

Seniors Programs for Utilities & Property Taxes

Utility Rates - Seniors Rate Reduction Program

The Utility Rate Reduction Program is designed to protect low income senior citizens from utility rate increases by deferring the increases for a two-year period. Low income seniors who are home owners in the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass that qualify for this program will pay the utility rates from two years previous to the current year.

Current Year	Assessed Utility Rates for the Year of
2018	2016
2019	2017
2020	2018
2021	2019
Continued Forward	Continued Forward

Application Procedure

Applicants must complete the utility rate reduction program application form and provide evidence that they are eligible to receive the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement (T4OAS) to the Utility Department. Upon eligibility confirmation, the new rate class will take effect on the next billing cycle.

Applications must be renewed every year prior to April 30. If the April 30 deadline is missed and there is a lapse in coverage under this program, applicants may re-apply any time as a new applicant and the rate class would take effect on the next billing cycle.

This policy (1706-01 - Residential Utility Rates - Senior's Rate Reduction Program) does not apply retroactively, and no refunds will be given.

Property Taxation - Seniors Rebate Program

The Property Tax Seniors Rebate Program is designed to protect low income senior citizens from property tax increases greater than the amount paid by the home owner within a four-year progressive time frame.

Current Year	Property Tax Year
2012	2016
2013	2017
2014	2018
Continued Forward	Continued Forward

Application Procedure

Applicants must complete the tax rebate application form and provide evidence that they are eligible to receive the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement (T4OAS) to the Director of Finance. Applications must be made before December 31 of the tax year being applied for.

This policy (1707-01 - Residential Property Taxation - Senior's Rebate Program) will only apply to a resident home owner's personal primary residence. Refunds of less than \$5 will not be made.

Eligibility Criteria - Both Programs

In order to qualify for either of these programs, a Home Owner must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Registered with land titles owning the home (where he/she lives); or
2. Owner of a taxable residence located on land owned by someone else; and
3. Registered under the Land Titles Act as having a life estate; or
4. Owns a mobile home and owns or rents the land it is on.
5. If a resident senior citizen resident is married, living common law, or in an adult interdependent relationship and only one of the partners owns the home of residence both partners/spouse are considered home owners under the Tax Rebate Policy
6. When there is a residential property that has more than one owner (other than the senior and his/her partner/spouse) registered on title as joint tenants, then that residential property DOES NOT qualify for the rebate program unless those other owners on title sign a statutory declaration stating that they are on title with the senior for estate planning purposes only and are on title solely for the benefit of the senior.