

Additional Information

Recently Sold Property

New Property Owners are responsible for payment of their annual property taxes by the due date to avoid a 10% penalty, whether or not they receive a Property Tax Notice.

Mortgages

If your taxes are paid through your mortgagor, please advise your mortgagor to contact the Band. If you qualify for a Grant or Over 65 or Handicapped Grant, you must fill out and return the grant application provided on the tax notice; and indicate which mortgagor will be remitting your taxes to the Band on your behalf.

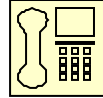
Minimum Tax Due

Current year property taxes must be greater than \$350 before claiming a basic grant or greater than \$150 before claiming an Over 65 or Disability Grant.

Verification

The Band's collector will require satisfactory documentation evidence showing eligibility of the application or the residence, for cross-checking purposes. It is an offence to make false application for a Grant or Over 65 or Disability Grant; (their eligibility will be verified.)

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**GRANT AND OVER 65
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DISABILTIIES GRANT**



Explanation of Grant and Over 65 or Disability Grant

The grant is designed to help homeowners reduce their property taxes. There are two categories of grants:

- The regular grant may reduce your taxes by as much as \$570 per year
- The Over 65 or Disability Grant may reduce your taxes by as much as \$845 per year.

The grants must be **claimed prior to December 31st in the current calendar year.**

Properties registered in the name of a corporation are not eligible for grants. The grants do not apply to arrears, penalties, delinquent taxes or penalties on them.

A spouse, child, grandchild, father, brother Or sister of a qualifying deceased owner may be eligible for the grants in the year the death occurred.

A spouse, in addition to its ordinary meaning, includes a man or woman not married to each other but who have lived together as husband and wife for a continuous period of not less than two years before:

- a) The death of either of them, or
- b) The filing by either of them of an application for grant.

Spouse does not include a husband or wife who is separated and living apart and who:

- a) Has entered into an agreement under which the husband and wife agreed to live apart, or is subject to an order of the court recognizing the separation.

QUALIFYING FOR GRANT

Signing Grant:

If, when paying your taxes, you qualify and wish to obtain the grant, you must date, sign, and submit the grant application provided on the tax notice. Application of the grant must be completed each year in which you are eligible.

Spouse Claiming Grant:

A grant cannot be claimed if the applicant together with his/her spouse is claiming a Home Owner Grant on any other residence in the Province of British Columbia in the calendar year.

Permanent Residence:

The grant is not available unless the dwelling described on the tax notice is the permanent residence of the applicant and applicant is the registered owner, which means where you live and conduct your daily activities. The grant does not apply to second, rental and/or other owner properties.

Apply on Behalf of Applicant:

Where an applicant is unable to apply in person, the applicant's committee may make the application or a person appointed in writing as the applicant's attorney.

Qualifying for Over 65 or Disability Grant:

If you qualify for the grant and wish to obtain it, you must mark the spot applicable on the grant application that describes your qualification, and include proof of eligibility. If over 65 years of ages, please state birth date. You will also be asked to provide verification of your date of birth by providing a BC drivers License, BC Care card or birth certificate.

Disability Grant Application:

A medical certificate for the handicapped person is required if the claim for Over 65 or Disability Grant is made by that person or by the spouse or relative of that person (relative being: child, grandchild, brother, sister, grandparent, step parent, or person standing in loco parentis.)

The medical certificate, for a handicapped person from a medical practitioner, will be used as confirmation that the applicant has a permanent physical disability or not.

Permanent disability status only requires initial submission of the medical certificate, but must submit the Grant application each calendar year. Disabilities not considered permanent disability may be eligible for a grant for the current year to which you are applying. Each calendar year, a disability, not permanent, must submit a medical certificate along with the Grant application.

Important

If you qualify for the grant, remember to:

√ **Date and sign the grant application on the front of your property tax notice.**

√ **Submit your completed application by the tax due date, to avoid a late penalty on the grant amount.**

A payment is not required to claim your grant.