

BANGOR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM

FILING PACKET FOR FILING 2023-2024 SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX CLAIMS

MUST FILE BETWEEN JULY 1, 2024 AND APRIL 15, 2025

NOTE: You must provide a copy of your state tax rebate check or proof of deposit of your state tax rebate.

You must attach a copy of the front and the back of the PA State Tax Rebate Form 1000 for the tax year 2023

REBATE NOTICE

The program follows the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate Program. A rebate is available, upon filing an application, to a person **owning** and **residing** in a **primary residence** within the Bangor Area School District who was:

- 65 years of age or over as of December 31, 2023.
-or-
- A widow(er) and was 50 years old as of December 31, 2023
-or-
- A permanently disabled person during all or part of 2023, 18 years of age or older and unable to work because of a medically determined physical or mental disability which is expected to continue indefinitely.

Property Tax Rebates shall be determined in accordance with the following guidelines.
The sum of your rebates cannot be more than the total amount of real estate taxes paid.

Household Income	Allowed Rebate (over amount of PA rebate available)
\$0 - \$8,000	\$650.00
\$8,001 - \$15,000	\$500.00
\$15,001 - \$18,000	\$300.00
\$18,001 - \$35,000	\$250.00

THE MAXIMUM REBATE IS \$650.00

REMINDER - You may exclude 50 % of Social Security, SSI, and Social Security Equivalent Tier 1 Railroad Retirement Benefits as Annual Income.

QUESTION & ANSWER GUIDE

Q. Who can file a Property Tax Rebate Claim?

A. The Property Tax Rebate is based on the 2023-2024 school district property taxes paid during the school year 2023-2024. To file for a Property Tax Rebate:

You must have **owned and occupied the residence** within the Bangor Area School District during the 2023-2024 school year.

You or your spouse must have been at least 65 years old as of December 31, 2023.

You were a widow or widower during all or part of 2023 and must have been 50 years of age or older as of December 31, 2023.

or

You were permanently disabled during all or part of 2024, 18 years of age or older during 2024, and were unable to work because of a medical determined physical or mental disability.

- Your total 2023 household income, including your spouse's, must have been \$35,000 or less. **Note: Fifty percent (50%) of Social Security, SSI, and Social Security Equivalent Tier 1 Railroad retirement Benefits as annual income shall be excluded when determining income limits.**
- You or someone on your behalf must have paid the school district taxes on the residence for 2023-2024. The payment must have been made on or before the date of filing the claim.
- Only one member of each household may file a claim even if more than one person is qualified to receive a rebate.

Q. What are some of the most common errors noted on rebate forms filed?

1. Not providing a copy or evidence that a state rebate was received.
2. Not providing a copy of both the front and the back of PA-1000 (state tax rebate form).
3. Not providing a copy of evidence that school taxes were paid.
4. Not including all household income on the form.

Q. Can I file a claim form for someone who has recently died?

A. You **may file a claim** for an eligible claimant who **died after December 31, 2023**. If the claimant **died during 2023, you may not file a claim**. The law governing the Property Tax Rebate Program requires that a claimant must have lived for all of 2023 in order to receive a rebate.

If you are filing a claim for an eligible decedent, please include "estate of" before the claimant's name.

Q. What do I need to attach to my form to claim a property tax rebate?

- A.** You will need to produce a copy of your receipted school tax bill for the 2023-2024 tax year. Canceled checks are not acceptable. **If your name does not appear on the tax bill, proof of ownership must be submitted. For example, a copy of deed or a copy of the trust, will, or decree of distribution if the property was inherited.** If the address is not on the receipted bill or mortgage statement, a letter from your tax collector or mortgage company verifying your home address must be submitted.

You also must submit a signed copy of the front and back of the 2023 Form PA-1000 "Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program" as submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue and a copy of the State rebate check that was issued to you or proof of direct deposit of your State rebate.

Q. If I am eligible, how do I obtain my tax rebate?

- A.** All eligible taxpayers must file a Tax Rebate Claim Form (**TRCF-1000**) with the District and include a signed copy of the PA-1000 for 2023, a copy of your State rebate check, or proof of direct deposit and a copy of a receipted 2023-2024 school tax bill. Tax Rebate Claim Form must be signed, dated and postmarked by the appropriate deadline to be eligible to receive a rebate.

Q. How do I prove I received a state tax rebate?

- A.** Provide a copy of the check you received for your state tax rebate **OR**
- B.** Provide a copy of your bank statement showing the amount and date you received your state tax rebate.

Q. When do I file my tax rebate claim form? Is there a deadline?

- A.** Tax Rebate Claim Form (**TRCF-1000**) must be filed between July 1, 2024 and April 15, 2025. **No tax Rebate Claim Forms will be accepted AFTER April 15, 2025 for 2023-2024 rebate claims.**

Q. Where do I send my tax rebate claim form?

- A.** Tax rebate claim form (**TRCF-1000**) and supporting documents should be mailed to the following address:

Bangor Area School District
Administration Office—Tax Clerk
123 Five Points Richmond Road
Bangor, PA 18013

Q. Are there any penalties for fraudulent claims to obtain a tax rebate?

A. In any case in which a Tax Rebate Claim form (**TRCF-1000**) is excessive and was filed with fraudulent intent, the claim shall be disallowed in full and a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the entire amount claimed shall be imposed. The penalty and the amount of the disallowed claim, if the claim has already been paid, shall bear interest at the rate of one-half (1/2) of one-percent (1%) per month from the date of the claim until repaid. The claimant of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to **pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000)**, or undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both. A claim shall be disallowed if the claimant received title to the residence primarily for the purpose of receiving a property tax rebate claim.

Q. Will my local school rebate be the same amount as my state rebate?

A. Not necessarily. Sometimes the state rebate includes a supplemental payment from slots revenues, and you could receive more than the standard rebate. **Note the sum of your rebates cannot be more than the total amount of real estate taxes you paid.** Often the local school rebate is less than the state rebate.

Q. If I have any questions, is there someone I can contact?

A. If you have any questions, you can call the Tax Clerk at (610) 588-2163 ext. 8802. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

YOU MUST BE APPROVED BY THE STATE FOR THEIR REBATE BEFORE YOU CAN BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REBATE!

Complete the Bangor Area School District 2023 Tax Rebate Form and return it along with the other supporting documents to:

**Bangor Area School District
Administration Office--Attention Tax Clerk
123 Five Points Richmond Road
Bangor, PA 18013**

Did you remember to do the following?

- Complete, sign & date the rebate Form TRCF-1000?
- Attach a signed copy of the front and the back of your PA-1000 for 2023?
- Attach proof of receipt of your PA State Rebate?
- Attach a copy of your paid 2023-2024 school tax bill?

FILING DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2025