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Property Tax/Rent Rebate Application Deadline Extended to End of Year

Harrisburg – The deadline for older adults and residents with disabilities to apply for Pennsylvania’s Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been extended from June 30 to Dec. 31.

“Each year we take a look at the program as the statutory June 30 application deadline approaches, and if the funds are there, as they have been each year in recent memory, we extend the deadline to ensure everyone who is eligible for the program has time to apply for the tax relief they’re owed,” Secretary of Revenue Dan Meuser said.

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

As of May 31, the Revenue Department had received 506,518 rebate applications. About 600,000 households are expected to benefit from the program.

As specified by law, rebate distribution will begin on July 1. After June 30, rebates will be distributed as claims are received and processed.

Applicants may obtain Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms (PA-1000) and related information online at www.revenue.state.pa.us or by calling, toll-free, 1-888-222-9190.

It costs nothing to apply for a rebate. In response to continued inquiries and complaints regarding fee-based application filing services offered privately, the department reminds residents that free filing help is available at hundreds of locations across the state. Application forms and assistance are also available at no cost from Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers and state legislators’ offices.

Claimants who already applied for Property Tax/Rent Rebates may check the status of claims online at www.revenue.state.pa.us or by calling, toll-free, 1-888-PATAXES.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Since the program's 1971 inception, older and disabled adults have received more than \$5.4 billion worth of property tax and rent relief. The expanded portion of the rebate program is paid for with revenue from slots gaming.

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