

Renters' Rebate Program

State law provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose annual incomes do not exceed certain limits (as updated annually by the Office of Policy and Management).

Persons renting an apartment or room or living in cooperative housing, or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies.

Under this program, a check is directly remitted to an approved applicant by the State. Benefit amounts are not guaranteed and may be prorated based on State budget cuts.

Application may be made at the Portland Senior Center by appointment, between April 1st and October 1st.

Application for Renter's Rebate of Elderly Renters and Totally Disabled Persons (M-35R)

OPM Questions and Answers Booklet – Renter's Rebate Program

Eligibility

- Recipient or spouse must be 65 years of age or older, or
- be 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter who at the time of the renter's death had qualified and was entitled to tax relief provided such spouse was domiciled with such renter at the time of the renters' death (responsibility for proof rests with the surviving spouse), or
- 18 years of age or older and eligible to receive Social Security Disability benefits.
- Must meet a one-year state residency requirement.
- Recipient must apply annually with the Senior Services Department between April 1st and October 1st.

Documentation

The renter's records will remain on file in the municipality for at least three years. Provide the following documents when applying:

- Social Security 1099, TPQY or benefit verification letter from the preceding year
- Income tax return, or copies of all income received from the preceding year
- Rental receipts showing amount paid by applicant from the preceding year
- Utility receipts showing the amount paid by applicant for electricity, gas, water, and fuel from the preceding year

Sec. 12-170e. State grants to renters qualified under section 12-170d. (a)(1) A renter qualifying under section 12-170d shall be entitled to a payment from the state equivalent to the lesser of the maximum amount in the following table or thirty-five per cent of the sum of all charges for rents, electricity, gas, water and fuel actually paid during the preceding calendar year less five per cent of the qualifying income received during the preceding calendar year.