



Homeowner's Property Tax Assistance Program (HPTAP) formerly known as "Poverty Tax Exemption"

QUICK FACTS

- The Homeowner's Property Tax Assistance Program (HPTAP) lowers **City of Detroit** property taxes for low-income homeowners.
- Not in Detroit? Visit your City Assessor and ask about the "poverty exemption" for property taxes.
- This does **not** help with back taxes with Wayne County Treasurer but it can keep you from falling behind!
- **Application is available Febraury-November.** Apply every year to lower property taxes for that year.
- Text "Help" to 85274 for more information and upcoming workshops in your area.

Do I qualify?

- You must be the owner and have recorded proof.
- You must have Principle Residence Exemption (PRE) on file with assessor.
- Your household must be considered "low income." →

Detroit 2019 Income Guidelines

Household Size	Max 2018 Income
1	\$19,303
2	\$22,754
3	\$25,034
4	\$28,671
5	\$32,068
6	\$36,439
7	\$40,724

To Apply

- 1) If you file income taxes, do that first!
 - Accounting Aid Society (313) 556-1920

2) Gather your documents:

Household Composition:

- Recorded Deed (or other proof of ownership) in your name.
- Valid ID for all over 18 in the home (must show home address).
- Report card for all school-aged kids in the home.
- Signature on forms for all adults who live in the home.

Household Income

- 2018 Federal and State Income Tax Returns for all owners and adult residents.
- All proof of income for all household members (W-2, paystubs, SSI/SSD statement, food stamp letter, etc).
- Notarized letter if from family/friend if they are providing financial assistance.
- Proof of all assets if over \$12,000 (bank statement, 401k statement, insurance settlements, etc.).

Expenses

- Proof of all major expenses (DTE, water, tax payment plan, credit card, medical bills, phone, cable, etc.).

3) Complete the application

- UCHC can help! Bring all documents and all adults in the household to our offices during counseling hours.
- Or, go directly to the Board of Review (1st Floor Coleman A. Young Building).

4) Submit to City of Detroit Board of Review or let UCHC submit for you.

United Community Housing Coalition / Michigan Legal Services

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Free Counseling Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am – 12pm | HPTAP Workshops "First Tuesdays" at 4-6 pm