

HOWARD COUNTY

RENT RELIEF IN LIEU OF TAX CREDITS IN THE FORM OF GRANTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE ALLOWED TO ANY CLAIMANT WHO MEETS THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH RENT RELIEF IS CLAIMED:

A) THE CLAIMANT IS 65 YEARS OF AGE;
OR

B) A CLAIMANT WHO IS NOT 65 YEARS OF AGE IS RECEIVING BENEFITS AS RESULT OF A FINDING OF PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, OR UNDER THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT, OR BY AN AGENCY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, COUNTY, STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; OR

C) A CLAIMANT WHO IS NOT AND HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECT TO A DISABILITY PROGRAM OF A GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC AGENCY, AND THE CLAIMANT HAS BEEN FOUND AND CERTIFIED PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED, AND THE FINDING AND CERTIFICATION OF TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY.

(2) THE CLAIMANT SHALL HAVE OCCUPIED THE RENTED PROPERTY USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES IN HOWARD COUNTY FOR AT LEAST ONE MONTH OF THE YEAR FOR WHICH RENT RELIEF IS CLAIMED.

(3) ONLY ONE CLAIMANT PER HOUSEHOLD SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RENT RELIEF IN LIEU OF TAX CREDITS UNDER THIS SECTION.

(4) THE RIGHT TO FILE A CLAIM UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PERSONAL TO THE CLAIMANT AND SHALL NOT SURVIVE THE CLAIMANT'S DEATH, BUT SUCH RIGHT MAY BE EXERCISED ON BEHALF OF A CLAIMANT BY THE CLAIMANT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT. IF A CLAIMANT DIES AFTER HAVING FILED A TIMELY CLAIM THE AMOUNT THEREOF SHALL BE DISBURSED TO ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD AS DETERMINED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION. IF THE CLAIMANT WAS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD THE CLAIM MAY BE PAID TO THE CLAIMANT'S EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR, BUT IF NEITHER IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED WITHIN TWO (2) YEARS OF THE FILING OF THE CLAIM, THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIM SHALL ESCHEAT TO HOWARD COUNTY.

(5) NO CLAIM UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS RESIDED FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS IN PROPERTY WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM HOWARD COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES DURING THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE CLAIM IS FILED.

C. RENT RELIEF, NATURE AND AMOUNT