

You may be missing a significant rebate

Property tax credit facts everyone should know

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Are you a renter, or do you own your home? Or maybe a senior or 100% disabled? You may be missing out on the Missouri Property Tax Credit Rebate program.

The Economic Security Corporation of the Southwest Area will assist area low-income seniors or

100% disabled individuals in filing out their Missouri property tax or rent rebates.

In order to qualify for our staff to assist you, your family's income cannot exceed 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines: for family of one: \$1,329 gross income monthly; a family of two: \$1,796 gross income monthly; and if your family is larger than two, you can call to find out if you are eligible.

For the past three years, for a two-month period during tax season, ESC provides staff who process Missouri Property Tax Credits only for seniors and the disabled. We will be processing MOPTC returns by appointment only in Jasper, Barton, Newton and McDonald County Outreach offices.

Last year, 333 property tax and/or rent rebates were processed totaling approximately \$167,815 in refunds for area seniors. We know that many seniors live on very low incomes, so any kind of tax rebate can help stretch a budget.

Missouri Property Tax Credit rebate amounts can vary, based on what you pay toward your rent or mortgage (up to \$1,100), but some rebates can be as much as \$750, which could assist in buying food, paying winter utility bills or purchasing required medications. Please note: If you rent from a home or housing complex that does not pay property taxes, you are not eligible for a Missouri Property

You should know

TO FILE THIS credit you must be 65 or older, 60 or older drawing surviving spouse benefits or 100% disabled drawing government benefits. You are not required to file a federal return to use the Economic Security Corporation's services.

Tax Credit, so make sure ask your property owner.

Here are the locations where ESC staff will be processing returns; please call us to make an appointment:

- **ESC'S LAMAR OUTREACH OFFICE**, 405 Walnut St., Lamar, MO 65759 — 417-682-5591.
- **ESC'S JOPLIN OUTREACH OFFICE**, 302 S. Joplin Ave., Joplin, MO 64801 — 417-781-0352, ext. 246.
- **ESC'S NEOSHO OUTREACH OFFICE**, 116 N. Jefferson St., Neosho, MO 64850 — 417-451-2206.

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Documentation that will be necessary for filing the MOPTC Credit:

- **SSA** —1099, 1099R, RRB-1099 or SSI statement from the Social Security Administration, interest, dividends, TANF, wages
- **VERIFICATION OF RENT** paid must include the property owner's name, address and phone number and their EIN tax filing number; we have a form that can be requested to give to your property owner, if needed.
- **2020 PAID REAL ESTATE TAX** receipt — if it is a trailer, than your paid Missouri personal property tax receipt with form 948; if more than five attached acres please include Form 948; for lot rent, provide a receipt for trailer with landlord information and use the rent verification as above.
- **DISABLED VETERAN** documentation.
- **POWER OF ATTORNEY** or Federal Form 1310 and death certificate.

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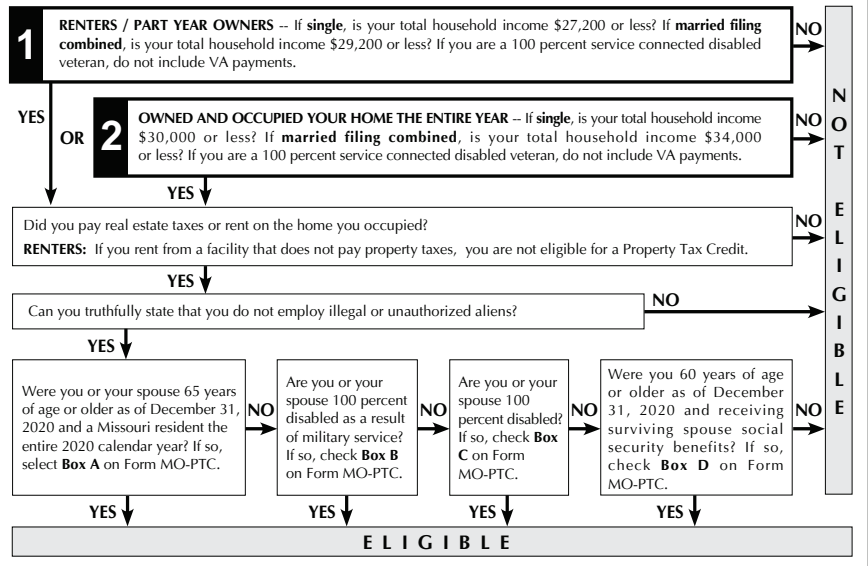
MISSOURI PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

The Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim is a program that allows certain senior citizens and 100 percent disabled individuals to apply for a credit based on the real estate taxes or rent they have paid for the year. The credit is for a maximum of \$750.00 for renters and \$1,100.00 for owners. The actual credit is based on amount paid and total household income, taxable and nontaxable.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Use this diagram to determine if you or your spouse are eligible to claim the PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

START DIAGRAM BY CHOOSING BOX 1 OR BOX 2 AND FOLLOW TO CONCLUSION.



- Detailed instructions, forms, and charts can be found at: <http://dor.mo.gov/forms>.
- Specific questions can be sent to: PropertyTaxCredit@dor.mo.gov.
- Forms Ordering (800) 877-6881.

If you need to file an income tax return, Form MO-1040 or Form MO-1040P, you must use Form MO-PTS to claim a property tax credit and attach it to the Form MO-1040 or Form MO-1040P. Do not use Form MO-PTC if you need to file an income tax return.



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