

APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

- The Homestead Tax Credit law limits the amount of assessment increase on which eligible resident homeowners actually pay county, municipal, and State property taxes each year. **This credit can have a significant impact on your real estate taxes regardless of your property's value or your income level. If the property is used as your principal residence, you are strongly encouraged to complete this application.**
- The reason why this application is required is to verify that the property owners only receive the benefit of this credit on their **one principal residence**. It also insures that other homeowners entitled to the credit but not receiving it can also start to receive this benefit.
- A married couple may only have one principal residence under the provisions of this law. A homeowner who submits an application that is inconsistent with income tax and motor vehicle records of the State shall be required to later submit additional verification in order to be considered for the credit.
- If you have a specific question concerning the application, you may telephone 410-767-2165 in the Baltimore metropolitan area or on 1-866-650-8783 toll free elsewhere in Maryland. Or email the division at homestead@dat.state.md.us.
- This application can be filled out on your pc; if hand written please print legibly. Please use black or blue ink only.

Section I

Before filing this form, please check the online Real Property database to see if you may have previously filed and been approved for the Homestead Tax Credit, if so there is no need to reapply. The Homestead Credit Eligibility stays in place as long as the dwelling remains your primary residence.

1. Enter the SDAT Real Property Tax Identification Number of the property for which Homestead Eligibility is requested.

You must fill-in the property identification number in order to submit this application. The identification number is composed of the two digit county code where the property is located, followed by an account number. This information can be obtained from an assessment notice or by searching the Department's online Real Property database. When using this form the account number displayed must be preceded by the appropriate two digit county code listed below. If you do not have the identification number [click here to search the Real Property database](#).

Allegany - 01	Calvert - 05	Charles - 09	Harford - 13	Prince George's - 17	Talbot - 21
Anne Arundel - 02	Caroline - 06	Dorchester - 10	Howard - 14	Queen Anne's - 18	Washington - 22
Baltimore City - 03	Carroll - 07	Frederick - 11	Kent - 15	St. Mary's - 19	Wicomico - 23
Baltimore Co. - 04	Cecil - 08	Garrett - 12	Montgomery - 16	Somerset - 20	Worcester - 24

County Code (From above)

(Identification Number)

County Code 03	Ward	Section	Block	Lot
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(For Baltimore City only)

2. Address of the Property for which Application is being made:

Street Address

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City

MD

Zip code

Section II

YOU MUST ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AND INCLUDE THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF ALL HOMEOWNER(S).
 A homeowner is defined as any living person listed on the deed.

1. Is the real property shown on this letter currently used, and expected to be used in the next calendar year as the single principal residence of the homeowner(s)? Yes No
2. Is this real property address the location where the homeowner(s) expect to file their next federal and Maryland income tax return if one is filed? Yes No Not applicable (Not Filing)
3. Is this real property address the location from which the homeowner(s) have received a driver's license or requested automobile licenses or vehicle registrations, if applicable?
 Yes No Not applicable (No License or Vehicle Registration)
4. Is this real property address the location from which the homeowner(s) are registered to vote, if registered?
 Yes No Not applicable (Not Registered)
5. Is any portion of the principal residence rented? Yes No

All owners must also complete the section below. If there are, more than four (4) owners complete this application and attach a separate sheet listing the names and Social Security numbers of the additional owners before mailing.

Printed Name of Homeowner (First Name, Middle Initial, Last, Suffix)	Social Security Number
Printed Name of Spouse or 2nd Homeowner (First Name, Middle Initial, Last, Suffix)	Social Security Number
Printed Name of Homeowner (First Name, Middle Initial, Last, Suffix)	Social Security Number
Printed Name of Homeowner (First Name, Middle Initial, Last, Suffix)	Social Security Number

In submitting this application I hereby declare under the penalties of perjury, pursuant to Tax-Property Article, 1-201, Annotated Code of Maryland, that the application has been examined by me and the information contained herein, to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and that this property is my principal residence for the prescribed period. **I understand that the Department may independently verify the above information by contacting, including but not limited to, the Internal Revenue Service, the Maryland Comptroller's Office and the Motor Vehicle Administration.**

Homeowner's Signature	Spouse or Co-Owner's Signature	Date
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Telephone Number (Daytime) _____

Mail completed application to: Department of Assessments and Taxation
 Homestead Tax Credit Division
 301 West Preston Street, 8th Floor
 Baltimore MD 21201

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PENALTIES FOR PERJURY

A person who willfully or with intent to evade payment of a tax under this Article provides false information or a false answer to a property tax interrogatory/application is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 18 months or both. Tax-Property Article, § 14-1004. For example, it is willful intent for a homeowner to indicate a property is his or her principal residence when the property is used for another purpose, such as a rental or a vacation home.

PRIVACY AND STATE DATA SECURITY NOTICE

The principal purpose for which this information is sought is to determine your eligibility for a tax credit. Failure to provide this information will result in a denial of your application. Some of the information requested would be considered a "Personal Record" as defined in State Government Article, § 10-624. Consequently, you have the statutory right to inspect your file and to file a written request to correct or amend any information you believe to be inaccurate or incomplete. Additionally, it is unlawful for any officer or employee of the state or any political subdivision to divulge any income particulars set forth in the application or any tax return filed except in accordance with a judicial or legislative order. However, this information is available to officers of the state, county or municipality in their official capacity and to taxing officials of any other state, or the federal government, as provided by statute.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT APPLICATION

- How do I check the status of my application?
- I thought I already filed an application but the Homestead Application Status indicates "No Application." What should I do?
- I recently purchased my property, do I still need to file an application?
- **Why should I want to submit the application?**
- Why were homeowners required to apply for the Homestead Tax Credit?
- Why is the Homestead Eligibility Application needed?
- Were property owners notified about the Homestead application requirements?
- How can I file an application?
- What is the Department of Assessments and Taxation doing to insure the confidentiality of my Social Security number that I am required to provide on the homestead tax credit application form?
- How can I notify SDAT that a residential property is not the owner's principal residence?

How do I check the status of my application?

You can find out if you have already filed an application by looking up your property in our Real Property database, select your county then enter your address.

I thought I already filed an application but the Homestead Application Status indicates "No Application." What should I do?

You should file another application using one of the methods above.

I recently purchased my property, do I still need to file an application?

New purchasers of properties will be mailed a homestead application by the Department once the new deed is recorded and our records have been updated.

Why should I want to submit the application?

Because of assessment increases and because of the low assessment caps adopted by the county governments, many homeowners in the State have been receiving substantial homestead credits each year on their property tax bills. [View a listing of homestead caps for each local government](#)

Why were homeowners required to apply for the Homestead Tax Credit?

Legislation enacted by the 2007 session of the General Assembly requires homeowners to submit a one-time application in order to continue their eligibility for the homestead tax credit. The homestead credit limits the amount of assessment increase on which a homeowner will pay property taxes in that tax year on the one property actually used as the owner's principal residence.

See Section 9-105 Tax-Property Article of the Maryland Annotated Code.

Why is the Homestead Eligibility Application needed?

The reason why the application process was needed is because some property owners were improperly receiving the credit on vacation homes and rented properties. County and municipal governments were losing tax revenues needed to provide important services to their residents.

Were property owners notified about the Homestead application requirements?

The Department of Assessments and Taxation included the application in the Assessment Notices mailed to property owners during the regular reassessment cycle from December 2007 through December 2011.

How can I file an application?

Applications can be filed three ways by mail, fax or electronically.

a. Mail the application: You may mail in the completed paper application the Department sends you. You may also print and mail the completed PDF copy of the application available on our web site.

Mail completed application to:

Department of Assessments and Taxation
Homestead Tax Credit Division
301 West Preston Street, 8th Floor
Baltimore MD 21201

b. Fax the application: You may fax in the completed paper application to the Department at 410-225-9344.

c. File electronically: The online application is available at <https://sdathtc.resiusa.org/>

What is the Department of Assessments and Taxation doing to insure the confidentiality of my Social Security number that I am required to provide on the homestead tax credit application

form?

The Department has a 30-year history of receiving and absolutely protecting confidential Social Security numbers and income tax return information received from hundreds of thousands of homeowners applying for the Homeowners' Tax Credit Program based on income. These same protections and additional protections will be provided to protect the confidentiality of Social Security numbers supplied on homestead tax credit applications. For those homeowners who submit applications electronically, the Department's website is an "encrypted" protected site that uses the unique 8-digit security "Access Number" and scrambles the individual Social Security numbers. For those homeowners who submit a paper application, there is a series of administrative procedures and protections under federal law that the Department follows in accordance with the strict non-disclosure and safeguard activities required of the agency because of our receipt of federal income tax information.

How can I notify SDAT that a residential property is not the owner's principal residence?

If you no longer use your residential property as your one principal legal residence or if you know of someone else no longer residing in his or her property, this information may be reported by sending an e-mail or telephoning your **local Assessment Office**

Learn more about the Homestead Tax Credit program at
www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/homestead.html

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