatives.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** The application was denied by the department and the applicant will have to appeal the denial with the Board of Appeals.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** If your constituent disagrees with the denial assist them with filing an appeal with the BOA. If you have additional questions regarding the denial, contact the department. Do not send in correspondence through the legislative resource account if the application has been denied.

## OBTAINING A COPY OF THE APPLICATION COPIES OF ELECTRONICALLY FILED APPLICATIONS

Please keep in mind that if the Property Tax/Rent Rebate application is submitted electronically, you can print a copy upon submission. In addition, if you know the email address that was used for filing and the confirmation code, you can use the Find a Submission feature from the myPATH homepage to obtain a copy. Simply visit myPATH.pa.gov and locate the Additional Services panel. From there, select the Find a Submission hyperlink. **Additional Services** Additional myPATH services for taxpayers Find a Submission > Respond to a Letter > Find a Submission Search for an Existing Submission Email \* > Download Forms W-2G > Penalty & Interest Calculator Required > Track My Inheritance Tax Return Confirmation Code \* Required

Next you will enter the email address used at the time of filing and the confirmation code. Upon clicking *Submit*, you will be taken to the summary screen. Locate the *Print* hyperlink in the top right-hand corner.



You will be presented with a copy of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate application exactly as filed.

As a side note, some individuals struggle with checking their rebate status because they are not entering the correct information. You can use this copy of the application to fill in the necessary information.



#### **COPIES OF PAPER APPLICATIONS OR TAX RECORDS**

Pennsylvania tax records are confidential and may be released only to the taxpayer or pursuant to a release signed by the taxpayer. This is done by completing the REV-467, Authorization for Release of Tax Records. Unauthorized disclosure of tax information is a criminal offense. Carefully read the instructions on the reverse and fill out the form completely.

The PA Department of Revenue will accept only an original dated REV-467 signed by the taxpayer identifying the specific tax records and tax years.

#### NOTE:

- Corporate tax records are available for release only by a duly authorized officer.
- Partnership tax records are available for release only by a general partner.

#### LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

If your constituent is requesting a complete copy of the application or tax records, we recommend that you use the REV-467 to make that request.

However, if your constituent is simply looking for the first and second page of the PA-1000, Property Tax/Rent Rebate application, the department will accept a completed and signed "Waiver of Confidentiality Provisions". In this scenario, the documents will be emailed to the legislative office making the request so long as that is indicated on the waiver. If no email address is provided, the records will be printed and mailed to the taxpayer.



**IMPORTANT:** The name and address on the REV-467 or the waiver must match what was on the original application (PA-1000) and the requestor must submit a copy of their current valid photo ID.

#### **RESPONDING TO A LETTER**

If it is determined that additional information is needed, the department will send a request for information notice to the applicant. Letters can also be retrieved by creating a myPATH account for the customer.

We encourage that either the applicant or your office provides the requested documentation via **myPATH**. This is best way to serve your constituent as it will get the information into our system, indexes to the applicants account and into processing workflow.

#### **COMMON CUSTOMER NOTICES**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:** The department will send a request for information if additional correspondence is needed to process the application. *Do not* submit an amended application if a request for information is received. Submit the requested information using one of the methods listed on the letter. However, we encourage the use of myPATH (see *USING myPATH* section).

**ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY:** The department will send an adjustment summary notice when we have changed the amount of the rebate being requested. Submit any documentation that will support the customers position on why the adjustment should not have occurred.

**DENIAL LETTER:** The department will send a denial notice when we fully deny a customer's application. Do not submit a duplicate application if the customer receives a notice of denial. The customer must appeal the decision by following the instructions on the denial notice. This notice may include an **adjustment summary notice** that provides a brief explanation of the changes.

**BILLING NOTICE:** When the department makes an adjustment to an application that is already paid, a billing notice is sent to the applicant. This notice will include an **adjustment summary notice** that provides a brief explanation of the changes. The customer can pay the balance due on myPATH or use the enclosed coupon. If the customer disagrees, they will need to submit any documentation that will support their position on why the adjustment should not have occurred.

#### **USING myPATH TO RESPOND**

To expedite processing of the correspondence, utilize the *Respond to a Letter* function on myPATH. Go to myPATH.pa.gov and then go to *Respond to a Letter* under the *Additional Services panel* and enter the letter ID and their social security number. This is the fastest and most efficient way to interact with the department. Once the information has been submitted, a confirmation number will be provided, and you can use this confirmation number when requesting information from the Office of Legislative Affairs.

#### **FILE FORMATS SUPPORTED**

Documents submitted electronically via myPATH must be converted to the following formats to be able to be uploaded: **PDF**, **jpeg**, **jpg**, **png**, **gif**, **tiff**, or **rtf** 

#### OTHER WAYS TO RESPOND

If you cannot use myPATH to submit the correspondence, you can fax or email the response to the department using the letter received as the cover page, via the following:

Email: RA-RVBITPTRRFAX@pa.gov

o Fax Number: 717-783-5404



**IMPORTANT:** Documents submitted through the fax or email listed above must be converted to a PDF format. Also, a copy of the letter should be included with the submission to ensure the information is attached to the correct account.

**NOTE**: The Find a Submission option cannot be used to check the status of a response to a letter submitted through the Respond to a Letter feature. If an applicant calls either the Customer Experience Center or automated phoneline, we will not be able to provide a status on a submission until it is posted in our system.

#### **SUBMITTING LEGISLATIVE INQUIRIES**

Legislative inquiries that are sent to the department will be processed through a new secure response system. Submission of the inquiry will still start via an email sent to (<a href="mailto:ra-revlegis@pa.gov">ra-revlegis@pa.gov</a>). However, the method in which you view responses to those submissions will look slightly different. This new process will help to expedite the response time, provide better tracking of inquiries, and eliminate the need for multiple contacts. To ensure that your submissions are routed quickly and appropriately, we highly encourage you to use the steps below to confirm that your emails are properly formatted.

#### **REQUIRED EMAIL FORMAT**

#### **SUBJECT LINE**

The subject line of the email should start with one of the abbreviations listed below. Additionally, we suggest that you include the constituent's name and/or additional details for your reference later (ex. PIT - Bob Jones).

Tax Type/Program	Abbreviation
Personal Income Tax	PIT
Property Tax/Rent Rebate	PTRR
Sales Tax	Sales
Corporation Tax	Corp
Employer Withholding	Emp
New Business Registration	Regis
Tax Clearances	Clearances
Audit	Audit
Topic Not Listed	Other

#### **BODY OF THE EMAIL**

The body of the message should contain the following information, to help us best serve your request.

MESSAGE EXPLAINING THE ISSUE	Our constituent is looking for the status of their PIT return. They filed in April and haven't received their refund yet.
TAX YEAR or PERIOD IN QUESTION	2022
SSN, EIN, or PATH ID	123-45-6789
myPATH CONFIRMATION NUMBER	
(If known/Received when filing)	
CUSTOMER NAME (Taxpayer or business)	Bob and Mary Jones
ADDRESS (Used when filing)	123 Main Street
	Anytown, PA 17128
PHONE NUMBER and/or EMAIL (Used when filing)	XXX-XXX-XXXX
	BobJones@email.com

**CURRENT ADDRESS (If different)** 

**CURRENT PHONE NUMBER and/or EMAIL (If different)** 

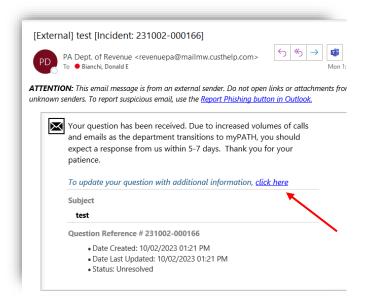


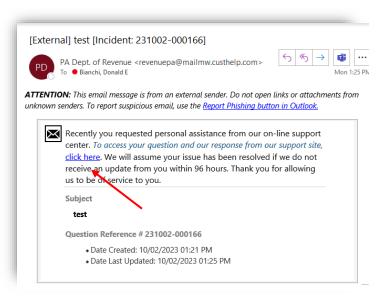
#### **AFTER SENDING AN EMAIL**

When an inquiry is submitted, you will now receive an email letting you know that your question has been received.

#### **DOR RESPONSE**

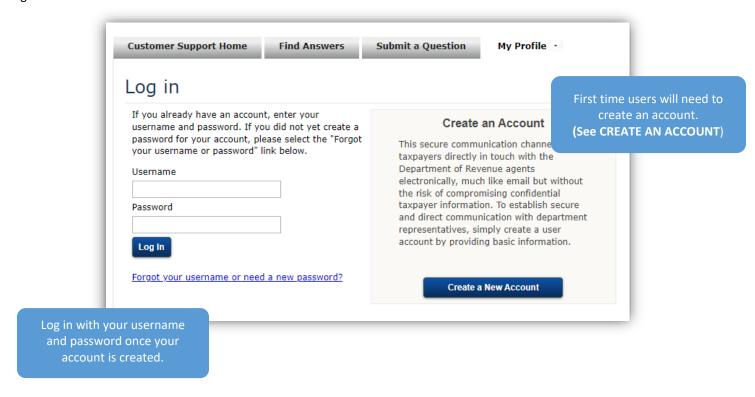
Once the inquiry is reviewed and addressed, you will receive an email letting you know that we responded.





#### **UPDATE YOUR QUESTION/REVIEW A RESPONSE**

To update your question or review the response, simply select the "click here" link in the email we sent. That will bring you to the Log In screen.



#### **LOGGING IN TO AN EMAIL RESPONSE**

This is an example of what you will see when you log in to see a response.

Key areas to focus on:

**SUBJECT:** This area will display the subject line of the email you sent.

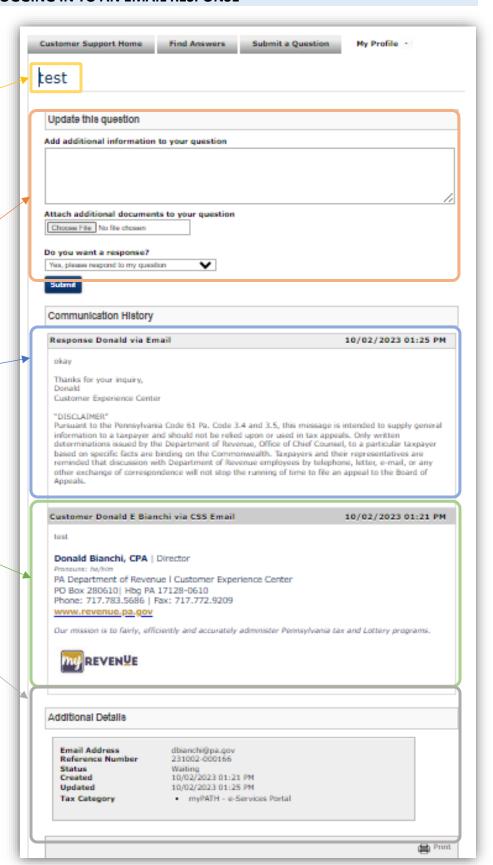
(Remember the more specific information you provide the easier it will be for you to quickly recognize the constituent inquiry.)

**UPDATE THIS QUESTION:** This area allows you to respond to the email. Additionally, you have the ability to attach documents, if applicable.

**RESPONSE:** This area is where you will see the response from the department. It also includes the date and time of the response.

**CUSTOMER:** This area will display your original email to the department. It also includes the date and time of the original email to the department.

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS:** This area shows you the Reference Number, Status, date Created, and date Updated.



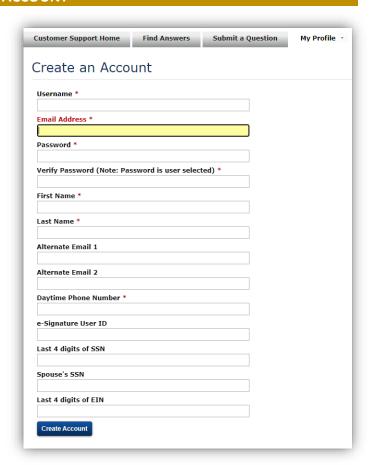
#### **CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

The first time you log into the system, you will need to create an account. You are required to provide six pieces of information marked by the \*.

- 1. Username
- Email Address
   (Must be the email address used to submit the inquiry)
- 3. Password
- 4. First Name
- 5. Last Name
- 6. Daytime Phone Number

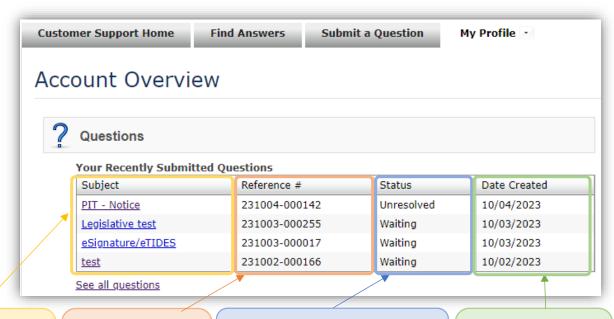
#### **HINTS**

If you want to share an account, you have the ability to include two alternate emails in your profile. However, if you chose this option, each email address will receive notification of the initial submissions and the departments responses.



#### **YOUR ACCOUNT**

Below is an example of what you will see when you login to your profile. This screen will display the four most recent emails sent.



#### SUBJECT:

Displays the subject line of your email. This is why it is important to be specific.

#### **REFERENCE #:**

This lists the reference number for each email you sent.

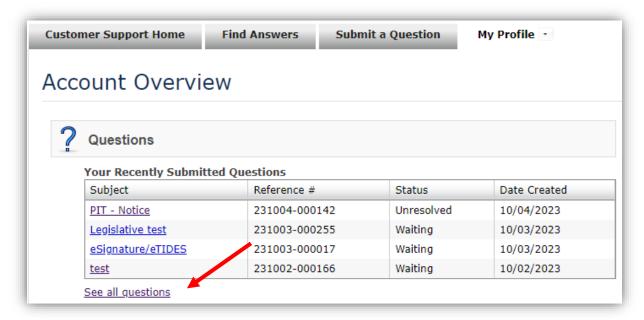
#### **STATUS:**

- <u>Unresolved:</u> waiting for the department to respond.
- Waiting: The department has responded to your email.

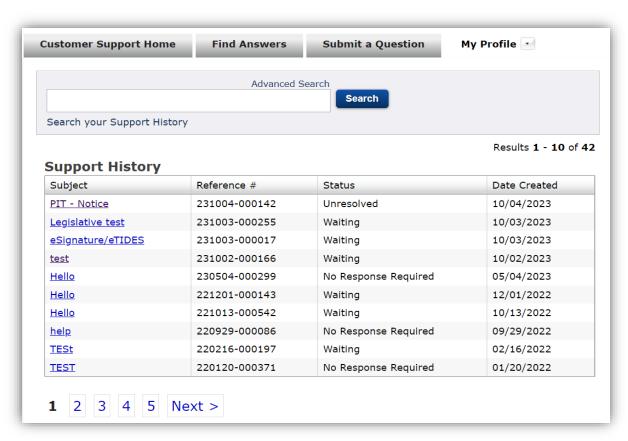
#### **DATE CREATED:**

Records the date the email was created.

To see all the emails, you have sent to date, click the **See all questions** hyperlink.



You will then be presented with a *Support History* screen showing all transactions.



#### **WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS FORM**

A signed "Waiver of Confidentiality Provisions [PDF]" form will be required to discuss applicant's personally identifiable information with legislative offices regarding constituent inquiries. The waiver requirement is to maintain the security of personally identifiable information and abide by IRS confidentiality rules. General non-taxpayer specific questions will not require a waiver.

A waiver should be attached to your email to the Revenue Office of Legislative Affairs when making an inquiry.

If a valid waiver is on file for a taxpayer, subsequent inquiries associated with the "reason for contact" will not require a new waiver. (This is why it is important to log back into the inquiry system and update a previous inquiry.)

#### Under "Taxpayer Information", enter:

- The Name/Entity should be the name as listed on the tax return/application for an individual and the legal business name for an entity.
- The **Contact Phone** should be the best phone number for the department to contact the taxpayer if we have questions.
- The Address should be the address listed on the tax return/application. If the taxpayer needs to change their address, please include that information when contacting the department.
- Provide the complete **SSN/EIN**.

#### Under "Legislative Office Information", enter:

- The Name/Leg Office to receive information can be "Representative/Senator John Smith's office".
- Using the check boxes indicate on the waiver if your Legislative Office prepared the application.
- Both the "Reason for Contact" and "Relevant Tax Period & Tax Type" need to be filled in.

#### Under "Taxpayer Signature", enter:

• Only one (1) of the taxpayers on a jointly filed return/application needs to sign the waiver.

#### **BEST PRACTICES**

Pennsylvania Department	of Revenue
_	CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS
Taxpayer Information	
Name/Entity:	
Contact Phone:	
Address:	
SSN/EIN (Please Provide in Full):	
confidentiality laws. I/We wish to a specified time period and for the sta specifically authorize the Pennsylvar to the named representative below,	tand that tax information is governed by Federal and State llow the listed party below access to this tax information for the sted reason. By signing this waiver I/we acknowledge that I/we nia Department of Revenue to reveal confidential tax information for the purpose of assistance with the issue described below.
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**IMPORTANT:** If you file a Property Tax/Rent Rebate via myPATH and you indicate that your office was the preparer, you will not need to include a waiver form when submitting your inquiry.

**NOTE:** If you are unable to provide a signed waiver. The ROLA will contact the taxpayers directly to either resolve the situation or get needed details to properly follow-up.

## **RESOURCES**

- PTRR FORMS ORDERING
- PTRR FORMS GUIDE

#### **RESOURCES**

The Department of Revenue has created several resources to help Legislative Offices serve their constituents. These documents along with other information can be easily located on the department's Office of Legislative Affairs webpage.

RESOURCE	DESCRIPTION	
Property Tax/Rent Rebate Talking Points [PDF]	This document provides talking points to explain the Property Tax/Rent Rebate expansion that takes effect in January of 2024.	
REV-1900	This document provides a one-page summary of the program that can be printed and given to constituents. It provides basic eligibility information and guidance on the documentation needed when applying.	
PTRR Quick Tips	This document was developed to give legislative staff a single document that provides eligibility criteria, summary of the various forms used when filling, how to file the application, how to check rebate status, and what to do if information is requested by the department.	
Proof Document Checklist	This is a three-page document designed to help legislative staff and constituents with gathering the information needed when applying.	

#### How to use

The above resources are in a PDF format so they can be printed and handed or emailed to the prospective applicant, included in enewsletters, or posted on the legislator's webpage or social media channels.

REVENUE411 VIDEOS			
Filing a PA-1000 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Application	https://youtu.be/3p-UnjCNpXM		
Responding to a Letter	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qb_hx6cGI-g		
Where's My Rebate	https://youtu.be/dIO3rg3gNiE		

#### How to use

These videos are available on the CWOPA YouTube page and can easily be linked to the legislator's website, included in e-newsletters, or posted on social media channels.

#### **LEGISLATIVE TRAINING VIDEOS**

The annual virtual training session with a Q&A follow-up for legislative staffers will be posted to the department Office of Legislative Affairs (pa.gov) webpage. During this session we cover eligibility requirements for the program, electronic filing and services, common errors, helpful tips, and resources available for assistance. This video is a great resource for new staffers or volunteers that are employed during the year or for existing staffs that could not attend the live session.

#### **RESOURCES**

#### PTRR FORMS ORDERING

To help reduce the cost to state government we are asking legislative offices to file PTRR applications online via our myPATH portal. You don't have to login to file the application and you will receive a confirmation code as proof of filing.

#### **SPANISH FORMS**

A Spanish version of the PA-1000 instruction booklet is available on our website (www.pa.gov/ptrr). In addition, a Spanish version of the PA-1000 application will be available on the Rebate panel of our myPATH online portal.



#### **HOW TO OBTAIN FORMS**

To obtain forms, there are various options available to your office. To best help your office and your constituent we are providing the listing in order of best service.

- File via myPATH: myPATH.pa.gov
- Download and print the form from our website: www.pa.gov/ptrr
- Order Forms Online to be mailed to you: https://www.myorderdesk.com/SignIn/?Provider\_ID=1514010
- 4. Email Requests for Forms: ra-forms@pa.gov
- 5. Automated 24-hour Forms Ordering Message Service: 1-800-362-2050.
- 6. Written Requests: PA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

TAX FORMS SERVICE UNIT 1854 BROOKWOOD STREET HARRISBURG PA 17104-2244

#### **PTRR FORMS GUIDE**

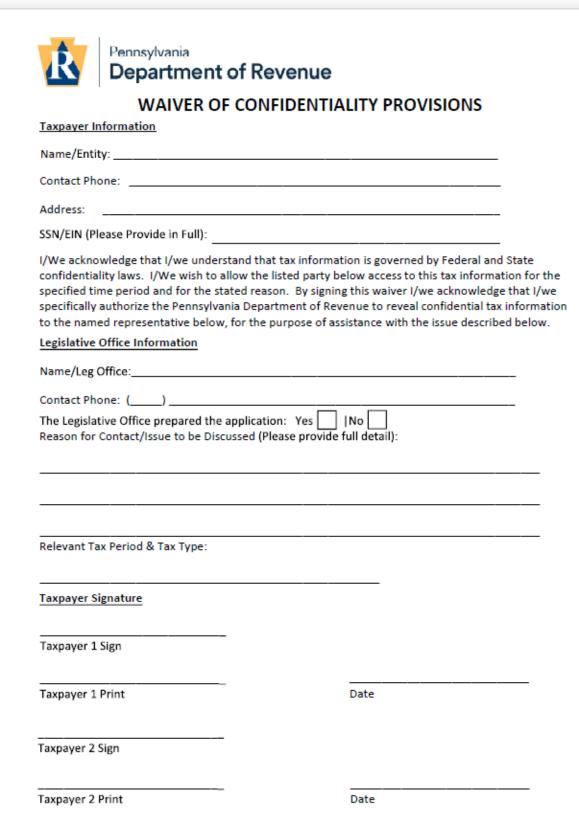
The following forms are available on the department's website at (<u>Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Forms (pa.gov)</u>). However, we recommend that you use the online application available at myPATH.pa.gov.

FORM	DESCRIPTIONS		
PA-1000	PTRR application form		
PA-1000 Booklet	Pennsylvania Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program Instruction Booklet		
PA-1000 Booklet (ESPAÑOL)	Pennsylvania PTRR Program Instruction Booklet Spanish Version		
PA-1000 RC	Rent Certificate and Rental Occupancy Affidavit. (This is required for all applying renters.)		
PA-1000 Schedule A	Used if applicant owned more than one home during the application year or passed away.		
PA-1000 Schedule B/D/E	<ul> <li>(B) Used if applicant was a widow or widower age 50 to 64 and remarried during the application year</li> <li>(D) Used when renter receives cash public assistance</li> <li>(E) Used when part of the homestead was for purposes other than residence such as an inhome business or rented a portion of their residence.</li> </ul>		
PA-1000 Schedule F/G	<ul> <li>(F) Used to prorate taxes or rent when more than one eligible person is on the deed or lease</li> <li>(G) Used to annualize income of deceased applicants</li> </ul>		
PA-1000 PS	Physician's Statement of Permanent and Total Disability		
DEX-41	Application for Property Tax/Rent Rebate due the Decedent		
REV-65	Board of Appeal Petition Form		

- WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS FORM
- PHILADELPHIA TAX STATEMENT
- PROOF DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

#### WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS FORM

As of January 1, 2018, a signed "Waiver of Confidentiality Provisions [PDF](opens in a new tab)" form will be required to discuss taxpayer personally identifiable information with legislative offices regarding constituent inquiries. The waiver requirement is to maintain the security of personally identifiable information and abide by IRS confidentiality rules. General non-taxpayer specific questions will not require a waiver.



#### PHILADELPHIA TAX STATEMENT

The department created the Philadelphia Tax Statement for myPATH applicants for Legislative Offices to have a document to include as an attachment for tax bills with their City of Philadelphia residents myPATH application. We encourage you to print this page and save it to your computer for easy use.

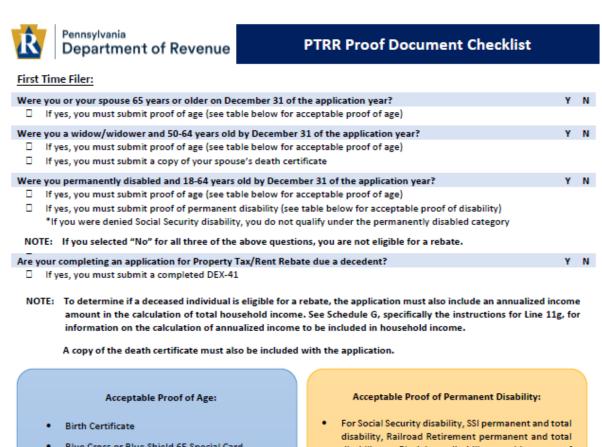


#### PHILADELPHIA TAX STATEMENT FOR myPATH

This applicant for a Property Tax / Rent Rebate is a resident of the City of Philadelphia and is not required to submit their paid tax receipts since the city has provided the required documentation to the department.

#### **PROOF DOCUMENT CHECKLIST**

A proof document checklist was created to help understand which documents will be needed to submit with the application for a rebate. We encourage saving the document to your computer and printing it to use when completing an application.



- Blue Cross or Blue Shield 65 Special Card
- Church Baptismal Record
- Driver's License of PA Identification Card
- Hospital Birth Record
- Naturalization/Immigration Paper (if age shown)
- Military Discharge Paper (if age shown)
- Medicare Card
- PACE/PACENET Card
- Passport

- disability, or Black Lung disability, provide a copy of your award letter.
- For Veterans Administration disability, provide a letter from the Veterans Administration stating that you are 100 percent disabled.
- For Federal Civil Service disability, provide a letter from Civil Service stating that you are 100 percent disabled.
- If you do not qualify under any of the disability programs mentioned above, did not apply for Social Security benefits, or do not have a letter from the Veterans Administration or Civil Service Administration, you must submit a Physician's Statement of Permanent Disability (PA-1000 PS), enclosed in the PA-1000 booklet. The form must describe your disability as permanent, and your physician must sign the statement to certify that the information is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.



#### PTRR Proof Document Checklist

#### Rebate Type:

Were you a property owner the entire application year?	Y	N
If yes, you must submit proof of real estate taxes paid (see table below for acceptable proof of taxes paid).		
Were you a renter the entire application year?	Y	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a completed PA-1000 Schedule RC (see table below for acceptable proof of rent paid).		
Were you an owner/renter during the application year?	Y	N
☐ If yes, you must submit proof of both real estate taxes and a completed PA-1000 Schedule RC.		

NOTE: If you selected "No" for all three of the previous questions, you are not eligible for a rebate.

#### Acceptable Proof of Rent Paid:

A renter must submit a fully completed PA-1000 RC, Rent Certificate, filled out by the landlord(s), for each place they rented during the year. The landlord or their authorized agent should complete Lines 1 through 8 and complete the Landlord's Oath.

If the renter cannot get their landlord complete the Landlord's Oath, a completed PA Rent Certificate along with the notarized Occupancy Affidavit must be included.

Alternatively, they can submit a completed PA Rent Certificate along with copies of their rent receipts for each period in which they paid the rent. However, the receipts must include the landlord or agent's signature, the full amount of rent paid, the applicant's name, and the complete address of the rental property. Rent receipts will not be accepted on their own.

#### Acceptable Proof of Taxes Paid:

- If you cannot provide a receipted copy of your property tax bill, the department will accept a copy of the tax bill, along with a copy of both sides of the cancelled check used to pay your taxes.
- If your name does not appear on the tax bills, proof of ownership must be submitted. Examples include a copy of the deed, trust, will or decree of distribution.
- If the address is not on the receipted bill or mortgage statement, you must also submit a letter from your tax collector or mortgage company verifying your home address.
- If there are multiple owners listed on the tax bills (other than the spouse or minor child). You will need to complete a PA-1000 Schedule F.

**IMPORTANT:** Required documents must submitted with the application. If you are filing electronically myPATH will accept the following file types: pdf, jpeg, jpg, png, gif, and tiff. If your documents are not able to be electronically uploaded, you will have to file a paper application.



### File online with ease-Scan here to learn how!



#### **PTRR Proof Document Checklist**

For your convenience, the following questions pertaining to income are organized in the order that the income should be reported on the PA-1000 application.

#### Did you receive any of the following income during the application year?

Social Security, SSI, and/or SSP		Y	N
<ul> <li>If yes and you are using a PA ad</li> </ul>	dress, you are not required to submit proof of this income		
If yes and you are not using a P/	A address, you must submit a copy of your SSA-1099		
Railroad Retirement Tier 1 Benefits		Y	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your RRB-1099		
Pension, an Annuity, or an IRA Distrib	oution	Y	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your 1099-R		
Railroad Retirement Tier 2 benefits		Y	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your RRB-1099		
Interest income		Y	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your 1099-INT or a copy of your PA-40		
Dividend income		Y	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your 1099-DIV or a copy of your PA-40		
Gain (or a Loss) on the Sale or Exchan	ge of Property	Y	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your PA-40 Schedule D or a copy of your RK-1		
Income (or a Loss) from Rent, Royalty	, Patents, or Copyrights	Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your PA-40 Schedule E or a copy of your RK-1		
Income (or a Loss) from Business or F	arming	Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your PA-40 Schedule C, PA-40 Schedule F, or a copy of your RK-1		
Wages, salaries, bonuses, and/or com	nmissions	Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your W-2 or a copy of your PA-40		
Income from an Estate or Trust		Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your RK-1 or a copy of your PA-40 and Schedule J		
Gambling/Lottery winnings (including	PA Lottery winnings, prize winnings, and the value of other prizes)	Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of income/cash value of the incom	of your W-2G, Win/Loss statement, PA-40 or other statements verifying the ne received		
Inheritance, alimony, and/or spousal	support	Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit proof of	**		
Cash Public Assistance during the ent	ire application year?	Υ	N
☐ If yes, you are not eligible to ap	ply for a rebate		
Cash Public Assistance during part of	the application year?	Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit copies o	of your Department of Human Services cash assistance statements		
Unemployment compensation		Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit a copy of	of your UC-1099-G		
Workers' compensation		Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit proof of	f the income received		
	ability, and/or Life (may exclude the first \$5,000 of death benefit payments)	Υ	N
☐ If yes, you must submit proof of			
	ivil Service Retirement System that are included in your eligibility income?	Υ	N
_	of your 1099-R and you should report the amount listed on the PA-1000.		

IMPORTANT: If the customer does not have supporting documentation to verify income received, an explanation should be submitted with the application.



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