

## PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT

Persons with a disability may be eligible for the Property Tax Deferment Program. This low interest loan program allows qualifying registered property owners to defer paying their yearly property taxes.

If you own your home and are a disabled person as defined by Regulation\*, you can apply if you:

- > are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- > have lived in British Columbia for at least one year prior to applying;
- > are living in your home; and
- > have and maintain a minimum equity (after deducting the upper limit of all outstanding mortgages, lines of credit and other charges in your home) of 25% of the current assessed value determined by BC Assessment.

\*For detailed information, visit our website at [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt) and click on the "Persons with a Disability" link.

For more info and an application contact:

- > municipal offices and Surveyor of Taxes offices;
- > Service BC-Government Agents offices;
- > our web site at [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt); or
- > Tax Deferment Program office:  
Ministry of Small Business and Revenue  
PO Box 9446 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC V8W 9V6  
Phone: 250 387-0555  
E-mail: [ruraltax@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ruraltax@gov.bc.ca)

[www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/ctb](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/ctb)

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# Tax Benefit Programs

*For Persons With a Disability*



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## FUEL TAX REFUND

Persons with certain disabilities, including those who receive assistance under the *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act* (EAPWD), are eligible for a tax refund on the fuel used in their vehicles. To qualify, you must:

- > be 16 years of age or older;
- > own or lease a motor vehicle; and
- > be a person with a disability as outlined in Bulletin MFT 004, *Fuel Tax Refund Program for Persons with Disabilities*, or on the fuel tax application form.

For more information, a copy of Bulletin MFT 004, and/or an application form please contact us:

Phone: 604 660-4524 in Vancouver  
Toll-free: 1 877 388-4440 outside of Vancouver  
E-mail: [CTBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CTBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca)  
[www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/ctb](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/ctb)

## MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) gives a discount on motor vehicle insurance to persons with a disability. To be eligible for the insurance discount, you must qualify for the Fuel Tax Refund Program. Once you are registered for the Fuel Tax Refund Program, you will receive a registration letter. Take this letter to your ICBC agent to get the discount.

For more information, talk to your ICBC agent or visit their website. [www.icbc.com/Insurance/insura\\_savemo\\_disabl\\_howtoa.asp](http://www.icbc.com/Insurance/insura_savemo_disabl_howtoa.asp)

## HOME OWNER GRANT

Home owners with a disability or home owners living with a relative or spouse with a disability are eligible for the additional home owner grant of up to \$845. If you are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and a permanent resident of British Columbia, and you claim the grant for your principal residence that you own, you may qualify for the additional home owner grant. You must meet one of the following criteria to qualify.

- > You are incurring, or have incurred, costs for either structural modifications to your home or are paying for extensive physical assistance in the home. The costs for modifications to your home must exceed \$2000, or the extensive physical assistance must be regular, ongoing and exceed \$150 per month.
- > You purchased your home on or after January 1, 2006, with structural modifications completed by a previous owner, where the modifications met your needs as a disabled person and have a value exceeding \$2000.
- > You get disability assistance, hardship assistance or a supplement under the *BC Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act*. To qualify for the grant, the home owner must be the one receiving the assistance.

The additional grant is unavailable on homes assessed at \$949,000 or more.

For more information and an application, please refer to the Home Owner Grant website [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/hog](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/hog) or refer to the brochure *Home Owner Grant Program*. You can also contact:

- > the Surveyor of Taxes or municipal office where you pay your property taxes;
- > your local Service BC-Government Agent office;
- > Home Owner Grant Administration:  
Ministry of Small Business and Revenue  
PO Box 9991 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC V8W 9R7  
Phone: 356-8904 or 387-8166  
Toll-free: 1 888 355-2700  
E-mail: [hogadmin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:hogadmin@gov.bc.ca)

