ADDITIONAL TAX RELIEF OPTIONS

The Property Tax Deferral program offers certain qualified individuals a way to defer property taxes on their home and up to one acre of land. A qualified applicant may qualify separately for this program or use this program along with the Property Tax Reduction Program to provide additional property tax assistance. Deferred taxes and interest must be repaid to the state of Idaho when ownership of the property changes or the property no longer qualifies for the Homeowner's Exemption. Contact your county assessor for additional program information and application materials.

This publication does not provide full explanation of Idaho tax laws or rules. For more information, contact:

- Your county assessor
- Idaho State Tax Commission: 334-7736 in the Boise area or toll-free at (800) 334-7756, ext.2
- Hearing impaired: TDD (800) 377-3529
- **tax.idaho.gov**

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IDAHO PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

(CIRCUIT BREAKER)

APPLY BETWEEN
JANUARY 1 AND APRIL 18

WHAT IS THE PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM?

The Property Tax Reduction (Circuit Breaker) program reduces property taxes* for qualified applicants. The amount of reduction is based on income for the previous calendar year.

If you qualify, the property taxes on your home, and up to one acre of land, may be reduced by as much as $1,320.

** Property tax reduction benefits will not reduce solid waste, irrigation, or other **fees** charged by government entities.*

WHO QUALIFIES?

You may qualify for property tax reduction in 2017 if you:

1. Owned and lived in a home or mobile home in Idaho that was your primary residence before April 15, 2017 (You may qualify if you lived in a care facility or nursing home. Contact your county assessor for information.), and
2. Had income of $29,640 or less for 2016, and
3. Met one or more of the following status requirements as of January 1, 2017:
   - Age 65 or older
   - Widow(er)
   - Blind
   - Fatherless or motherless child under 18 years of age
   - Former prisoner of war/hostage
   - Veteran with a 10% or more service-connected disability or receiving a pension from Veterans Affairs (VA) for a non-service-connected disability
   - Disabled as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board, or Federal Civil Service. If you're not covered by the listed agencies, then disabled as recognized by a public employee retirement system.

HOW TO APPLY

1. **Contact your county assessor for application materials.** The office is listed under County Offices in your telephone directory.

2. **Complete an application.** The assessor's office can help you.

   When you file your application, you must provide proof of:

   - Income
   - Medical expenses
   - The requirement(s) you meet (age 65 or older, blind, VA disability etc.)
   - Ownership, if property is owned by a trust or limited liability corporation (LLC)

3. **File the application with your assessor's office by April 18.** If you don't have all of your income information, fill out as much of the application as you can, and file it by the April 18 deadline.

You must apply for your 2017 property tax reduction between January 1, and April 18, 2017. You must apply and qualify each year to receive this benefit. Property tax reductions are *not* renewed automatically.

If your application is approved, your property tax reduction will appear on your December 2017 tax bill.

DOCUMENTATION OF INCOME

Provide the following documents to the assessor's office to show your 2016 income and expenses.

If You File a Tax Return:

- A copy of your federal income tax return
- Documents showing income not reported on your tax return, including nontaxable income
- Federal Schedule A or a completed medical expense form and proof of payment for non-reimbursed medical expenses
- Proof of payment or prepayment of funeral expenses

If You Don't File a Tax Return:

- Social Security/Railroad Retirement or other 1099 forms
- W-2s
- Any other documents showing taxable or nontaxable income from all sources
- A completed medical expense form and proof of payment for non-reimbursed medical expenses
- Proof of payment or prepayment of funeral expenses

Attach copies of applicable documents to your application.

INCOME GUIDELINES

When you complete your application, you must include income reported to you and your spouse in 2016.

You must include:

- Wages
- Interest and dividends
- Capital gains
- Business, farm, and rental net income
- Social Security and Supplemental Social Security income
- Railroad retirement
- Unemployment/workers comp
- Pensions, annuities, and IRA's*
- Military retirement benefits
- Department of Health and Welfare payments (including Aid for Dependent Children and housing assistance)
- Child support and alimony
- "Loss of earnings" compensation
- Disability income from all sources**
- Gambling winnings

** Excluding the return of principal paid by the recipient of an annuity and excluding rollovers as provided in section 402 and 403 of the Internal Revenue Code.*

*** Excluding compensation received from the VA by a veteran who has a 40–100% service-connected disability, dependency and indemnity compensation, or death benefits paid by Veterans Affairs arising from a service-connected death or disability.*

When you complete your application, you may deduct the following expenses you or your spouse paid in 2016:

- Medical/dental and related expenses not reimbursed by insurance or other reimbursement*
- Medical insurance premiums*
- Payment or prepayment of funeral expenses
- Farm, rental, and/or business losses (You must submit a copy of the appropriate federal schedule.)
- Early withdrawal penalties
- Alimony paid

** Qualified medical expenses are defined in section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

2017 PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION INCOME BRACKETS

Lower Income Amount	Higher Income Amount	Maximum Benefit Eligibility – 2017
0	11930	1320
11931	12430	1290
12431	12950	1250
12951	13450	1220
13451	13940	1190
13941	14440	1160
14441	14940	1120
14941	15460	1090
15461	15970	1060
15971	16460	1020
16461	16980	990
16981	17510	960
17511	18000	920
18001	18500	890
18501	19000	860
19001	19510	820
19511	20030	790
20031	20530	760
20531	21020	720
21021	21530	690
21531	22040	660
22041	22550	620
22551	23050	590
23051	23560	560
23561	24070	520
24071	24570	490
24571	25080	450
25081	25600	420
25601	26090	390
26091	26590	350
26591	27100	320
27101	27610	290
27611	28110	250
28111	28610	220
28611	29110	190
29111	29640	150