**Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) Program**

**Filing deadline for 2016 Senior Freeze (PTR) Applications was October 18, 2017**[**Check the Status (Amount) of Your Property Tax Reimbursement for 2013, 2014 and 2015**](https://www20.state.nj.us/TYTR_PTR_INQ/jsp/PTRLogin.jsp)

This program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for [property tax](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/defin.shtml) or mobile home park [site fee](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/defin.shtml) increases on their [principal residence](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/defin.shtml). To qualify you must meet all the [eligibility requirements](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/eligibility.shtml) for each year from the [base year](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/defin.shtml) through the application year. (The current year is 2016.)

* [Eligibility Requirements](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/eligibility.shtml)
* [How to Apply](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/claim.shtml)
* Reimbursement Amount
	+ [For Homeowners](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/hoamount.shtml)
	+ [For Mobile Home Owners](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/amntmho.shtml)
* [Income Standards](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/income.shtml)
* [Income Limits History](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/ptr/incomehistory.pdf)
* [Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Forms](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/printform.shtml)
* [Check the Status (Amount) of Your Property Tax Reimbursement for 2013, 2014 and 2015](https://www20.state.nj.us/TYTR_PTR_INQ/jsp/PTRLogin.jsp)

**Note:**The State Budget has set the following qualifications for Senior Freeze payments: Applicants are eligible if their income did not exceed $87,007 for 2015 and $70,000 for 2016, as long as they meet all other requirements. Applicants whose income was over $70,000 but was $87,007 or less can establish their eligibility for future reimbursements by filing an application by the due date. Applying also ensures the Division will mail them applications next year.

        [Learn about other New Jersey property tax relief programs](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml)

**All property tax relief program information provided here is based on current law and is subject to change.**

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**Property Tax Deductions**

**Property Tax Reimbursement SENIOR FREEZE ACT**

The State of New Jersey has a program which Senior Citizens can qualify for a Property Tax Reduction.  It is called the **Freeze Act**.

Must be 65 years of age or older, or receiving Social Security Disability benefits.

Must be an owner of the property in the State of New Jersey for 10 years, and reside in the residence for 3 plus years to qualify for thisdeduction.

* **Taxes must be current.**
* **Income Requirements Apply**

**To Ask Questions                                                  1-800-882-6597**

**Check the status of a filed application                1-800-882-6597**

**Listen to prerecorded information, or**

**To order an application                                        1-800-323-4400**

**Homestead Rebate**

To apply for the State of New Jersey Homestead Rebate Program, you must be:

**A resident who owns and occupies a home in New Jersey, as their principal residence.**

* **No age requirement**
* **Income requirements apply**

**To ask questions or obtain an application        1-888-238-1233**

**$ 250.00 Senior Citizen Deduction**

Applications for this deduction can be obtained in the Montclair Tax Assessor’s Office.

* **Requires proof of age – Must be over 65 as of last October**
* **A copy of your last income tax return or your most recent Social Security Award Letter**
* **The property must be owned by person claiming reduction, and that person must reside on the property**
* **Your income, excluding Social Security, cannot be more than $10,000.00 gross, per year**

Please note, the homeowner awarded this deduction will also receive a 25% discount on their water bill.

**Veterans**

If you served in the armed forces, you are entitled to apply for the veteran’s tax deduction.

Proof that you served is required.

Applications are available at the Montclair Tax Assessor’s Office

**Totally Disabled Veterans**

If you served in the armed forces and were rendered totally disabled, you may be eligible to apply for the totally disabled veteran’s deduction.

Proof of disabled veteran’s status is required.

Applications are available at the Montclair Tax Assessor’s Office

**Tenants**

Senior citizens who are not property owners and whose water consumption is separately metered to their living unit, will also be entitled to a 25% discount on their water bill.

**Requires proof of age (must be 65 or older as of last October)**

**Tenant must bring present water bill in their name for that property**

This must be submitted to the Montclair Tax Collector’s Office