When to Apply
Although deadlines are sometimes extended, you should apply between January 1 and June 1 of the present year to get a rent reimbursement for the previous year or property tax credit or reduced tax rate for the present year.

Rent reimbursement is money that will be sent directly to you. The property tax credit will show up as reduced property taxes for next year. If you have a mortgage on your home this could mean a reduction in your future monthly payments if they include an amount to pay your property taxes.

How to Apply
Download the form to apply for rent reimbursement online. Call the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance at 1-800-367-3388.

In recent years, forms for rent reimbursement are automatically sent out by the Department of Revenue to people who have previously been receiving rent reimbursement benefits.

Contact your county treasurer for the property tax credit or mobile home reduced tax rate.

You can find the forms and how to apply for all these programs on the web at https://tax.iowa.gov

Appeal Rights
If you are denied benefits or the amount of your claim is reduced, you have appeal rights. You have 30 days from the date of the notice to appeal to the Director of the Department of Revenue.

A hearing is scheduled, and the decision from the hearing will be mailed to you. If you disagree with the decision, you have a right to judicial review.

An appeal to the Department of Revenue for a tax claim is a complicated process. Call Iowa Legal Aid for possible assistance with your appeal.

Call:
1-800-532-1275

Visit:
IowaLegalAid.org
Rent Reimbursement and Property Tax Credits for Iowans Who Are Elderly or Have a Disability

Each year, Iowans who are elderly or have a disability may be able to benefit from:

- A Property Tax Credit on their home; and
- Rent Reimbursement on apartment or mobile home lot rent.

To be eligible for these programs, you must:

- Have household income during the previous year below the income guidelines; and
- In the previous year, be at least 65 years old, or at least 18 years old and have a disability.

What property can qualify?

The credit or reimbursement may only be used for your homestead. Your homestead is the dwelling you owned or rented as your home.

- If you own a mobile home and live in it on a rented lot, you may apply for both rent reimbursement for the lot rent and a reduced tax rate on your mobile home.
- If you live in a mobile home on your own property, you may apply for a property tax credit.
- If you live in an apartment, the building must be subject to property tax. Apartments owned by non-profits (like a church) or government entities (like a city, county or state) do not generally pay property taxes.
- If you are not sure whether your apartment pays property taxes, ask your landlord or county treasurer.

In some cases, residents of a nursing home may also be eligible for rent reimbursement or a property tax credit.

- If you are in a nursing home but still own and maintain your homestead, you can apply for the property tax credit.
- If you live in a nursing home and no longer own a home, you may be eligible for rent reimbursement.
- To apply for rent reimbursement, you will need to find out from the nursing home how much of your total payment is for rent.