

# Property tax credit season is here

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Are you a renter, or do you own your home? A senior or 100% disabled? If so, you may be missing the Missouri Property Tax Credit Rebate program.

The Economic Security Corporation of the Southwest Area (ESC) will be assisting area low-income seniors or 100% disabled individuals in filing their Missouri property tax or rent rebates. In order to qualify for our staff to be able to assist you, your family's income cannot exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines — a family of one: \$1,342 gross income monthly; a family of two: \$1,815 gross income monthly. If your family is larger than two individuals, you can call to find out if you are eligible.

ESC will begin providing staff who can process Missouri Property Tax Credits (MOPTC) only for seniors and disabled. We will be processing MOPTC returns by appointment only in Jasper, Barton, Newton and McDonald County Outreach offices. We can help process up to three years' worth of returns. Last year, a total of 228 property tax and/or rent rebates were processed totaling approximately \$150,479 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 Property Tax Credit, so

make sure to 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, 417-682-5591
- **ESC'S JOPLIN** Outreach office, 302 S. Joplin Ave., Joplin, 417-781-0352, x246
- **ESC'S NEOSHO** Outreach office, 116 N. Jefferson St., Neosho, 417-451-2206
- **ESC'S ANDERSON** Outreach office, 712 South 59 Hwy., Anderson, 417-845-6011

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.
- **2021 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, 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

**NOTE:** 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 our services. We do not electronically file these returns. It is up to the individual to mail their return.