IDAHO State Tax Commission

# Property Tax Reduction Program 2026

Apply from January 1 through April 15, 2026

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If you're a qualified Idaho homeowner, you might be eligible for the Property Tax Reduction program, also known as the Circuit Breaker program.

Based on your income for 2025, the program could reduce property taxes on your home and up to one acre of land by as much as $1,500.

## Who qualifies

You might qualify for a property tax reduction if all of these are true:

- You're an Idaho resident.
- You own and occupy your home or mobile home, and the value doesn't exceed a limit set by law that will be calculated in June 2026.
- Your total 2025 income, after deducting medical expenses, was $39,130 or less.
- You're any of the following as of January 1, 2026:
  - 65 or older
  - Former POW or hostage
  - Motherless or fatherless child under 18
  - Blind
  - Widow(er)
  - Disabled as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board, Federal Civil Service, Veterans Affairs, or a public employment retirement system not covered by these agencies

*Note: Property Tax Reduction benefits won't reduce solid waste, irrigation, or other fees charged by government entities.*

## How to apply

You can get the application through your county assessor's office or the Idaho State Tax Commission website at **tax.idaho.gov/property**.

The Tax Commission administers the program, but you apply through your county assessor's office. They'll help you fill out the application. **Apply from January 1 through April 15, 2026.**

When you file your application, you must provide proof of:

- Income
- Payment of medical and funeral expenses
- Requirements (age over 65, blind, VA disability, etc.)
- Home ownership

If you don't yet have all of your income information, complete as much of the application as you can, and file it by the deadline. If your application is approved, your property tax reduction will appear on your December 2026 tax bill.

**Applicants must apply every year.**

## Additional Option – Property Tax Deferral Program

The Property Tax Deferral Program offers certain qualified individuals a way to defer property taxes on their home and up to one acre of land. A qualified applicant might qualify separately for this program or use this program along with the Property Tax Reduction Program to receive additional property tax assistance.

Deferred taxes and interest must be repaid to the state of Idaho when ownership of the property changes or the property no longer qualifies for the Homeowner's Exemption. Contact your county assessor for additional program information and an application.

## To learn more, contact:

- Your county assessor
- Tax Commission: (208) 334-7736 in the Boise area or toll free at: (800) 972-7660 ext. 7736
- Hearing impaired: Use the Idaho Relay Service (TDD) (800) 377-3529
- **tax.idaho.gov**

## Income Guidelines

When you complete your application, you must include income reported to you and your spouse in 2025. Typical types of income are:

- Wages
- Interest and dividends
- Capital gains
- Business, farm, and rental net income
- Social Security and Supplemental Security income
- Railroad retirement
- Unemployment or worker's compensation
- Pensions, annuities, and IRAs*
- Military retirement benefits
- Department of Health and Welfare payments including Aid for Dependent Children and housing assistance
- Child support and alimony
- Loss of earnings compensation
- Disability income from all sources**
- Gambling winnings

** Excluding the return of principal paid by the recipient of an annuity and excluding rollovers as provided in sections 402 and 403 of the Internal Revenue Code.*

*** Excluding compensation received from the VA by a veteran who has a 40 – 100% service-connected disability, dependency, and indemnity compensation, or death benefits paid by Veterans Affairs arising from a service-connected death or disability.*

**When you apply, you need the following information.**

**If you file a tax return, provide:**

- A copy of your federal income tax return
- Documents showing income not reported on your tax return, including nontaxable income
- Federal Schedule A or a completed medical expense form and proof of payment for nonreimbursed medical expenses
- Proof of payment or prepayment of funeral expenses

**If you don't file a tax return, provide:**

- Social Security, Railroad Retirement, or other 1099 forms
- W-2s
- Any other documents showing taxable or nontaxable income from all sources
- A completed medical expense form and proof of payment for nonreimbursed medical expenses
- Proof of payment or prepayment of funeral expenses

When you complete your application, you may deduct the following expenses you or your spouse paid in 2025:

- IRS eligible medical/dental and related expenses not reimbursed by insurance or other reimbursement
- Payment or prepayment of funeral expenses
- Farm, rental, and/or business losses (You must submit a copy of the appropriate federal schedule.)
- Early withdrawal penalties
- Alimony paid

*This information is for general guidance only. Tax laws are complex and change regularly. We can't cover every circumstance in our guides. This guidance may not apply to your situation. Please contact us with any questions. We work to provide current and accurate information, but some information could have technical inaccuracies or typographical errors. If there's a conflict between current tax law and this information, current tax law will govern.*