

Programs Available That Might Reduce Your Taxes

Exemptions

There are a variety of exemptions that can lower values or total taxes due. Some of those are State Financed Homeowners Exemption, Veterans, church and welfare exemptions to name a few. The Assessor's Office is responsible for exemptions. For information/applications/deadlines contact the Assessor's Office at (530) 623-1257.

There is no "low income" exemption. See the two programs listed below for seniors and or disabled based on income, which are administered by State agencies. You must contact those State agencies for information and forms. This information is also printed on the back of each tax bill.

Property Tax Postponement Program – administered by the State Controller's Office

The Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Program law gives qualified persons who are 62 or older, or who are blind or disabled within certain household income limits the option of having the State of California pay all or part of the property taxes on their home. The amount of taxes postponed generally does not need to be repaid to the State until the person moves, sells the home, or dies.

The state files a lien on the property and also charges interest on the amount postponed
California Property Tax Postponement Program – Administered by State Controller 800-952-5661.

Website <http://www.sco.ca.gov/>

For online forms and booklets go to <http://www.sco.ca.gov/col/taxinfo/ptp/electronicapp.pdf>

Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program – administered by the Franchise Tax Board

Homeowner and Renter Assistance is a once-a-year reimbursement by the State of California of a portion of the property taxes paid on your home (or in the case of a renter, presumed to have been paid as a part of your rent payments).

California Property Tax Assistance (Homeowner or Renter Assistance) – Franchise Tax Board
800-852-5711 Common questions 800-338-0505 TDD for hearing impaired 800-852-6268.
Website <http://www.ftb.ca.gov/>

For information and on-line form that calculates refund - go to:
<http://www.ftb.ca.gov/forms/index.html> to get a list of forms. The form numbers are FTB 9000 Homeowner Assistance Claim or FTB 9000R for Renters Assistance. If assistance is needed to complete the forms, the booklets are in the same location.

Informal Review and Appeal Process

You have a right to an informal assessment review if you disagree with the value shown on your tax bill. To obtain such a review, contact the Assessor's Office at (530) 623-1257. If after the review, you and the Assessor do not agree on the value, you have the right to file an application for reduction in assessment.

For further information, contact the Clerk-Recorder's Office at (530) 623-1215.

Active Duty U.S. Military Personnel

All active duty U.S. military personnel are authorized to defer their property taxes, without penalty, cost or interest charges. An immediate family member or an authorized designee may apply. For further information, contact the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office at (530) 623-1251.