

## **Bulletin #2025-03**

### **MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS**

#### **Important Notice to Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers**

### **Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit**

The Government of Manitoba introduced the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit of up to \$1,500 on the education portion of property taxes in Budget 2024/25. This credit replaces the School Tax Rebate and Education Property Tax Credit for residential properties for the 2025 tax year.

The Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC) applies only to residential properties that are designated as principal residences. Farm properties will continue to receive the Manitoba School Tax Rebate, which is maintained at 50 per cent. There are no provincial property tax credits or rebates to be applied to commercial properties.

Both the HATC and Manitoba School Tax Rebate will be applied directly on municipal property tax statements. More information on the HATC is attached.

Similar to previous years, municipalities must remit education taxes to school divisions and Manitoba beginning the month after taxes are due, with a final remittance by January 31, 2026.

Municipal and Northern Relations is currently working with other areas of government to update the Education Tax Remittance Form. The Department will also work with municipal accounting software providers to advise them of changes required to implement the HATC.

For further questions about the HATC program, please contact the Tax Assistance Office at [TAO@gov.mb.ca](mailto:TAO@gov.mb.ca).

For other questions, please contact a Municipal Services Officer, by email at [mrmaas@gov.mb.ca](mailto:mrmaas@gov.mb.ca), or phone 204-945-2572.

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