



Property Tax Refund Information for Tribal Members

Minnesota has two property tax refund programs that may benefit you:

- Homestead Credit Refund for Homeowners
- Renter's Property Tax Refund

You may be eligible for the property tax refund based on your household income if you are a Minnesota resident and you either:

- Paid real estate taxes on a home that you own
- Paid rent on a property where the property owners paid real estate taxes or made payments in lieu of property taxes

You can qualify for the property tax refund even if all of the income earned on your reservation is exempt from Minnesota income tax. However, there are some unique situations that can affect eligibility and refunds. To see if you qualify, visit our website at www.revenue.state.mn.us and type **Property Tax Refunds** into the Search box.

Household Income

Household income includes all taxable and nontaxable income from all sources.

Household income includes all reservation-based income regardless of whether it is subject to state or federal income tax.

Types of Reservation Land

You must live on land that is assessed property taxes in order to qualify for a property tax refund. Indian Reservations generally consist of two types of land — **trust land** and **fee land**.

- **Trust Land**
Trust land is owned by the United States government, in trust for the benefit and use of the tribe.
- **Fee Land**
If you live on fee land as a homeowner or renter, you may be eligible for the property tax refund as long as you meet the other requirements.

How do I apply?

Go to www.revenue.state.mn.us to file electronically or download Form M1PR, *Homestead Credit Refund (for Homeowners) and Renter's Property Tax Refund*.

You can also call 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 (toll-free) to have forms sent to you.

To contact the department's tribal liaison, Robert Doty, email robert.doty@state.mn.us or call 651-556-6003.

Looking for the status of your property tax refund?

Go to www.revenue.state.mn.us after July 1 and choose **Where's My Refund?** under **Top Tasks** to monitor the status of your refund. With our **Where's my Refund?** system, you can:

- See if we've received your return
- Follow your return through the process
- Understand the steps your return goes through before a refund is sent
- See the actual date your refund was sent

When you use **Where's My Refund?**, we ask for the exact amount of your refund in addition to your Social Security number and date of birth.

Don't have a computer? You can call our automated phone line at 651-296-4444 or 1-800-657-3676 to get the status of your refund.

What can I do to get my refund faster?

- Electronically file your return by the due date
- Choose direct deposit (use an account you do not plan on closing; the department cannot change the account)
- Include all documentation

Each return is different and we process them as quickly as we can, making sure the right refund goes to the right person.