

I signed up for Homestead and/or Military credit last year. Why isn't it on my taxes? Do I need to sign again?

It will depend on when you signed the application. Applications must be signed on or before July 1st of the assessment year that you are first claiming the credit. If it is signed after July 1st, the credit is applied to the next assessment year.

Please remember that property taxes due are 18 months behind the current assessment year. Example, the current property taxes payable in September 2007 and March 2008 are calculated on the 2006 assessment year and values. If you signed up after July 1, 2006, but on or before July 1, 2007, your credit will be applied to the 2007 assessments on which the taxes will be calculated for the September 2008 and March 2009 payments. If you signed up after July 1, 2007, your credit will be applied to the 2008 assessments, which will be used to for the September 2009 and March 2010 property taxes.

Homestead and military credits were at one time applied for every year. In the mid 1980's, this was changed to a one-time sign up. However, you do still have to sign up if you move to another house, even if it is next door or across the street.

What are the Elderly and Disabled Tax Credit? How do I apply?

This tax credit is an additional Homestead Credit. Eligibility requirements include: must be 65 or older, or totally disabled, and have household income of less than \$19,876.

Applications and more information are available in the County Treasurer's Office. Applications must be filed by June 1st with the County Treasurer's Office. This credit must be filed every year.

What is Rent Reimbursement?

This is similar to the Elderly and Disabled Credit, except this is for people who rent their home. Eligibility requirements are the same: must be 65 or older, or totally disabled, and have household income less than \$18,876.

These applications are available in the County Assessor's Office after January 1st of a given year. The application must then be sent to the Iowa Department of Revenue by June 1st by the claimant. This must be applied for every year.