

Low Income Property Tax Exemption

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can qualify for the property tax rebate?

Property owner(s) who reside on the property and have an income for the previous year less than \$29,999.

Whose income must be claimed?

- Income of every person assessed for property who resides on the property.
- Income of spouse (including common law spouse) who resides on the property.
- Any person having the care or control of the property through adverse possession, who resides on the property.
- Any person with a life interest in the property, who resides on the property.

My son/daughter/other live with me, do I have to claim their income?

Only if they are an owner of the property and reside on the property.

Do I have to claim all income?

Claim all income except:

1. War Veterans Allowance
2. Pension for members of the armed forces who have been disabled or their dependents

Can I claim the rebate on all my properties?

You can only claim rebate on your principle residence.

If I own the property but I don't live there, I rent it out, can I qualify?

No, you must live on the property.

I own my property, but I reside in a hospital/nursing home/other, do I qualify?

If you have not slept at the property for a period of two years or more, you do not qualify.

Do I still have to pay my area rates like street lights, fire taxes, sewer rates, etc?

Yes, the rebate does not apply to any area rates or non-property tax charges.

Do I have to apply for this rebate every year?

Yes. If you qualified for this rebate in the prior year, you will be mailed an application in April the following year.

What is the deadline to pass in this application?

The deadline each year is August 1.

If I didn't know about this rebate or if I forgot to submit in my application before August 1, can a still apply?

Late applications will be considered only after the regular review of those applications submitted by August 1. Late applications will be subject to annual budget constraints.

Will I get a refund in the mail?

You will see the rebate on your final tax bill of the year that is due the end of October. It is a reduction on your tax bill, it is not a refund.

How much will my rebate be?

The Municipality has to first see how many people applied and how many qualify. There is a budgeted amount for this project. If all applicants combined do not go over the amount we have budgeted, the amount you get will be based on your income as follows:

If your income was under \$9,999.00 and your yearly taxes are higher than \$500.00, you will get up to a \$500.00 reduction on your bill.

If your income was between \$10,000.00 and \$14,999.00 and your yearly taxes are higher than \$400.00, you will get up to a \$400.00 reduction on your bill.

If your income was between \$15,000.00 and \$19,999.99 and your yearly taxes are higher than \$250.00, you will get up to a \$250.00 reduction on your bill.

If your income was between \$20,000.00 and \$24,999.00 and your taxes are higher than \$150.00, you will get up to a \$150.00 reduction on your bill.

If your income was between \$25,000.00 and \$29,999.00 and your taxes are higher than \$100.00, you will get up to a \$100.00 reduction on your bill.

How do I submit my application?

Applications can be dropped off or mailed to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, 10 Allee Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS B4V 9E4. They can also be emailed to Annette.Nowe@modl.ca.

If I have any other questions, who do I contact?

You can call Annette Nowe, Property Tax & Customer Service Assistant, at (902) 541-1348 or email Annette.Nowe@modl.ca