



Property Tax Rebate Program for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities

Credit Application for Tax Year

Step 1:

Review Eligibility Criteria. (See Information Sheet on reverse side)

**Step 2:**

Fill out form and attach additional information to be submitted with application

**Step 3:**

Mail or drop off to: 171 Fourth Avenue Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0

or email to: propertytax@cochraneontario.com

The **deadline** for receiving applications is **May 31** of the year.

I AM APPLYING AS:

A Senior 65 years of age or older

A Person with a Disability

PROPERTY AND APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of Owner:	Telephone No.:
Date of Birth: (DD/MMM/YYYY)	Email:
Roll Number: 5639	
Address of Property Occupied by Owner, Spouse, and/or Partner:	
Mailing Address (if different from property address):	

SPOUSAL AND ADDITIONAL OWNER INFORMATION:

Name of Spouse:	Name of Additional Owner:
Date of Birth: (DD/MMM/YYYY)	Date of Birth: (DD/MMM/YYYY)

Statement to be signed by applicant:

I have attained the age of 65 years on or before the 31st day of December of the application year.

I reside at the above property in the Town of Cochrane and have been assessed as an owner of the residential real property in the Town of Cochrane for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of this application, or, alternatively, I am the surviving spouse of a former eligible recipient of the credit, and I meet the criteria for eligibility.

Applicant's Signature:
Spouse Signature:
Date: (DD/MMM/YYYY)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**The Corporation of the Town of Cochrane**

Application Approved: Yes No

Comments: _____

Treasurer's Signature:
Date: (DD/MMM/YYYY)

INFORMATION SHEET

Low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities who qualify may apply for a tax credit.

Eligibility Criteria

Seniors

- 1) you are 65 years of age or older, as of Dec 31st of the application tax year;
- 2) you receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) authorized under Part II of the Old Age Security Act (Canada);
- 3) the residence must solely be classified in the Residential Tax Classification;
- 4) you are assessed as the owner of the residential property for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application;
- 5) you occupy the single-family dwelling as your personal residence for the year.

Proof of Eligibility

Seniors

- 1) If first time applicant, proof of age is required, such as a copy of a birth certificate or driver's licence;
- 2) T4A (OAS) slip with an amount in box 21, for the year preceding the date of application

How the Program Works

- You must apply each year to be considered for this program
- Applicants must be owners of residential property in the Town of Cochrane
- The Property must be your principal residence
- You must provide proof of eligibility with your application
- The application can be submitted by mail, in person or by email
- If you qualify for a tax credit, a credit amount of \$250 will be applied to your tax account

Questions

Questions about the Property Tax Rebate Program for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities should be directed to the Town of Cochrane's Corporate Services Department.

In Person: Town Hall at 171 Fourth Ave, Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0

By Email: propertytax@cochraneontario.com

By Phone: Town Hall at 705-272-4361

All information including applications are accessible online through the Town of Cochrane's website at cochraneontario.com or go straight to the Let's Chat Cochrane site at letschatcochrane.ca.

Persons with Disabilities

- 1) you receive a Disability Pension under the ODSPA;
- 2) the residence must solely be classified in the Residential Tax Classification;
- 3) you are assessed as the owner of the residential property for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application;
- 4) you occupy the single-family dwelling as your personal residence for the year.

Persons with Disabilities

- 1) If first time applicant, proof of age is required, such as a copy of a birth certificate or driver's licence;
- 2) Copy of your latest disability pension check stub (proof of receipt of assistance paid under the ODSP Act, 1997)

WE WANT TO ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF VARIOUS PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT. HERE'S A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS**

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Tax Credits

- **GST/HST Credit:** A tax-free quarterly payment to help offset the GST/HST paid by low-income individuals and families.
- **Disability Tax Credit:** For individuals with severe and prolonged impairments in physical or mental functions.
- **Pension Income Tax Credit:** Provides tax relief on eligible pension income.
- **Medical Expense Tax Credit:** Offers tax relief for medical expenses not covered by insurance.
- **Home Accessibility Tax Credit:** Provides tax relief for eligible expenses incurred for home renovations or alterations to improve accessibility.

Local Resources

- Not-for Profit organizations and Service Clubs
- Charitable Organizations
- Library

Ontario Tax Credits and Programs

- **Ontario Senior Homeowners' Property Tax Grant:** This grant is available to help low- and moderate-income seniors with the cost of property taxes. Eligibility is determined based on various factors including income and property tax paid.
- **Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP):** [Ontario Electricity Support Program](#) Website: [OESP](#)
- **Ontario Sales Tax Credit:** Government of Ontario - Ontario Sales Tax Credit
- **Ontario Trillium Benefit (OTB):** is a refundable tax credit that combines the Ontario Sales Tax Credit, Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit, and the Northern Ontario Energy Credit. It's designed to help low- to moderate-income individuals and families with the sales tax they pay and with property taxes or rent.
- **Ontario Drug Benefit Program:** helps eligible Ontario residents aged 65 and over with the cost of prescription drugs. The amount you pay for prescriptions is based on your income and prescription costs.
- **Healthy Smiles Ontario:** Government of Ontario - Healthy Smiles Ontario

****It's important to note that eligibility for these benefits and credits may vary based on factors such as income, family status, age, and residency. It's recommended to check with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and the Ontario government's website or consult with a tax professional or social service agency to determine your eligibility and how to apply for these benefits.**