

APPLYING FOR THE 2016 SENIORS' SCHOOL TAX REBATE

The Seniors' School Tax Rebate (the Rebate) provides savings for eligible Manitobans age 65 or older who own their own home or are responsible for payment of school tax on their principal residence. For the 2016 and subsequent property tax years, the maximum Rebate limit is \$470.

The Rebate will be calculated on net school taxes paid after the Basic and Seniors' Education Property Tax Credits are taken into account. In addition, the Rebate will be income tested and reduced by 2% of net family income over \$40,000. Eligible seniors below the \$40,000 income-tested threshold are eligible for a full Rebate, depending on net school tax paid. Senior households with a family net income of \$63,500 and over no longer receive the Rebate.

Starting with the 2016 tax year, seniors will be able to claim the Rebate when they file their income taxes with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Tax forms are made available by the CRA in late 2016 and will include a section with instructions for claiming the Rebate.

In cases where a household includes a spouse or a partner age 65 or older, the person claiming the Education Property Tax Credit must also claim the Seniors' School Tax Rebate.

Rebate claims for the 2014 and 2015 tax years are closed and will not be processed except in extenuating circumstances, as permitted by legislation.

Further information on the Seniors' School Tax Rebate and about completing income tax forms may be obtained from the Manitoba Tax Assistance Office by contacting:

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