

# Application for Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors

## General Information

**Important:** Participation in this program is voluntary. The total unpaid tax deferral plus the associated interest is due and payable to the Province when the property is sold or transferred. In the event of your death, deferred taxes plus interest on this property must be paid when the property is sold or in any way conveyed to a person other than your spouse. Please read the program details carefully before completing this application.

This program provides property tax relief to eligible seniors in New Brunswick, by allowing those interested in the program to apply for a deferral of the annual increase in property taxes on their principal residence.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

“Senior”: is defined as being age 65 or older, during the tax year.

“Spouse”: includes common law partner.

1. The property owner or his/her spouse must be age 65 or older.
2. The property must be their principal residence.
3. The property must be currently receiving the Provincial Residential Property Tax Credit.
4. The property tax account must be paid in full (no tax arrears), as of December 31, prior to the year of application.

### PROGRAM FEATURES

“Base Year”: is defined as the most recent of the year prior to the year the person turns 65, the year they purchased the property or the year 2011.

1. The amount of yearly deferral is the total annual tax increase over the Base Year.

Example of eligible deferral amount:

2023 total property taxes	\$2,100
2022 total property taxes	<u>\$2,000</u>
Increase	\$100
Deferral for 2021	\$100

2. Any amount deferred under this program is subject to an annual interest rate of 3.93% for 2024. For qualifying applicants with a taxable family income over \$124,178, the annual interest rate is 8.93% for 2024. **Important:** The annual interest rates will be revised every year and set to the 10-year Provincial borrowing rate.
3. The total cumulative amount of tax deferral available is restricted to a maximum of 75% of the current year’s assessed value of the property.
4. Property owners can apply to make a total or partial payment (one or more years) on their deferred tax account, at any time. Property owners registered in the program can also stop the deferral of future years while still being registered in the program.

### REPAYMENT

Deferred property tax and interest amounts constitute a lien against the property and become due and payable to the Province when the property is sold or transferred. Upon the death of the applicant, the deferral program can continue if the applicant is survived by a spouse who continues to own and live in the home as their principal residence. The surviving spouse does not need to be 65 years of age.

Once a property is registered in the program, the annual increase in property taxes plus interest is automatically deferred. The Department of Finance and Treasury Board will keep an account of the total deferred taxes and interest owing each year. The total taxes deferred under the program plus interest will be reflected on the annual property tax bill. When a property registered in the program is deregistered or the property ownership is transferred, all deferred taxes plus the associated interest become due and payable to the Province.

## Application/Declaration for Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors 2024 Tax Year

### Form 1

**Application deadline date: December 31, 2024**

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Section A – Applicant (Must be Eligible Assessed Owner)				
Applicant Name	Social Insurance Number	Date of Birth YYYY	MM	DD
Spouse's Name (If Applicable)	Social Insurance Number	Date of Birth YYYY	MM	DD
Mailing Address – Number and Street	City, Town, Municipality	Province	Postal Code	
Telephone Number	Property Account Number (PAN)	Current Year's Anticipated Household Income (Applicant & Spouse)		
		\$		

**Category You Are Applying Under – Please check one box**

- Age 65 or Over this year (Applicant or Spouse) - Please attach a copy of your Birth Certificate or Drivers Licence
- Surviving Spouse – Please attach a copy of Death Certificate of Spouse.

**ALL REGISTERED OWNERS MUST COMPLETE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT (FORM 2)**

Section B – Declaration				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I/We declare that the information contained in this application is fully and truly stated to the best of my/our knowledge.</li> <li>I/We occupy the residential property associated with the above-noted PAN as my/our principal residence.</li> <li>I/We understand that the deferred taxes plus interest on this property must be paid when the property is sold or in any way conveyed to a person other than my/our spouse.</li> <li>I/We understand that the above information will be verified with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and Service New Brunswick (SNB).</li> </ul> <p><i>The personal information on this form is being collected under the authority of the Real Property Tax Act and will be used for the purposes of determining eligibility under the Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors, and for necessary administration of this Program. If you have any questions regarding the collection and use of this information, please contact the Manager Tax Accounting, Finance and Treasury Board, P. O. Box 3000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G5. Phone: 1-800-669-7070 or e-mail <a href="mailto:wwwfin@gnb.ca">wwwfin@gnb.ca</a>.</i></p>				
Applicant Signature	Date Signed	Spouse's Signature	Date Signed	
	YYYY MM DD		YYYY MM DD	

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 1-800-669-7070**

## Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors Agreement

### Form 2

Property Account Number (PAN):

**ALL assessed owners must complete this agreement to allow the deferral of property taxes on the above property. Please ensure you read all the terms and conditions of this agreement before signing. If space is insufficient, attach a separate list.**

I/We, as the owner/owners of the property identified in the application (the Property) hereby agree to register the Property in the Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors and defer the total annual property tax increase on the Property. I/We understand that once a property is registered in the program, the tax deferral plus the associated interest will continue until the Property is sold or transferred. I/We understand deferred property tax and interest amounts constitute a lien against the Property pursuant to provisions established under the *Real Property Tax Act*.

I/We hereby agree to the following Terms and Conditions.

- I/We will repay all outstanding deferred taxes and interest accrued under this agreement at the date of termination of this agreement.
- I/We will notify the Province in the event of the death of an owner or when the property is sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of.

Name In Full	Signature	Date Signed YYYY MM DD
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