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## **SDAT Offers Tax Relief, Mails More Than 100,000 Postcards for Tax Credit Awareness Campaign**

### *Notice Encourages Low-income Homeowners to Apply for Property Tax Credits*

The [Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation \(SDAT\)](#) is urging Marylanders to consider whether they may be eligible to receive a [homeowners'](#) or [renters'](#) property tax credit and to submit an application **before the September 1 deadline**. As part of this awareness campaign, last week SDAT mailed 133,828 postcards to low-income Maryland homeowners who may be eligible to receive a credit but have not yet submitted an application. The Department is also participating in community outreach initiatives, such as last week's [Day of Giving](#) hosted by The Basketball Tournament and Baltimore 1000, to educate Marylanders on tax relief that may be available to them.

The [Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program](#) provides tax relief for eligible homeowners by setting a limit on the amount of property taxes owed based on their income. If a resident has already paid their property taxes and applies before September 1, any tax credit that the homeowner may be eligible for will be refunded by the county finance offices. The [Renters' Property Tax Credit Program](#) similarly provides tax relief for eligible renters who pay high monthly rent relative to their total income. This credit is issued in the form of a direct check payment of up to \$1,000 a year.

For more information on these tax credits you may visit the links above, email [sdattaxcreditapp@maryland.gov](mailto:sdattaxcreditapp@maryland.gov), or call 410-767-4433 or 1-800-944-7403 (toll free within Maryland).

These credits must be applied for annually by September 1. In 2016, nearly 46,000 homeowners received an average of \$1,300 in tax relief, while more than 7,600 renters received an average of \$322 in tax relief. Combined, these two tax credit programs save Maryland taxpayers more than \$50 million each year. Many counties and municipalities also provide supplemental credits, which provide additional tax relief. If a resident is approved to receive the state credit, they will automatically receive any local supplemental credit that they may be eligible for.

In order to educate Maryland homeowners and renters about the availability of these tax credits, SDAT has been proactively sharing this information with the public through email campaigns, social media, and other forms of community outreach.

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Homeowners' Tax Credit Program  
MD Dept. of Assessments & Taxation  
301 W Preston St, 9th Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21201



Customer Name  
Street Address  
City, State Zip Code

You May Be Eligible For A Homeowners' Tax Credit  
Application **due September 1**  
(See Reverse)

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## **Dear Maryland Homeowner:**

We have determined that you may be eligible for a Homeowners' Property Tax Credit but have not applied for it in past years. Our Department is committed to providing Marylanders with the best service possible, and wanted to make sure you are aware of this potential tax benefit. Please visit the website below for more information and to determine if you are eligible to receive this tax credit.

**[dat.maryland.gov/homeowners](http://dat.maryland.gov/homeowners)**

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