

LOW-INCOME SENIORS & LOW-INCOME PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

General Information

The Province of Ontario requires municipalities to provide for the relief in respect of all or part of the tax increases for 1998 and following years on residential property for eligible low-income seniors and low-income disabled property owners. Accordingly, Halton Region provides a tax deferral for all property tax increases to eligible low-income seniors and low-income disabled property owners. This program is pursuant to and governed by Halton Region By-law No. 56-08. This program is administered by the Local Municipalities.

Eligible Person

An eligible person for the program is a person who is either:

1. A low-income senior or the spouse or same sex partner of such person;

OR

2. A low-income person with a disability or the spouse or same sex partner of such person.

A low income senior is a person who is 65 years of age or older as of the taxation year for which the application for a deferral is made and whose combined family income does not exceed \$40,500 per annum.

A low income person with a disability is a person who in the year for which the application is requested is in receipt of disability benefits under a government program such as, but not limited to, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefit, and/or private insurer plans, and whose combined family income does not exceed \$40,500 per annum.

Eligible Property

An eligible property for the program is a residential real property in Halton Region that is owned by an eligible person and is the principle residence of the eligible person or the spouse or same sex partner of the eligible person.

Program Details

- The eligible tax increase for the deferral is the difference between the total annual taxes for municipal and school purposes in the taxation year for which the application is requested and the total annual taxes for municipal and school purposes in the preceding year
- The accumulated value of the deferral cannot exceed 75% of the current value assessment of the property
- The amount of the deferral is registered on title as a lien on the property, and any charges relating to the registration on title are added to the amount of the property tax deferral
- The amount of the deferral and the charges related to the registration of the lien shall become payable in full upon any change in ownership of the property; when the property is no longer the principle residence of the owner or the spouse or same sex partner of the owner; or when eligibility for the tax deferral no longer applies to the applicant

How to Apply

- **Applications for the current taxation year are due on or before 45 days after the date of the mailing of the final property tax bill.**
- Applications must be made in writing by completing the application form and returning it to the Finance Department of the local municipality in which the property is located.
- Applications must include supporting documentation for eligibility, examples of which include:
 - * Proof of age (if applicable)
 - * Proof of disability related financial assistance and/or a disability benefit
 - * Notice of Assessment prepared by Revenue Canada for the previous year or proof of receipt of the federal governments Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
 - * Listing of residential properties owned by the applicant, spouse or same sex partner in Halton Region
- Applications must include signed authorization by the applicant and his/her spouse or same sex partner for the release by third parties of all information to the Treasurer that may be required to verify the accuracy of the application

NOTE: This general information page is not a legal document and is provided for convenience only. Applicants are directed to consult the Halton Region By-law No. 56-08 which governs the operation of the deferral program, and the eligibility and application requirements.

APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL

FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS OR LOW-INCOME PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

(please print and check off boxes as appropriate)

Assessment Roll No. 24 ___ - ___ - ___ - ___

Name of Applicant

Name of Spouse or Same Sex Partner

Property Address

Names of ALL Owners of this Property (including Applicant and/or Spouse or Same Sex Partner, as applicable)

Addresses of all other residential properties in Halton Region owned by Applicant and/or Spouse or Same Sex Partner:

I qualify as a "Low-Income Senior" and I have attached the following documentation:

1. Proof of age (indicate type of document)

and

2. Most recent Notice of Assessment received by Revenue Canada showing combined family income of \$40,500 or less in the current year

I qualify as a "Low-Income Person with Disabilities" and I have attached the following documentation:

1. Proof of receipt of assistance paid under the Ontario Disability Support Program Act

or

Proof of receipt of a disability benefit paid under the Canada Pension Plan Act

or

Proof of eligibility for the Disability Tax Credit

or

Proof of eligibility for disability benefits under a private insurer plan

and

2. Most recent Notice of Assessment received by Revenue Canada showing combined family income of \$40,500 or less in the current year

I / We certify that the above information is true, correct and complete and that the property for which the tax deferral is sought meets the requirements set out on the last page of this form. I authorize the release by third parties of all information the Regional Treasurer or Local Treasurer may require to verify the accuracy of any information submitted with this application. I also acknowledge that I must inform the Local Municipality of any changes in the above, which affect my eligibility for a deferral.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Telephone No. (_____) _____

We authorize the release by third parties of all information the Regional Treasurer or Local Treasurer may require to verify the accuracy of any information submitted with this application.

Signature of Spouse or Same Sex Partner _____

Signature of all joint owners and co-owners

_____ Name _____

_____ Name _____

_____ Name _____

Personal information is collected on this form per Halton Region By-law No. 56-08 and will be used to determine eligibility for property tax deferrals for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities.

If you have questions, contact the Director of Financial Policy and Internal Audit,
The Regional Municipality of Halton,
1151 Bronte Road,
Oakville, Ontario
L6M 3L1
(905) 825-6000 ext. 7041

Submit the request to your Local Municipality:

City of Burlington
426 Brant Street
PO Box 5013
Burlington ON
L7R 3Z6

(905) 335-7777 ext. 2193

Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills, ON
L7G 5G2

(905) 873-2601

Town of Milton
43 Brown Street
Milton, ON
L9T 5H2

(905) 878-7252

Town of Oakville
1225 Trafalgar Road
PO Box 310
Oakville, ON
L6J 5A6

(905) 845-6601

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Local Municipality: _____ Application No. _____

Taxation Year For Which Deferral is Requested: _____

Date Application is Received: _____